

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

Parish Sunday Bulletin 31st October 2021

Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 1st - 7th November 2021

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Monday 1st November	10.00am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass Holy Day of Obligation	All Saints
Tuesday 2nd November	Day Off			Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed
Wednesday 3rd November	10.00am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Thursday 4th November	9.20am	St Kessog's Banefield	Eucharistic Adoration	
	10.00am	St Kessog's Banefield	Daily Mass	St Charles Borromeo Memorial
Friday 5th November	9.20am	St Anthony's Balfon	Eucharistic Adoration	
	10.00am	St Anthony's Balfon	Daily Mass First Friday	
Saturday 6th November	9.30am	St Kessog's Banefield	Holy Rosary	
	10.00am	St Kessog's Banefield	Daily Mass	
Sunday 7th November	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfon	Sunday Mass	32nd Sunday of the Year
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Sunday Mass	

Please remember that the clocks go back an hour on Saturday night!

A Message from Pope Francis

Pope Francis' message to each of us to be more caring about each other and the planet.

'Rivers do not drink their own water and trees do not eat their own fruit.

The sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves.

Living for others is a rule of nature.

We are born to help each other, no matter how difficult it is.

Life is good when you are happy,

But much better when others are happy because of you'

Pope Francis

COP26 – Mass

The Bishops of Scotland will celebrate Mass during COP26 at St Aloysius' Church, Rose Street, Glasgow, on Sunday 7 November at 1pm. The Mass is for delegates, visitors to Glasgow and all the Faithful of Scotland. Register to attend at <https://mediades.co.uk/cop26/>

Global Day of Action

SCIAF invites you to march at the Glasgow Global Day of Action on **Saturday 6 November**. The event takes place during COP26 and brings together those who support Climate Justice. More details at <https://www.sciaf.org.uk/glasgow-global-day-for-action-2021>

COP26 Guide

SCIAF has produced a summary guide for COP26, the UN Climate change conference, which takes place in Glasgow from **31 October to 12 November**. Find it at bit.ly/COP26Guide

All Souls' Day

Holy Mass for the repose of all the faithful departed who have died in the Archdiocese in the last year, including those buried at Mount Vernon Cemetery, Edinburgh, will take place on All Souls' Day, **Tuesday 2 November**, at 10am in the Cemetery Chapel at 49 Mount Vernon Road. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Cushley.

Food Bank collection at St Anthony's

From this Sunday there will be a box at the back of St. Anthony's for the collection of donations to the Food bank. Please no perishables, as usual, but tins, long-life cartons and dry goods all welcome. Thank you.

Preparation for First Reconciliation (P3 and above)

Sacramental Preparation Classes will begin on Saturday 6th November (11am-12pm). We already have 7 children enrolled for the classes, but if you would like your child to be included (and have not already been in touch with Fr. Jacob) please contact our Parish Catechists, Louise and Anne (louiseolney@hotmail.co.uk). Preparation for First Holy Communion (P4 and above) and Confirmation (P7 and above) will be take place next year.

Deceased Benefactors

The annual day to remember and pray for deceased benefactors of the Archdiocese is on **Wednesday 3 November**. A Mass will be offered in our parish for them on that day.

Dementia: Hope on a Difficult Journey

An event for those supporting friends or family with dementia will be held at the **Gillis Centre**, Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, from **2-4pm** on **Saturday 6 November**. A talk will be led by Dr Adrian Treloar, and there will be a chance to share experiences before a time of prayer in St Margaret's Chapel, onsite. Light refreshments will be served. The event is organised by the Archdiocesan Marriage & Families Commission. Register at bit.ly/DementiaEvent2021

Vocations Mass

The Archdiocesan monthly **Mass for Vocations** takes place at **6:30pm** on **Monday 8 November** at St Albert's Chaplaincy in George Square, Edinburgh.

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World Day of the Poor

This takes place on **Sunday 14 November**. The Christian is called to follow the example of Jesus in loving God and neighbour, especially the most vulnerable. In our Archdiocese the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP) has been carrying out this mission since 1845. This year the Caritas, Justice and Peace Commission of the Archdiocese wish to use the Special Collection to be taken that weekend to support two SSVP projects; The Furniture Project based in Kingseat and the Caravan Project in Port Seton.

Annual Archdiocesan SSVP Mass

Everyone is welcome to attend the annual Mass to mark the charitable work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul in our Archdiocese. It will be celebrated by Archbishop Cushley at St Patrick's in the Cowgate, Edinburgh, at 11am on Saturday 20 November.

Prisoners' Week Launch Service

This takes place at **7pm on Monday 22 November** at **St Mary's Cathedral**, followed by refreshments in the Coffee Saints café. Please register to attend at <http://www.prisonersweek.org.uk/events> Downloadable resources for this year's Prisoners' Week can be found at www.prisonersweek.org.uk

Synod 2021-2023

The diocesan stage of the Synod 2021-2023 was launched by Archbishop Cushley who celebrated Mass at St Mary's Cathedral last Sunday. You can read what the Archbishop had to say about the synod at bit.ly/SynodLaunchHomily Keep up to date on Archdiocesan social media (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) and at archedinburgh.org/news-events. Parishes will soon receive details on the steps they can take to contribute to this diocesan stage. Read more about the Synod at www.synod.va

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 Balfron	St Kessog's Blanefield	Date
Cleaning	Brenda & Martin	Marion Hoyle	Week 1st -7th Nov
Flowers	Moyra	Elsbeth Neil	Saturday 6th Nov

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