

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

Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 9th November – 15th November 2020

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Monday 9th November	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Tuesday 10th November	Day Off	Day Off	Day Off	St Leo the Great
Wednesday 11th November	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	St. Martin of Tours
Thursday 12th November	9:15 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Eucharistic Adoration	St Josaphat
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Friday 13th November	10:00 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Daily Mass	
Saturday 14th 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 15th November	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Sunday Mass	33 Sunday of the Year World Day of the Poor
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Sunday Mass	

Prayers for the Faithful Departed

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. Online Services of Remembrance are available to watch by going to the following links:

Blanefield: <https://strathblanekirk.wordpress.com/our-messages-during-the-coronavirus-period/> from 10:30am

Balfron: this will be streamed at 7pm on Sunday evening, but will also be available to watch any time after this.

Website: www.balfronchurch.org.uk

Facebook: @balfronchurchofscotland

You Tube: Balfron Church of Scotland

Thank you:

A huge thank you to everyone who donated clothes etc. to the Wayside Homeless Unit in Glasgow. In particular the selection of shoes was gratefully received.

Faith Talks:

Some of you may have already come across Father Stephen Wang's 'Pause For Faith' talks on Youtube. If you are interested, the links below will take you to two talks about St Anthony which you might enjoy to watch. Thank you for sharing this with us Caroline.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dxULDhYfYPI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SaR88gApdVI>

Scottish Interfaith Week 2020: 8th-15th November 2020

Today is the beginning of Scottish Interfaith week. It is an opportunity for Catholics to follow the example set by our Holy Father Pope Francis to reach out to our neighbours and to recognise all people of faith as our brothers and sisters. Take the opportunity this week to pray that people of faith might work together for peace in our world and in our country. Interfaith Scotland's website www.interfaithscotland.org gives notification of the many interfaith events happening throughout the country this week if you would like to get involved.

Ask Me Anything shows (poster attached). Young people from eight different faiths have been answering questions about their faith sent in by school pupils from across Scotland. The shows will be premiered during Scottish Interfaith Week on our Scottish Interfaith Week YouTube channel at the following link: <https://bit.ly/36715k4> The shows will be available to view from 9am on each of the days as outlined below and will remain on the channel to watch any time.

9th November - Jewish and Sikh

10th November - Buddhist and Hindu

11th November - Baha'i and Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

12th November - Muslim

13th November - Catholic and Protestant

Parish Catechists: Launch New Sacramental Resources

Are you involved in sacramental preparation (Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation) of children in your parish? You are most welcome to attend an event to launch the new sacramental workbooks and materials. The zoom event takes place on **Saturday 28 November at 2pm**. A link for the event will be sent to you upon registration. To register, please email Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO at SrMirjam.Hugens@staned.org.uk

Online Diploma in Catechetics

The Archdiocesan Catechetical Commission will launch an online Diploma in Catechetics. It will be aimed especially at any of our lay people who are involved in the catechetical work of the Church, e.g. children's liturgists, RCIA team members, teachers, youth group leaders etc., but it will be open to anyone who wants to learn more about their faith and who wants to deepen in their understanding of Catholic theology.

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- The course will be run over a year (January - December 2021) and will be coordinated by Sr. Anna Marie McGuan, the Archdiocesan Catechetical Advisor.
- It will consist of 6 modules of 6 classes each and will be taught in weekly 45-minute lectures (Thursday evenings at 7:30pm). Assessment will take the form of an oral interview via Zoom at the end of each module.
- It will be taught by a variety of religious and diocesan priests, lay people and religious sisters.

There will be an introductory online session for anyone interested in finding out more about the Diploma on 24 November 2020 and the course will begin officially on 12 January 2021. There will be a nominal cost for the Diploma (£100 per person).

For any further information please contact Sr. Anna Marie at sranna.marie@staned.org.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 Balfroon**, 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

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

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.

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

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 Balfroon	St Kessog's Blanefield	Date
Cleaning	Brenda & Martin	Elizabeth Taylor	Week beginning 9th Nov 2020
Flowers	Susan	Marion Hoyle	14th Nov 2020