

St Kessog's Catholic Parish: One Parish, two churches

St Anthony's Balfron and St Kessog's Blanefield

Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 2nd November – 8th November 2020

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Monday 2nd November	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Tuesday 3rd November	Day Off	Day Off	Day Off	
Wednesday 4th November	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Thursday 5th November	9:15 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Eucharistic Adoration	
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Friday 6th November	10:00 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Daily Mass	
Saturday 7th November	9:30 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Holy Rosary	
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
	10:45 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sunday 8th November	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Sunday Mass	32 Sunday of the Year
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Sunday Mass	

Prayers for the Faithful Departed

On November 1st the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of All Saints** and through out November we remember specially in our prayers all our faithful departed. If you have someone in particular who you would like to be remembered in prayer please take an envelope at the back of the church and put the name inside and give it to Fr Jacob, or post through the door of the church during the week.

Service of Remembrance

Due to Covid 19 restrictions there can be no Act of Remembrance at the War Memorials. This year we will be joining together with the Church of Scotland in both Blanefield and Balfron to create pre-recorded services. Links to how these can be watched will be given in next week's newsletter. In Balfron, all are invited to remember the fallen by painting a poppy on a stone. These can be placed temporarily at the west wall of the Church of Scotland, by the bell tower entrance, then, when the roadworks are finished they will be moved to the War memorial.

St Kessog's is a Parish of the Catholic Archdiocese of St Andrew and Edinburgh, a Charity registered in Scotland – number SCO085. Contact: Tel. 01360770300. Parish Website: www.parishofstkessog.org Email Address: stkessogs1@gmail.com

Mail Address: St Kessog's Presbytery. 4, Campsie Dene Road. Blanefield, G63 9BN. UK.

Finance: Please, we encourage you to make a standing order through the Parish Bank Account provided on our Website (www.parishofstkessog.org), you can also send a cheque to Parish Priest House in Blanefield (See the mail address in the footer), or you can donate online using the following links:

1. For **St Kessog's Blanefield**, please use the link:

https://www.mygivinghub.com/detailed/donate?charity_id=1086319&type=2&reference=BLANE&amount=

2. For **St Anthony's Balfron**, please use the link:

https://www.mygivinghub.com/detailed/donate?charity_id=1086319&type=2&reference=BALFR&amount=

Gift Aid

If you would like envelopes for Gift Aid, or have any questions regarding donating to the parish, please contact George Edwards on Tel: 07776 683172 or e-mail: geojoedwards@yahoo.com

New Monstrance - message from Justyna

I have been looking into some ways of retaining (after renovation) the use of our current monstrance. My conclusion is that it is not repairable and should be replaced. Currently, during our monthly adoration on first Fridays Fr Jacob is using the one from St Kessogs's church. However, I believe that St Anthony's should have its own monstrance. While I feel I have exhausted avenues for repair, please do speak to me after church or email to jhuzia@gmail.com if you think you can offer assistance on this. In the meantime, I suggest that we fundraise for a new monstrance. I will put a special donation basket at the back of our church on Sunday. Anybody wishing to donate please do so. I will keep you posted with updates via our newsletter. Justyna

Event for Grandparents

If you're a grandparent please register for 'Grandparents: Our Mission'. This Zoom event is led by Catherine Wiley of the Catholic Grandparents Association. She will present a vision of grandparents' ministry which includes sharing the faith with grandchildren and building a sense of mission in today's Church. It takes place at 7pm on Wednesday 04 November 2020. Register at bit.ly/GrandparentsEvent.

Abortion consultation

The Scottish Government is carrying out a consultation regarding the extension of the abortion 'pills by post' scheme beyond the current pandemic. SPUC has created a simple guide to help you fill out the consultation so please visit spuc.org.uk and search 'Scottish DIY'. Please pray for the unborn.

40 Days for Life

A peaceful prayer vigil will take place outside the Chalmers Clinic in Edinburgh from 23 September to 01 November. The purpose is to pray for an end to abortion; parishioners are asked to consider taking part for an hour or so. For more details visit www.40daysforlife.com/edinburgh

In God's Image

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland would like to hear from you if you wish to propose any changes to 'In God's Image', the safeguarding policy manual for the Catholic Church in Scotland. They state: "We want to hear from lay people, as well as from clergy and religious. Above all, we are keen to hear from survivors or victims of abuse so that the church can plan to ensure sensitive responses to all allegations and concerns." Closing date is 30 November. Please go to bcos.org.uk/InGodsImageV2.

Safeguarding Webinar

If you have a safeguarding role in the Church, please consider registering for a Zoom webinar hosted by the Scottish Catholic Safeguarding on Saturday 14 November from 11am-1:30pm. The webinar will focus on safeguarding and online risks in the pandemic. To register email: registration@scsafeguarding.org.uk

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Parish Census

In order, for us, to function well as a Parish it is important that we have up to date contact details for all our parishioners. Please take a few minutes to complete the registration form on the website: <https://parishofstkessog.org/> (in the 'Connect' section, under the 'Welcome' heading). Thank You.

Parish Bulletin: If you have any news you would like included in our Sunday Parish Bulletin, please email it to Frances: fmdouglas61@icloud.com (Mobile: 07901336305) by Thursday evening. If you know of anyone who would like to receive the bulletin by email, please let Frances know. The current bulletin and previous ones can also be seen on the parish website.

Cleaning & Flowers Rotas

	St Anthony's Balfron	St Kessog's Blanefield	Date
Cleaning	Brenda & Martin	Patricia Orr	Week beginning 2nd Nov 2020
Flowers	Susan	Marion Hoyle	7th Nov 2020