

## St Kessog's Catholic Parish: One Parish, two churches St Anthony's Balfron and St Kessog's Blanefield

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### Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 26th October –1st November 2020

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Monday 26th October	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Tuesday 27th October	Day Off	Day Off	Day Off	
Wednesday 28th October	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	St. SIMON & St. JUDE (Feast)
Thursday 29th October	9:15 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>	
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Friday 30th October	10:00 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Daily Mass	
Saturday 31st October	9:30 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	<b>Holy Rosary</b>	
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
	10:45 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	
Sunday 1st November	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Sunday Mass	Solemnity of ALL SAINTS
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Sunday Mass	

**Please remember the clocks go back one hour at 02.00 on Sunday 25th October 2020**

### Obituary

The older members of the congregation will remember with great fondness one of St Kessogs' former stalwarts, the late Brendan Parker. His quiet presence and ready smile was a regular feature in the Parish over many years until reducing mobility necessitated a move to Bearsden. Current covid restrictions meant that the funeral celebrations in St Andrews Church were limited to close family. He will be missed by many.

### Wayside Homeless Unit - request for items

We have had a request from Kathleen Jones for items for the Wayside Homeless unit in Glasgow. Any clothing still in good condition, also scarf, hats, gloves and shoes. If they could be handed in to St Kessog's by Tuesday Kathleen will pick them up.

## **Thank you**

Fr Jacob's kind and generous comments from the altar last Sunday and also Frances' item in the parish bulletin, was very much appreciated. Catherine and I were truly moved and humbled by the magnificent farewell send-off as we left the church, Catherine carrying a beautiful bouquet of flowers and an envelope presented to me by Gerry. When we arrived home and opened the envelope we were astonished at the contents, they were quite extraordinary and overwhelming. The page of good wishes signed by many parishioners; a Mass Bouquet; the certificate of enrolment in the world wide family of St Patrick's Missionary Society; and an extremely generous monetary gift. So thank you all.

Like many other parishioners, St Anthony's has been special to us for the last 41 years. Your expression of such generous thoughts and blessings will remain in our hearts for many years.

Thank you Fr Jacob for your spiritual guidance and friendship and similarly, thanks to all parishioners. God bless you all.

Terry and Catherine

## **Missio**

October is Mission Month, please support the work of MISSIO. Text MISSIOSCOT to 70085 to give £3 or visit [www.missioscotland.com/donate](http://www.missioscotland.com/donate)

## **National Rosary Relay Rally**

Pray the Rosary online with others in the Archdiocese for the National Rosary Rally on Saturday 31 October at 1pm. Pray along on the Archdiocese's Facebook, YouTube or website: [archedinburgh.org/new-events](http://archedinburgh.org/new-events).

## **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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### Thank you:

The parish would like to say a big thank you to Alice Fraser for all the work she is doing in the gardens at St Kessog's.

### Cleaning & Flowers Rotas

	St Anthony's Balfron	St Kessog's Blanefield	Date
Cleaning	Justyna & Katie	Marion Hoyle	26th Oct - 1st Nov 2020
Flowers	Clare	Alice Fraser	31st Oct. 2020