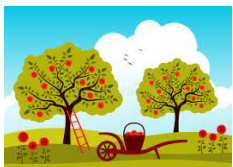


St Kessog's Catholic Parish: One Parish, two churches
St Anthony's Balfron & St Kessog's Blanefield

Parish Sunday Bulletin 5th August 2021

Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 6th - 12th September 2021

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Monday 6th September	10.00am	St Anthony's Balfron	Daily Mass	
Tuesday 7th September	Day Off			
Wednesday 8th September	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	The Nativity of Our lady
Thursday 9th September	9.20am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Eucharistic Adoration	
	10.00am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Friday 10th September	10.00am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Saturday 11th September	9.30am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Holy Rosary	
	10.00am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Sunday 12th September	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Sunday Mass	24th Sunday of the Year
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Sunday Mass	



St Anthony's Orchard

All the trees in the orchard have been re-labelled with the type of fruit and the month when they are ready to harvest so take a little time to read the label and see if the fruit should be ready for picking.

Could I ask parishioners to note when picking apples and pears to gently twist the stalk 3 or 4 times and if it comes off the fruit is ready, if not it needs more time to ripen. Plums and damsons if softish to the touch then gently twist and pull and they should come off. The orchard ladders are behind the lawn

mower shed please use them (at your own risk) when picking fruit high up the trees, please do not be tempted to pull the branches down this will damage them for next years fruits.

Enjoy the fruits – and thank you to all those who help to maintain the orchard - Jo Noblett

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). All details at www.stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh

National Pilgrimage

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland cordially 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** (confessions from priests and bishops available **from 2pm**).

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

SEASON OF CREATION: 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

SEASON OF CREATION: 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

Vocations

The monthly Mass for Vocations will be at **6:30pm** on **Monday 6 September** at St David's in Dalkeith.

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 In God's Image V2 can be found at www.bcos.org.uk/Safeguarding

Coffee Saints

A new café has opened at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh! It's called Coffee Saints and is a partnership between the Cathedral and the Grassmarket Community Project, a charity which supports Edinburgh's

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most vulnerable citizens. All profits go to the charity. If you're in the city, pop in and support a great new initiative.

National Event

An online event titled Interreligious Dialogue in the time of Pope Francis takes place at **11:00am-2:30pm** on **Saturday 18 September**. Register at: bit.ly/InterreligiousEvent This event is organised by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland's Committee for Interreligious Dialogue.

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

1) Wednesday 8 September 2021 at 7.15pm

Trainer: Joanne Aitken - Joanne.Aitken@staned.org.uk

Please book directly with Joanne via the email address above.

2) Saturday 25 September 2021 at 10am

Trainer: Julie Brechin - julie.brechin@staned.org.uk

Please book direct with Julie via the email address above.

30 places available for each session. Please also provide your parish and role within the parish when booking - Thanks.

Synod

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

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 Balfroon	St Kessog's Blanefield	Date
Cleaning	Brenda & Martin	Senga Farrell	Week 6th - 12th Sept
Flowers	Frances	Alice Fraser	Saturday 11th Sept