

# St Kessog's Catholic Parish: One Parish, two churches St Anthony's Balfroon & St Kessog's Blanefield

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## Parish Sunday Bulletin (14<sup>th</sup> February 2021)

### LENT 2021

From Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February, the Universal Church starts the Lent Journey leading to the Easter of our Lord Jesus' Passion and Resurrection. In normal time, the reception of ash and the meditation of the Stations of the Cross are recommended. That is why, even in the current context of lockdown and restrictions due to Covid-19, some celebrations are proposed by our bishops:

1. The BCOS has provided an Ash Wednesday Liturgy (with useful instructions in red about how to get ash) and a Stations of the Cross for use by individuals and families at home. They are attached and also available at: <https://www.bcos.org.uk/COVID19/COVIDResources>
2. Our Catechetics Commission has produced a range of resources for Lent to help adults and children to deepen their understanding of this holy season and aid them in their prayer life. Find them in the resources section at: <https://archedinburgh.org/pastoral-governance/catechetics/>
3. Our online Lent events are scheduled as follow:

### Lent Event 1: INSPIRE - Lent Talks (image attached)

Register now for the Archdiocese's INSPIRE talk series for Lent. Guest speakers will guide you prayerfully through the season. All talks on Zoom, 7-8pm.

**Talk 1: 7pm, Tue 16 Feb:** *Becoming Saints Today: Unlocking the Present Moment*, with Sr Anna Marie McGuan. Register: [bit.ly/LentMcGuan](http://bit.ly/LentMcGuan).

**Talk 2: 7pm, Tue 02 Mar:** *Songs of the Redemption: The Benedictine Liturgy of the Hours*, with Brother Joseph Carron. Register: [bit.ly/LentCarron](http://bit.ly/LentCarron).

**Talk 3: 7pm, Tue 16 March:** *Prayer as a Relationship Reflected in St Teresa of Avila*, with Sr Sally Rollo. Register: [bit.ly/LentRollo](http://bit.ly/LentRollo)

**Talk 4: 7pm, Tue 23 March:** *Praying the Passion according to St Mark*, with Archbishop Leo Cushley. Register: [bit.ly/LentCushley](http://bit.ly/LentCushley)

### Lent Event 2: Pro-Life Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross, organised by the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office, will take place each Monday evening of Lent at 7:45pm. The Stations will be followed by a short reflection by one of our priests. You can register now on Eventbrite: <http://standrewsandedinburgh.eventbrite.com>

### Lent Resources

The Archdiocesan Catechetics Commission has produced a range of resources for Lent that will assist adults and children to deepen their understanding of this holy season and aid them in their prayer life. Find them in the resources section at: <https://archedinburgh.org/pastoral-governance/catechetics/>. The Bishops Conference of Scotland has issued an Ash Wednesday Liturgy and a Stations of the Cross for use at home: <https://www.bcos.org.uk/COVID19/COVIDResources>

### Faith in the Time of Covid

Archbishop Cushley invites you to join the remaining series of online talks from distinguished speakers who will offer their thoughts and approach to the pandemic. All events will be broadcast on

YouTube at [bit.ly/ArchYouTube](https://bit.ly/ArchYouTube) as the webinars themselves are sold out. **Professor John Haldane**, 5pm, Sunday 14 February. **Rt Hon Gordon Brown**, 5pm, Sunday 21 February.

## **Vaccines**

The issue of the origins of Covid-19 vaccines has been a source of concern for many Catholics. The Holy See addressed this in a release in December which is here in attachment (text in three languages: Italian, English, and Spanish). English from p. 3.

## **Day of Prayer for those who have Suffered Abuse**

This takes place on **Friday, 19 February**. Please pray for all those affected by abuse in the church and across society using the 'prayers at home' document put together by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland: [www.bcos.org.uk/COVID19](http://www.bcos.org.uk/COVID19)

## **Job Opportunity**

SPUC Scotland (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) has an opportunity for a full-time Communications Officer (Content Production). The role sits in the Public Affairs Department and helps SPUC to gather and tell stories that captivate, inspire and compel action. For more information and details on how to apply please email [michael@spucscotland.org](mailto:michael@spucscotland.org)

## **Marriage courses**

If you are getting married you must give the parish priest at least six months' notice and you will need to attend a marriage preparation course. Here are the available dates: **March** - Friday/Saturday 26/27. **April** - Friday/Saturday 23/24 **May** - Friday/Saturday 21/22. Spaces are filling up fast so please register now in consultation with the parish priest. Download an application form from the Resources section at <https://archedinburgh.org/pastoral-governance/marriage-families/>. Alternatively, email [irene.furlong@staned.org.uk](mailto:irene.furlong@staned.org.uk) (0131 623 8900). Marriage courses are currently taking place on Zoom.

**Finance:** We thank you for your financial support to our Parish. Nevertheless, we still need your support to face our regular bills or invoices. That is why, we still encourage you either to make a standing order through the Parish Bank Account provided on our Website ([www.parishofstkessog.org](http://www.parishofstkessog.org)), either to send a cheque to Parish Priest House in Blanefield (See the mail address in the footer).

**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: [gejoedwards@yahoo.com](mailto:gejoedwards@yahoo.com)

**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.