

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

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### Parish Sunday Bulletin (7<sup>th</sup> February 2021)

**Coronavirus updates:** The latest news on the impact of Covid-19 on the Archdiocese, along with resources, can be found at <https://archedinburgh.org/update-coronavirus/>. Also at the Bishops' Conference Website: [www.bcos.org.uk/](http://www.bcos.org.uk/)

#### Faith in the Time of Covid

Archbishop Cushley invites you to join the remaining series of Sunday talks from distinguished speakers who will offer their thoughts and approach to the pandemic. Each event is free and lasts 30 mins. All events will be broadcast on YouTube at [bit.ly/ArchYouTube](https://bit.ly/ArchYouTube)

**Dr Mary Rice Hasson**, 5pm, 07 Feb. Register [bit.ly/FaithCovid-Hasson](https://bit.ly/FaithCovid-Hasson)

**Professor John Haldane**, 5pm 14 Feb. Register: [bit.ly/FaithCovid-Haldane](https://bit.ly/FaithCovid-Haldane)

**Rt Hon Gordon Brown**, 5pm, 21 Feb. Register [bit.ly/FaithCovid-Brown](https://bit.ly/FaithCovid-Brown)

#### Couples' Retreat (image attached)

Married and engaged couples are invited to a Valentine's retreat. It features specially prepared video reflections from Canon John Udris, Spiritual Director at St Mary's College, Oscott (Birmingham), to help you grow together in Faith. It takes place on Zoom at 3:00pm, Saturday 13 February and lasts 90 mins. This is a free event organised by the Archdiocesan Marriage Commission. Register now at [bit.ly/CouplesRetreat2021](https://bit.ly/CouplesRetreat2021)

#### 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](https://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](https://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](https://bit.ly/LentRollo)

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

#### 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>

#### 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.

### **St Margaret Lecture**

Sister Catherine Droste OP will give this year's St Margaret of Scotland Lecture. Archbishop Cushley will conclude the event with a reflection. It takes place online on Wednesday, 10 February, 4:00-5:30pm. Registration details at <https://events.st-andrews.ac.uk/>

### **World Day of the Sick (Holy Father's Message attached)**

This takes place on **Thursday, 11 February**. Please find attached a message from Pope Francis and a document containing themes for reflection.

### **World Day of Prayer**

This takes place on **Friday, 5 March** and the theme is: *Build on a Strong Foundation* (Matthew 7: 24-27). Please consider hosting an ecumenical event in your parish on the day. Further details to follow. See: <https://worlddayofprayer.net/>

**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: [geojoedwards@yahoo.com](mailto:geojoedwards@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.