

## Diocesan Events:

Hope to have the next Italian Mass on Sunday 26th May 5pm. St Bride's, Brook Street, Monifieth. Dundee DD5 4BD

Praying for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life: There is a Holy Hour at 6pm followed by the Holy Mass at 7pm to pray for an increase of Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, as well as for our Priests. This takes place on 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Immaculate Conception, Lochee. The next is scheduled for 8th April, and we warmly welcome everyone to join us in these prayers.

### Vocations to the Priesthood:

The next Vocations Event is an overnight at St Mary's Monastery, Kinnoull, on Fri/Sat 16/17<sup>th</sup> May starting at 6pm with Evening Prayer, and concluding with lunch on Saturday. This event will include time for personal prayer and reflection, as well as one to one time with a priest, input on Discernment Prayer, as well as Holy Mass, and a look at the Propaedeutic Period (the pre-seminary experience in Salamanca). Bishop Andrew and Fr Malcolm Hutchison will also be in attendance.

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Committee runs from 7th –14th July 2025. For further information, please email [dunkeld@pobox.com](mailto:dunkeld@pobox.com) or phone 07801227443. St. Clement/St. Ninian's Dundee are planning a Pilgrimage to Medjugorje in Bosnia and Herzegovina from Sunday 24th to Thursday 28th August 2025. 4 Nights, 5 Days. Ex Edinburgh to Croatia. Cost: 2 sharing £690; Single Supplement £225. Contacts: Fr. Johnny 07831580361; Bernadette: 07919106129.

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**Hospital Chaplains:** Please call: N/wells Direct line: 07821624124,  
Hospital Pager 01382660111; **P.R.I.:** 01738259371. \*Pls let the priest know if you are on a long stay at the hospital and would like a visit.

**Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals: Please make appointment with Priest before any arrangements are made.**

Diocese of Dunkeld Scottish Charity No:SC00810

**Parish Ministries, Volunteers and Contact Persons:**

**(May God bless these & others for their selfless service)**

H/T: St. Steph's P. S: Lindsey Smith. Ph: 871950.

**Catechist: Alzbeta Krajcikova:** Catechism Classes for 1st Holy Comm & Confirmation every Wed, 5.00pm in the lower Hall. Email: [MsAlzbeta.krajcikova@gmail.com](mailto:MsAlzbeta.krajcikova@gmail.com)

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**Responsible Person for Eucharistic Ministers:** Mrs Maureen Jackson.

**Responsible Person for Children's Liturgy:** Mrs Mary Wojtowicz

**Responsible Person for Lectors:** Mr. Anthony Jervis (Alyth) Mr. Paul Brown (Blair)

**Responsible Group for Parish Social Justice Issues:** SVP

**Responsible Person for Church Flowers:** Jean Scott (Blair), Mrs Elma Sharp (Alyth)

**Resp. Person: Altar Servers:** Mr Rolly Colanese

**Grounds Flowers:** Mrs Jennifer FitzPatrick (Blair)

**Responsible Person for St. Luan's RC Church, Alyth:** Daria McDowall: [dariam@gmx.com](mailto:dariam@gmx.com)

**Adviser on Finance:** Mr. Mike Coyle

**Adviser on Fabric:** Mr. Jim Graham

*Wishing you and your loved ones a lovely Sunday -Fr. Gregory*

**Tear this off please:**... Are you going into the hospital? Do you have someone going into the hospital? Would you like him/her/you to be visited with communion, please fill the form below and return to Fr. Gregory.

Name:.....Hospital:..... Date: .....

Please submit all items for the parish bulletin by 6.00 p.m. on Thursday each week.

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## St. Stephen's R C Church

8 Bank Street, Blairgowrie PH10 6DE, 872171

St. Mary's Coupar Angus & St. Luan's Alyth.

**Fouth Sunday of Lent. Year C. 30/3/25**

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*Warm Welcome to all our Parishioners and visitors.*

*Whether you are visiting our parish or just moved into the area, please feel very welcome ... thanks.*

***Our Vision:** To be a welcoming and participating Catholic community on a journey, striving to be led by the Spirit, strengthened by a bond of love and unity, guided by the gospel message of Christ, refreshed and nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ at the Eucharistic table. Enriched by a vibrant people of God from diverse backgrounds and supported by many gifts employed in various ministries and stewardships, we journey together hand-in-hand through life as a community.*

### Parish diary: Week beginning from 30/3/25

**Saturday** -5.30pm: Vigil mass St. Stephen's.

**Sunday** - 9.30 am: Holy mass at St. Luan's.

**Sunday** -11.00am: Holy mass at St. Steph's.

**Monday** - 10.30am/1.30pm Masses and Ministry of Care, all day in Glenochil Prisons.

**Tuesday** -10.00am. Holy mass at St. Stephen's.

**Wednesday** – 6.00pm Adoration, Rosary; 7.00pm Holy mass for the Sick at St. Stephen's.

**Thursday** – 10.00-10.20am: Stations of the Cross; 10.20-10.45am Holy mass at St. Luan's

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### *Mass intentions:*

*For all the Ladies and Mothers of our Parish. Thanking God on behalf of all of you. Wishing you every grace and peace.*

### This Week's Message in a Glance... Taste and see the goodness of the Lord!!!

**I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; In the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad.**

**Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free.**

**Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress.**

- -Family Rosary and adoration. Every Wednesday 6.00pm-7.00pm.
- Mass for the sick every Wednesday 7.00pm-7.30pm.
- -Sacrament of Reconciliation: 6.00pm every Saturday and 9am every Sunday.
- -Divine Mercy Devotion. Tuesdays after morning mass. Please join us.
- Mass with St. Stephen's Pri. Sch: 1st Fri. of the month; end of terms and core events masses.
- Stations of the Cross Every Thurs/Fri before mass

In your prayers, kindly remember our Beloved Dead: Those who have died recently: Valeria Naughton Alexander Forrester, Bill Waldron, Geo McGoldrick and those whose anniversary we remember now especially Mary Kate O'Brien.

Kindly remember also those on our prayer list: Pope Francis, Michael Rolls, Neil McDowall. Pam McKenna, Mary and George Flockhart. Snooky Marshall, Maud McGinn, Cipriano and Carmelita, Tom O'Malley, Diana Richardson, Giles Umunna and Tony Donnan, Lisa Robertson, Philip Lafferty.

### This Sunday's Food 4 Thought: What kind of justice is in the story of the Prodigal son?

There is often, a resentment of those who have been careless, but seem to get all the luck? We can feel some sympathy for the elder son. Sometimes the dutiful quality of our lives make us envy the Prodigal's wild freedom. We might grudge the sinner his good times. It is probably why we so readily accept the notion of ultimate retribution. We cherish the thought that our good times are ahead of us and hope that the playboys of this world will pay for their pleasures in due time. So the

elder son is the patron of all the solid citizens, "the salt of the earth", while behind the banner of the Prodigal huddle all the rakes and misfits, drop-outs, lame-ducks and the rest of the world's rejects.

But the parable is about the boundless mercy of God and the message is clear. Why divert any attention to the resentful elder son? Perhaps our Lord is warning us not to do likewise. What the grudging elder son failed to see was how God's love reaches out to all creation.

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### Family Celebration of the Holy Week 2025

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April: 6.30pm:** Service of Songs in Praise of Mary, who suffered with her Son in his passion in St. Stephens.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April:** 10.00am -12noon, 4.00pm-5.00pm: Opportunities for all day Individual and Family reconciliation.

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year C - Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup>**

Distribution, Procession, Blessing of Palm at all Masses

+ *Vigil Mass* at 5.30 p.m. in St. Stephen's

+ *Mass* at 9.30 a.m. in St. Luan's

+ *Mass* at 11.00 a.m. in St. Stephen's

+ *Evening Prayer and Benediction* of the Blessed Sacrament at 4.00 p.m. in St. Stephen's.

**Monday of Holy Week – April 14<sup>th</sup>** Chaplaincy/Masses at 10.15am/1.30pm in Glenochil Prisons

**Tuesday of Holy Week – April 15<sup>th</sup>** Stations of the Cross and Mass at 10.00am in St. Stephen's

**Wednesday of Holy Week – April 16<sup>th</sup>** Stations of the Cross and Mass at 10.00am in St. Luan's

**Holy Thursday of the Lord's Betrayal – April 17<sup>th</sup>**

+Morning Prayer in St Stephen's 10am.

+The Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00pm in St. Stephen's. No washing of feet.

**Good Friday of the Lord's Passion – April 18<sup>th</sup> (Day of Fasting and Abstinence)**

+Morning Prayer in St Stephen's 10am.

+ Stations of The Cross at 12.00noon in St. Luan's followed by The Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion.

+Stations of The Cross at 3.00pm in St. Stephen's followed by The Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion.

**Holy Saturday – April 19<sup>th</sup>** A day of waiting at the Lord's tomb.

+Morning Prayer in St Stephen's 10am.

+11.00am: Blessing of Easter Food Basket for the Polish Community

**THE EASTER VIGIL MASS: Night of all nights.**

+ This is the crown and highpoint of the Christian liturgical year.

**8.00pm** at St. Stephen's. (At the Bishop's instruction to all parishes of the diocese latterly)

**Easter Sunday Holy Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord – April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Renewal of Baptismal Promises and blessing with Holy Water

+9.30 am. in St Luan's

+11.00 am. in St. Stephen's Blairgowrie

**Suggested Scriptural Readings for the Holy Week and Easter celebrations:** Genesis 1:1-2:2, Genesis 22:1; Exodus 14:15; Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Romans 6:3-11; Matthew 28:1-10.



### Today's and Up Coming

Please return your SCIAF WEE BOXES -30th March: Building maintenance Fund -18th April: Good Friday. Holy Places Collection. 27th April, Building maintenance Fund; 11th May, Apostolate of Communication; 25th May: Building maintenance Fund; 8th June: Day of Life Collection; 29th June: Building maintenance Fund; 13th July: Peter's Pence; 27th July: Building maintenance Fund; 10th August: Apostleship of the Sea; 31st August: Building maintenance Fund; 14th September: Bishop's Mensal Fund; 28th September: Building maintenance Fund; 12th Oct: Mission Sunday; 26th October: Building maintenance Fund; 9th November: Sick and Retired Priest's Fund/Catholic Education Service; 30th Nov: Building maintenance Fund; 14th Dec: Poor Mission Fund; 28th Dec: Building maintenance Fund.

### Conversations in the Spirit...an invitation by Bishop Andrew Mckenzie

Following on from The Council of Priest's meeting in Kinnoull, Bishop Andrew would like to propose a diocesan initiative based around Conversations in the Spirit. He has proposed that each parish forms a group(s) which engage for three sessions of Conversations in the Spirit. Materials will be provided for each session. Sessions should take place during Eastertide with a brief report being submitted by Pentecost. These sessions will focus on the question, What is the Holy Spirit asking of the Church in the Dioceses of Dunkeld? More information will follow.

**SCIAF** wrote "Dear Fr Umunna, I hope this email finds you well. As we continue our Lenten journey, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your ongoing support of SCIAF's WEE BOX Appeal. Your parish's generosity and commitment to helping our sisters and brothers in need, brings real and lasting change to those living in the world's poorest places".

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The Parable of the Prodigal son... Whoever listens to this parable from the heart, will know it applies to himself, or herself. They will feel, maybe for the first time, that in the depths of life there is Someone who welcomes us and forgives us, unconditionally, Someone who only wants us to have fullness of life. (J.A. Pagola)



**Adoration in St. Stephen's, every Wed. 6.00pm-7.00pm.** 'The Eucharist is that love which surpasses all loves in Heaven and on earth.' - St. Bernard. Please feel free to join us for adoration.

**Martin Chambers Ecuador Trust** <http://www.ecuadortrust.org.uk> St. Joseph's Justice and Peace Group are organising a fundraiser in support of the Martin Chambers Ecuador Trust. St. Joseph's suggest that other parishes may wish to join them either by organising their own fundraising or by taking up a collection. Cheques marked and payable to the Diocese of Dunkeld. Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 at 1.00 p.m. in St. Andrew's Cathedral marking the first anniversary of Bishop elect Martin Chambers.

**SS Leonard and Fergus Parish Community** request your presence to concelebrate at the Golden Jubilee Mass to give thanks on the anniversary of the opening of our Church Building. Mass will be at 6.30pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025 in SS Leonard and Fergus Parish Church. Refreshments afterwards.

### Social/Family Night

**Friday, 11th April**

**6.00pm:** Some poetry, songs and drama on the theme of the Dundee poet William McGonagall, and more. ('And more' refers to others wishing to contribute as usually happens on these evenings) Bring your own bottle. All welcome.

**St. Stephen's Parish Library** Selection of Books on:

- ⇒ Spirituality/Prayer
- ⇒ Lives of Saints/Martyr
- ⇒ Theology/philosophy
- ⇒ History/Psychology
- ⇒ Pilgrimage sites

Pls feel free to borrow any from the shelves in the lower hall and return a week after use. Thanks.



**Community to nursing homes**, house bounds and the elderly is part of our ministry of care. Please let any of the Eucharistic Ministers or myself know if you know some-one who is in need of this care. Thanks.

**28th March: 24 Hours for the Lord:** It was an amazing presence and demonstration of faith over Friday and Saturday as many parishioner joined at the various programmes of the 24 Hours for the Lord as requested by the Holy Father during this Jubilee year of Hope. I sincerely everyone who participated and pulled together in prayer throughout the day and night. Many thanks to those who did a labour of love providing music, readings, led at prayers, baked pancakes or made provisions for refreshments. God bless you all. Very much appreciated.



**Children's Liturgy:** I want to thank Mary Wojtowich and her team of the Liturgists for the wonderful work they do for us and I encourage the parents to please support their children to use this wonderful opportunity. There, the children learn about the message of each Sunday but also interact socially with other children.

**First Pastoral Visit of Bishop Andrew Mckenzie:** Saturday 30th May - Sunday the 1st of June 2025, He will preside over all the masses of the weekend and Confirm our boys and girls with then 11am mass. mass.

**First holy communion** will be on Sunday the 15th of June 2025, 2pm.

**Tea/Coffee,** Everyone is welcome to tea and coffee served in the Lower Hall after 11.00am mass in St. Stephens every Sunday morning after 11.00am mass. Thanks.

### St. Luan's Church Stained-Glass Windows Explained.



Late last year, the idea of putting up the Stained-glass windows in St. Luan's as an outstanding character/feature of the church in readiness for the 125th anniversary was considered. It was made public and everyone had an opportunity to share in the work and the grace therein. Stunning work on the windows has now been completed.

### Inspiration:

1. The choice of the **five Saints:** Sts. Andrew, Margaret of Scotland, Ninian, Columba and John Ogilvie were inspired by their contributions to our Scottish Christian heritage. Of course St. Luan sits on the window left of the sanctuary as patron of this little but beautiful church while Our blessed mother Mary sits on the window right of the sanctuary.

2. **The concept** on the windows surrounding the images of the saints are personal sketches of my perception of the beautiful landscape of Scotland as I see them and handed to the glazier: the hills, mountains, lakes, green vegetations, clouds and birds in the skies.

The window in the Sacristy has inscribed on the Cross on top of it, '1900-2025' to mark the 125th anniversary of St. Luan's Church.

Excluding the two windows on the sanctuary, there are 36 panels of glasses consisting of 6 large windows around the main body of St. Luan's church and costing £900 each for construction and £1000 for fixing all of them. Total amount realised so far £4,800.

We are greatly indebted to the following parishioners who generously supported this project by either fully sponsoring a window or partly sponsoring a window:

Gerald Cameron, Godfrey Holden, Martin Donnelly, Oliver Wright, Anita Donald, Elma Sharp, Monica Collins, Daria McDowall and 3 other people who prefer to remain anonymous.

Many thanks to all parishioners who continue to help the parish grow from strength to strength. With an assurance of prayers. Kindest regards, Fr. Greg

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