

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

Parish Sunday Bulletin / Easter Sunday. 4th April 2021

Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 5th – 11th April 2021

Monday – Saturday: daily mass at **10:00am** in **St Kessog's church Blanefield**.

Except: **Tuesday** 6th April: Day off

Friday 9th April: daily mass in **St Anthony's church Balfon** at **10:00am**

Thursday 8th April at 9:15am: Eucharistic Adoration (before mass).

Saturday 9th April at 9:30am: Holy Rosary (before mass).

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.

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 26th April**. Register now on Eventbrite bit.ly/ExterminatingPovertyOrThePoor

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. There is now more online training on the website as below.

Online Induction Part 2 Training via Zoom

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

Saturday 24 April 2021 at 1.30pm

Saturday 15 May 2021 at 1.30pm

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

Easter Triduum in St Mary's Cathedral (attached)

Our Archbishop celebration of the Holy Week services, except the Easter Vigil, will be posted on the Archdiocesan YouTube page bit.ly/ArchYouTube. If you cannot attend mass in our parish, you may watch them. About scheduled times, see the attached.

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.

Reminding for Paschal Triduum celebrations

Some restrictions will be observed during this Paschal Triduum Services.

There will be **no washing of feet** on Maundy Thursday at the Lord's Last Super celebration.

No kissing of the Cross on Good Friday during the celebration of our Lord's Passion.

No sprinkling of holy water on Easter Vigil Mass at the Baptismal Promises Renewal. But you can **bring a small candle** for the Renewal of Baptismal promises on Holy Saturday.

The same, **no sprinkling of holy water** or candle on Easter Sunday Mass.

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.

Gift Aid: We were late in ordering envelopes for Gift Aid this year, and apologise for that. As soon as they arrive, you will get them. For any questions regarding donating to the parish, please contact George Edwards on Tel: 07776 683172 or e-mail: geojoedwards@yahoo.com

Cleaning & Flowers Rotas

	St Anthony's Balfron	St Kessog's Blanefield	Date
Cleaning	Gerry & Susan	Pattie Strain	Week 5 – 11 April
Flowers	Clare	Senga Farrell	Saturday 10 th April

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Wish you a prayerful Sacred Triduum and a Happy easter!