

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

Parish Sunday Bulletin 11th April 2021

This Sunday 11th April 2021 is the 2nd Sunday of Easter which is the **Divine Mercy Sunday**. If you can, please, say a Divine Mercy Chapel in family or in private when that suits you, from Saturday 10th April night.

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Monday 12 th April	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	Eastertide
Tuesday 13 th April	Day Off	Day Off	Day Off	
Wednesday 14 th April	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	Eastertide
Thursday 15 th April	9:20 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Eucharistic Adoration	Eastertide
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Friday 16 th April	10:00 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Daily Mass	Eastertide
Saturday 17 th April	9:30 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Holy Rosary	Eastertide
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Sunday 18 th April	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Sunday Mass	3rd Sunday of Easter
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Sunday Mass	

Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 12th – 18th April 2021

Mass Booking:

As the number of Mass participants is still fixed to 50, observing the social distancing and according to the size of the church, our mass booking system is still in place only for Sunday mass attendance. So, please contact **Patricia Orr** at **01360 770202** if you want to attend our 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.

Registration for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation:

The sacramental preparation of the children has begun in our Parish. If you would like to enrol your child for the sacraments, could you please complete the attached registration form as soon as possible and return this (via email) to Fr. Jacob (stkessogs1@gmail.com). The normal age for children to receive the sacraments is P3 (Reconciliation), P4 (First Holy Communion) and P7 (Confirmation). The

Archbishop will be at St. Kessog's on Saturday 29th May for the Confirmation of the children. Fr. Jacob will consult with the parents on the dates for First Holy Communion depending on the number of children enrolled for this sacrament. He would also like to remind parents that we are still in lockdown and **must** follow government guidelines in terms of numbers allowed in church, i.e., it will be a 'different' kind of First Communion / Confirmation service from the normal.

Safeguarding

We encourage those who would like to volunteer in children's liturgy or catechism, and the Eucharistic ministers to take up a safeguarding training first. Now more online training have been arranged on our Archdiocesan website. **Trainer:** Margaret Andow - margaret_andow@outlook.com

Monday 19 April 2021 at 7pm

Saturday 24 April 2021 at 10.30am

Wednesday 28 April 2021 at 7pm

Saturday 8 May 2021 at 10.30am

Please book directly with Margaret Andow via the email address above. 10 places are available for each session and must be pre-booked to obtain the joining details.

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 **19th 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 Fr Kevin Douglas (St Peter's & St Columba's, Edinburgh) and Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM. Register now at bit.ly/GraceCourse2021 Sessions will be recorded.

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: We apologise for ordering Gift Aid envelopes later this year. We are going to get them soon. For 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.

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Flowers	Clare	Elaine Watson	Saturday 17 th April