

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

St Anthony's Balfron & St Kessog's Blanefield

Parish Sunday Bulletin 3rd – 9th May 2021

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Monday 3 rd May	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	Ss. Philip and James, Apostles
Tuesday 4 th May	Day Off	Day Off	Day Off	
Wednesday 5 th May	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	Eastertide
Thursday 6 th May	9:20 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Eucharistic Adoration	Eastertide
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Friday 7 th May	9:20 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Eucharistic Adoration	Eastertide 1st Friday of Month
	10:00 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Daily Mass	
Saturday 8 th May	9:30 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Holy Rosary	Eastertide
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Sunday 9 th May	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Sunday Mass	6th Sunday of Easter
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Sunday Mass	

Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 3rd – 9th May 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.

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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 : If you volunteer with children or vulnerable adults please ensure that you register for the Induction Part 1 safeguarding training. All the details you need can be found at <https://archedinburgh.org/administration/safeguarding-training/>

Experience of Safeguarding Training

In the last few parish bulletins, courses on Safeguarding for volunteers in various Ministries in the parish have been highlighted. On Sunday 25th April two of our parishioners (Jo and Louise) took part in the Safeguarding Training Level 2 via Zoom. Whilst Zoom training may not be everyone's choice, their feedback was that the training was excellent and provided spiritual insight, encouragement, understanding and confidence to do what is right by the Safeguarding Code of Conduct laid down by the Bishops Conference of Scotland as well as following the legal requirements of Scottish Law. We encourage all parishioners who are providing a Ministry to take up the offer of this training as it is now a mandatory requirement of the Catholic Church. All training dates are online and are updated regularly <https://archedinburgh.org/administration/safeguarding-training/>

St Mary's University

Masters courses in Theology and Education will begin in September at the Gillis Centre Campus in Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, run by St Mary's University in partnership with the Archdiocese. All information is available on the St Mary's University website: stmarys.ac.uk/Edinburgh

Ordination to the Diaconate

Josh Moir, 27, a seminarian for our Archdiocese, is going to be ordained a deacon on Sunday 2 May. Please keep him in your prayers as he takes this important step towards priesthood.

Marian month of May

Pope Francis is encouraging Catholics across the world to dedicate the Marian month of May to invoking the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the end of the pandemic.

Scottish elections

The election to Holyrood is on Thursday 6 May. Please visit the Catholic Parliamentary Office website (rcpolitics.org) where you will find a resources section with information on key issues to consider ahead of voting.

Leprosy Mission's Day of Prayer

Join Christians across the world who are praying for a world without leprosy on Wednesday 12 May. Zoom prayer sessions take place throughout the day. Find out more at leprosymission.org/dayofprayer

Laudato Si' week

This takes place from 16-24 May as part of the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical on caring for our common home. Resources and more information can be found at LaudatoSiWeek.org

Mailing List

Stay updated on news from across the Archdiocese by subscribing at archedinburgh.org/news-events/

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YouTube : Archdiocesan online events are recorded and posted on YouTube. You can find them at bit.ly/ArchYouTube

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: 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.

Cleaning & Flowers Rotas

	St Anthony's Balfron	St Kessog's Blanefield	Date
Cleaning	Justyna & Katie	Senga Farrell	Week 3rd - 9th May
Flowers	Susan	Pat Orr	Sat 8th May