

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

Parish Sunday Bulletin 19th – 25th April 2021

The following Sunday 25th April 2021 is the 4th Sunday of Easter which 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 as well as in other dioceses of our Country.

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Monday 19 th April	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	Eastertide
Tuesday 20 th April	Day Off	Day Off	Day Off	
Wednesday 21 st April	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	Eastertide
Thursday 22 nd April	9:20 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Eucharistic Adoration	Eastertide
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Friday 23 rd April	10:00 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Daily Mass	Eastertide
Saturday 24 th April	9:30 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Holy Rosary	Eastertide
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Sunday 25 th April	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Sunday Mass	Good Shepherd & World Day of Prayer for Vocations
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Sunday Mass	

Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 18th – 25th April 2021

Mass Booking:

Contact **Patricia Orr** at **01360 770202** for attending Sunday mass in St Kessog's church, in Blanefield; and **Clare Cushing** at **01360 550166** for attending Sunday mass in St Anthony's church, in Balfron.

Registration for the Sacraments

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.

Safeguarding Training

Registration is now available for Safeguarding Training - Induction Part 2 (online) The following message is from Emma Boothroyd, Archdiocesan Safeguarding Advisor: "This will be a rolling programme throughout the year." So, we exhort you to *volunteer and join one of the below sessions*, if you can.

Trainer: Scott Mackenzie - scott.mackenzie@staned.org.uk

Saturday 24 April 2021 at 1.30pm

Saturday 15 May 2021 at 1.30pm

Please book direct with Scott via the email address above. 100 places are available for each session and must be pre-booked to obtain joining details.

Trainer: Callum Timms - callum.timms@staned.org.uk

Sunday 25 April 2021 at 1.30pm

Sunday 16 May 2021 at 1.30pm

Please book direct with Callum via the email address above. 100 places are available for each session and must be pre-booked to obtain 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 **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 Sessions will be recorded.

Practical responses to Laudato si' (Zoom)

Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato si' calls us to hear and respond to the cry of the earth and the poor. In this event, participants can share experience in making practical responses, such as in daily choices and through creative ideas like community gardens. It takes place 10:00-11:30am on Zoom on **Saturday 24 April**. To register: tinyurl.com/LSiResponses This event is organised by the Caritas, Justice and Peace Commission of the Archdiocese.

Exterminating Poverty or the Poor? A Scottish Doctor's Story (Zoom)

Mark H Sutherland & Neil Sutherland, authors of 'Exterminating Poverty', will tell the true story of how a Scottish doctor took on Marie Stopes 100 years ago, and why this matters today. This webinar will inform and inspire those who take up the pro-life fight today. It takes place at 7:45pm on **Monday 26 April**.

Register now on Eventbrite bit.ly/ExterminatingPovertyOrThePoor

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 have got new Gift Aid envelopes. 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

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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.

Cleaning & Flowers Rotas

	St Anthony's Balfron	St Kessog's Blanefield	Date
Cleaning	Char & Maureen	Patricia Orr	Week 19 – 25 April
Flowers	Clare	Elaine Watson	Saturday 24 th April