

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

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**Parish Sunday Bulletin 22nd August 2021**

**Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 23rd - 29th August 2021**

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Monday 23rd August	10.00am	St Anthony's Balfon	Daily Mass	
Tuesday 24th August	<b>Day Off</b>			<b>St Bartholomew</b>
Wednesday 25th August	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Thursday 26th August	9.20am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Eucharistic Adoration	
	10.00am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Friday 27th August	10.00am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	<b>St Monica Memorial</b>
Saturday 28th August	9.30am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Holy Rosary	<b>St Augustine Memorial</b>
	10.00am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Sunday 29th August	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfon	Sunday Mass	<b>22nd Sunday of the Year</b>
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Sunday Mass	

**The Archbishop encourages all to return to Sunday Mass**

With Covid restrictions eased in Scotland (*see BCOS Covid Update here attached*), Archbishop Cushley has announced the end of his online Sunday Mass and thanked those who accompanied him in prayer over the months. He also encourages us to return to Mass in our parish if we are able. Watch his video message at this link : [https://youtu.be/4x5dDJ\\_dBY0](https://youtu.be/4x5dDJ_dBY0)

**Webinar for clergy & parish finance committees**

Funding for clergy retirement is the biggest financial challenge facing our Archdiocese. Clergy and members of parish finance committees are invited to a Zoom webinar at 6:30pm on Tuesday 31 August, hosted by the Archdiocese. The session will share the progress made, the challenges faced and options for parish based solutions. Here is the link to join on the night: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89884035553>

## **Courses at Gillis Centre**

Applications are now open for a variety of courses run by St Mary's University at the Gillis Centre Campus in Edinburgh, starting this autumn. Why not improve your knowledge of the Catholic Faith with an MA in Theology? Teachers are invited to register now for MA Education courses as part of their continuing professional development. These are: Catholic School Leadership; Leading Innovation and Change; Pedagogy; Religious Education. Watch testimonies from students on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel ([bit.ly/ArchYouTube](https://bit.ly/ArchYouTube)). All details at [www.stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh](http://www.stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh)

## **National Pilgrimage**

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland invite you to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Carfin for the annual national pilgrimage. The event is in honour of St Joseph in this year of dedication to him. It takes place at 3pm on Sunday 5 September.

## **Event: Shakespeare: A Catholic Perspective**

Explore the Bard's plays in a six-week webinar series titled Shakespeare: A Catholic Perspective. The sessions will look at six of his best known works, with insights on human nature from St Thomas Aquinas. Don't worry if you haven't read Shakespeare, you'll be guided along each week! The event is organised by the Archdiocesan Catechetics Commission and it begins on Monday 6 September at 7:30pm. Register at [bit.ly/ShakespeareWebinar](https://bit.ly/ShakespeareWebinar)

## **Justice & Peace Mass**

The Annual Archdiocesan Justice & Peace Mass takes place at 7:30pm on Monday 6 September at St Columba's, Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh (EH9 1SN). It marks the beginning of the Season of Creation and will be a chance to pray for the success of COP26. Refreshments will served after Mass. Register at [bit.ly/JusticeAndPeaceMass2021](https://bit.ly/JusticeAndPeaceMass2021)

## **Vocations**

The monthly Mass for Vocations will be at 6:30pm on Monday 6 September at St David's in Dalkeith (not at St Columba's, Edinburgh, as previously advertised).

## **Event: A Call to Action**

During the Season of Creation and in advance of COP26, the Archdiocesan Commission for Caritas, Justice & Peace invite you to a mini-colloquium titled 'The Human Face of the Climate Emergency: A Call to Action' It takes place at **3-5pm on Sunday 12 September on Zoom**. For more details and to register, visit: [bit.ly/ACallToAction2021](https://bit.ly/ACallToAction2021)

## **Safeguarding Webinar**

The Bishops of Scotland invite clergy, religious, church employees and volunteers across Scotland to a national safeguarding webinar at 11am on Saturday 2 October. It will be a chance to find out more about the safeguarding document *In Gods Image v2* and reflect upon on its implications for your safeguarding role. The link to register is: [bit.ly/3gQRdPu](https://bit.ly/3gQRdPu)

## **Safeguarding Induction Part 2 Training** (Duration approx. 90 Mins)

**Trainer:** Joanne Aitken - [Joanne.Aitken@staned.org.uk](mailto:Joanne.Aitken@staned.org.uk)

**Tuesday 31 August 2021 at 7.15pm**

**Wednesday 8 September 2021 at 7.15pm**

Please book directly with Joanne via the email address above. 30 places available for each session. Please also provide your parish and role within the parish when booking - Thanks.

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### **Synod (Poster attached)**

A synod of the bishops will take place in Rome in 2023. The Holy Father has asked for the synod's preparations to begin in local churches. It will begin with a period of consultation and discernment on Sunday 17 October this year. Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM has been asked to be the Archdiocese's lead delegate in the national synodal process and will be assisted by Fr John Deighan (Lennoxton, Milton & Torrance). An announcement will be made soon on how that process will take shape in our Archdiocese.

### **Standing Order Payments: *Message from George***

This is specifically aimed at our parishioners paying by Standing Order into the current St Anthony's bank account. Central Finance of the Archdiocese have instructed us that only one bank account should be operated in each parish and we should comply with this instruction. Therefore can I ask that all our parishioners currently paying through the bank amend their standing orders and make all donations to the account detailed below:

**Bank:** Royal Bank of Scotland

**Account Name:** Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh, St Kessog's Blanefield

**Account Number:** 10423646 **Sort Code:** 83-06-08

### **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 to make a standing order through the Parish **Bank Account Name:** Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh, St Kessog's Blanefield; **Account Number:** 10423646; **Sort Code:** 83-06-08; or to send a cheque to Parish Priest House in Blanefield (See the Postal Code 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 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**

	<b>St Anthony's Balfroon</b>	<b>St Kessog's Blanefield</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Cleaning</b>	Justyna & Katie	Patricia Orr	Week 23rd - 29th August
<b>Flowers</b>	Clare	Patti Strain	Saturday 28th August