

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

Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 23rd November – 29th November 2020

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Monday 23th November	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Tuesday 24th November	Day Off	Day Off	Day Off	St Andrew Dung-Lac
Wednesday 25th November	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Thursday 26th November	9:15 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Eucharistic Adoration	
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Friday 27th November	10:00 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Daily Mass	
Saturday 28th 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 29th November	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Sunday Mass	1st Sunday of Advent Year B
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Sunday Mass	

Advent Season

On Sunday 29th November we enter the Season of Advent and start a new liturgical Year B. In Advent the Church prepares to celebrate the Nativity when we recall Christ's first coming. As we remember so, also, we look forward in faith to his Second Coming at the end of time. It is a period of joyful hope. Throughout Advent, violet (purple) is used for seasonal celebrations.

Covid-19: Last Tuesday, the First Minister announced Level 4 measures affecting areas across Scotland. For our Archdiocese it impacts parishes in the following areas: **Stirling, West Lothian, East Dunbartonshire and North Lanarkshire**. These begin on Friday at 6pm for a period of three weeks. Please find in attachment a summary for parishes in these Level 4 areas. As we belong to Stirlingshire, we are concerned by these restrictions (**20 participants for mass**). We are obliged to start Mass booking system in order to respect the required number. Updates for our Archdiocese can be read at the coronavirus updates page on www.archedinburgh.org

Diploma in Catechetics

Want to know more about the Archdiocese's new Diploma in Catechetics? Join a 30min Zoom event at 7:30pm on Tuesday 24 November. There's no registration, but we've got a new link as it will now be in a webinar format: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81865730471> This is a great opportunity to increase your knowledge of our Catholic Faith. Alternatively, for more info email: sranna.marie@staned.org.uk

Archbishop's Advent Talk: Archbishop Leo will give an Advent talk entitled 'Unwrapping Christmas' on Zoom on Sunday 29 November at 7pm. The event is open to all. Please register at bit.ly/UnwrappingAdvent

Life of Faith talk – Zoom: The final Life of Faith talk with Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM is this Monday (23 Nov) for parishioners in the Edinburgh Deanery. You can choose to attend at 2pm or 7:30pm. If you missed the talk for your deanery you can take part in this session. To register, email Sr Anna Marie sranna.marie@staned.org.uk, telling her which date/time you want to attend.

Parish Catechists

Are you involved in sacramental preparation of children in your parish (Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation)? You are invited to attend a Zoom event to launch the Archdiocese's new sacramental workbooks and materials. It takes place on **Saturday 28 November 2020 at 2:00pm**. To register, please email Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO at archsecretary@staned.org.uk

DIY Abortion: Make Your Voice Heard: Take part in this Zoom session to learn how to respond to the Scottish Government consultation on early medical abortion at home. You'll learn how to make the best possible response to stop unsafe DIY abortions in Scotland. Register at bit.ly/DIYabortion

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.

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.

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

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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

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	Gerry & Susan	Mirzi Clark	Week beginning 23rd Nov 2020
Flowers	Susan	Marie Donohoe	28th Nov 2020