

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

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

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#### Parish Sunday Bulletin 25<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021

This 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021, is the **Good Shepherd Sunday** and **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. Please, pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh and other dioceses of our Country.

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	Eastertide
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Day Off	Day Off	Day Off	
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	Eastertide
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	9:20 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Eucharistic Adoration	Eastertide
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Daily Mass	Eastertide
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	9:30 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Holy Rosary	St Joseph the Worker
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Sunday Mass	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Sunday Mass	

#### Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021

#### Mass Booking:

The 50-capacity restriction on places of worship in Scotland is being changed from Monday 26 April. Capacity will be determined by the size of your church, with the continued requirement of 2 metre physical distancing. Registering the attendees at each Mass and the other mitigations of face coverings, hand sanitiser and one-way systems etc. will still be necessary. It means bigger churches will be able to welcome more people to Mass, which is very good news. As you know, our both churches have not the capacity to welcome more than 50 attends with the physical distancing of 2m, including children over 5 years old. Anyway, the Mass booking system is still necessary in our Parish.

Contact **Patricia Orr** at **01360 770202** for booking Sunday mass in St Kessog's church, in Blanefield; and **Clare Cushing** at **01360 550166** if you desire to attend mass in St Anthony's church, in Balfron.

About **Weddings and Funerals**, the maximum capacity at both weddings and funerals will rise to 50 (it is currently 5 for weddings and 20 for funerals) from 26 April.

## **Safeguarding Training**

Registration is now available for Safeguarding Training online. Please *volunteer and join one of the training sessions* at [Safeguarding Training - Archdiocese of Edinburgh \(archedinburgh.org\)](https://www.archedinburgh.org)

## **Sacramental Preparation**

The sacramental preparation of the children has begun in our Parish. Lessons will be delivered over the next 5 weeks (details below). We will meet in the meeting room in St. Kessog's from 4-5pm. This will be followed by a Vigil Mass for the young people (and families) at 5pm. This is a lovely opportunity for the young people to attend Mass together, but obviously if you prefer to attend the usual Sunday Mass that you attend, this is entirely your choice.

## **Grace: The Church's Hidden Treasure (Zoom)**

Easter is a season of grace, so register now for a six week course titled Grace: The Church's Hidden Treasure. It is hosted by the Archdiocese and takes place on Mondays at 7:30pm, starting **19 April**. Sessions will focus on grace according to the teaching of Saint Thomas Aquinas in the *Summa Theologica*. It will include an introduction on how to read the Summa, its structure, and how to go through one of Saint Thomas' articles. The webinar course is organised by the Catechetical Commission of the Archdiocese and led by Father Kevin Douglas (St Peter's & St Columba's, Edinburgh) and Sister Anna Marie McGuan RSM. Register now at [bit.ly/GraceCourse2021](https://bit.ly/GraceCourse2021) Sessions will be recorded.

## **St Mary's University at Gillis Centre in Edinburgh (See attached Pastoral Letter)**

This September, St Mary's University in Twickenham, a leading Catholic university in the UK, will open a campus at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh in conjunction with the Archdiocese. There will be a range of part-time postgraduate MA courses in Theology and Education available, giving you the flexibility to study in the evening and at weekends. This is great news for the provision of Catholic Education in Scotland. Archbishop Cushley has written a *Pastoral letter* about this exciting initiative which is in attachment and is also available to read online at [bit.ly/PastoralLetter240421](https://bit.ly/PastoralLetter240421)

Find out more about the courses and register at [www.stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh](https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh)

**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](https://www.parishofstkessog.org) ), either to send a cheque to Parish Priest House in Blanefield (See the mail address in the footer).

**Gift Aid:** For any questions regarding donating to the parish, please contact George Edwards on Tel: 07866 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.

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**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.

#### Cleaning & Flowers Rotas

	St Anthony's Balfron	St Kessog's Blanefield	Date
<b>Cleaning</b>	Justyna & Katie	Marion Hoyle	Week 25 April – 2 May
<b>Flowers</b>	Susan	Pat Orr	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> May