

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

Parish Sunday Bulletin / 21st March 2021

Resumption of Communal Worship

The date of the resumption of communal worship is Friday 26 March, subject to infection rate. The maximum attendance will be 50 for those churches that can accommodate two metre physical distancing (smaller churches may have reduced capacity). For attending the celebrations of Palm Sunday on 28 March, Mandy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil Mass and Easter Mass of the Day, we need a booking system. **Booking for St Kessog's church:** contact **Patricia Orr** at **01360 770202**. **Booking for St Anthony's church:** contact **Clare Cushing** at **01360 550166**.

INSPIRE prayer talk

Register now for the final Archdiocesan INSPIRE talk for Lent. *Praying the Passion according to St Mark*, with Archbishop Leo Cushley, on Tuesday 23 March at 7pm. Register at : bit.ly/LentCushley Alternatively watch live on the Archdiocese's YouTube channel bit.ly/ArchYouTube

Pro-Life Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross, organised by the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office, is on each Monday evening of Lent at 7:45pm. The Stations are followed by a short reflection by a priest of the Archdiocese. Register now on Eventbrite: <http://standrewsandedinburgh.eventbrite.com>

Human Fraternity for Peace & Unity

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland and the Al Ahl Bait Society invite you to this event featuring speakers are Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald and Dr Mohammed Ali Shomali. This is a **follow up to the conference of 01 Feb which marked the signing of the document of Human Fraternity by Pope Francis and Sheikh Al-Azhar**. This Zoom event is on Tuesday 23 March at 6pm. To register visit eventbrite.co.uk and search the event title.

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/>

St Joseph's Feast Day

This Feast Day on Friday 19th March 2021 is of particular significance as we are now in the year of St Joseph. Mass for the Solemnity of St Joseph will be broadcast on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel bit.ly/ArchYouTube at 8am. We have ordered some copies of St Joseph's Family Prayer Book, please feel free to pop up at St Kessog's Chapel House and collect one for your family.

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International development/child benefit

The Catholic Parliamentary Office has asked us to share two links which you may wish to pass on to parishioners.

1. [Write to your MP to challenge proposed reduction in international development budget – Catholic Parliamentary Office \(rcpolitics.org\)](#)
2. [Scottish Child Payment has now started – Catholic Parliamentary Office \(rcpolitics.org\)](#)

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), 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: 07866 683172 or e-mail: 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 (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.