

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

## St Anthony's Balfron and St Kessog's Blanefield

### Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 30<sup>th</sup> Nov – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
<b>Monday</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> November	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	<b>Feast of St Andrew</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Day Off	Day Off	Day Off	
<b>Wednesday</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
<b>Thursday</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	9:15 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>	
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
<b>Friday</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> December	9:20 am	St Anthony's Balfron	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Friday of Month</b>
	10:00 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Daily Mass	
<b>Saturday</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> December	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>	
<b>Sunday</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Sunday Mass	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year B</b>
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Sunday Mass	

**Advent Season:** Please find in one of the attachments a Meaning of Advent pamphlet from our Archdiocesan Catechetics team.

**Covid-19:** Updates for our Archdiocese can be read at the coronavirus updates page on [www.archedinburgh.org](http://www.archedinburgh.org). The limited number of 20 participants in Sunday's mass is still required in our area. Please contact Clare in for the church in Balfron or Patricia for the church in Blanefield, and let them know if you intent to take part in Sunday's mass (29<sup>th</sup> November and 6<sup>th</sup> December). Thank you.

**Booking for St Anthony's: Clare Cushing Tel: 01360 550166**

**Booking for St Kessog's: Patricia Orr Tel: 01360 770202**

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## Message from Clare

Thank you very much to everyone for getting in touch by phone to comply with the new booking system for Sunday Mass. This will be in place for the next two weeks, so please continue to get in touch by phone or text **each** week. Two small requests, please if possible, try and get in touch by Friday evening, as I work on Saturdays. Finally, some parishioners have already indicated that they would be happy to give up their booked space, if necessary, so that others who, for example, have no access to the internet, or who have already made space this week may have the chance of attending. If you are happy to do that please let me know when you get in touch, I will leave it to individuals. Maureen has asked me to mention that there is also a mass on Friday at 10am in St Anthony's and some people may be able to attend this as an alternative. Thanks again!

## Balfron Advent Calendar Window Trail

In Balfron an Advent Window Trail has been organised. Windows through out the village will be lit from their given date in December until 6th January from 4pm - 9pm each evening. Something to look out for and brighten up the dark evenings as we enter the season of Advent! There is a map with addresses where you can see an Advent window on the Balfron Church Facebook page and also one on the Balfron Church notice board which is on Buchanan Street, between the Co-op and Newsagent.

## Balfron Christmas Nativity

The three village churches will be coming together to organise an online Christmas Service - similar to the Remembrance Service. This will include a pre recorded Nativity Play. If anyone has children who might like to be involved with this please can you get in touch with Frances at: [fmdouglas61@icloud.com](mailto:fmdouglas61@icloud.com) More details to follow about the rest of the service.

## Village Christmas Card

Just to let people know that the Baptist Church in Balfron have organised to distribute a Christmas card to every home in Balfron bearing the verse from John 1:5. The card will include the names of all three Balfron churches on it.

## 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](mailto:sranna.marie@staned.org.uk)

## International Day of Solidarity

The first Sunday in Advent is the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. Please keep the people of Palestine in your prayers, and find out more about the current situation in the Holy Land from sources such as [www.sabeel-kairos.org.uk](http://www.sabeel-kairos.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](https://bit.ly/UnwrappingAdvent)

## 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](mailto: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](https://bit.ly/DIYabortion)

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**Pro-Life Advent Rosary:** Join people across the Archdiocese on Zoom to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all Pro-Life intentions. Begins this Monday at 7:00pm and each following Monday in Advent. To register, search 'Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh' on Eventbrite.

**Mary's Meals Double the Love:** Donations made to Mary's Meals between now and 31 January 2021 will be doubled by the UK Government up to £2 million. You can donate through the Mary's Meals website. **Tony Begley** (one of Mary's Meal Volunteers) adds: "You can get involved by setting a place at our Big Family Christmas dinner table (<https://bigfamilychristmas.marysmeals.org.uk/big-family-christmas-table>.) You can also buy our Christmas gift cards on our website. More information at [www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove). Thank you."

**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.

**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](mailto: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 Kessog'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](mailto:jhuzia@gmail.com) if you think you can help 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.

### Cleaning & Flowers Rotas

	St Anthony's Balfroon	St Kessog's Blanefield	Date
<b>Cleaning</b>	Char & Maureen	Pattie Strain	Week 30 Nov–6 Dec 2020
<b>Flowers</b>	(no flowers)	Elizabeth Taylor	5 <sup>th</sup> December 2020

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