

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

Parish Sunday Bulletin 3rd October 2021

Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 4th - 10th October 2021

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Monday 4th October			NO MASS	St Francis of Assisi Memorial
Tuesday 5th October			NO MASS	
Wednesday 6th October			NO MASS	
Thursday 7th October			NO MASS	Our Lady of the Rosary Memorial
Friday 8th October			NO MASS	
Saturday 9th October			NO MASS	
Sunday 10th October	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfon	Sunday Mass	28th Sunday of the Year
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Sunday Mass	

Fr Jacob's Travel to Italy

Jacob will be away for about three weeks and asks for your prayers. He will be covered for Sunday masses by Fr George Bradburn on the 10th & 17th of October and Fr Kyran Murphy on the 24th of October. Please, make them feel welcomed and remember that Sunday is a day of obligation for taking part in the Eucharistic Celebration and Divine Worship. **In case of emergency need of pastoral care, please call Fr John Deaghan at St Machan in Lennoxton, at 01360310276.** Thank you.

Preparation for First Reconciliation (P3 and above)

If parents are in agreement, we would like to begin classes for sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation. Classes will be for one hour on a Saturday (timing to be confirmed with parents) and will be held over 6 weeks, starting on Saturday 9th October. If you would like your child to be included in these classes 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.

Thank you.

Louise

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

Safeguarding newsletter

The latest edition of the Safeguarding Matters newsletter from the Bishop's Conference of Scotland is available at www.bcos.org.uk/safeguarding

Shakespeare: A Catholic Perspective

Explore the Bard's plays in this weekly webinar series titled Shakespeare: A Catholic Perspective. The sessions look at six of his best known works, with insights on human nature from St Thomas Aquinas. The series is organised by the Archdiocesan Catechetics Commission and continues this **Monday 4 October** at **7:30pm**. Register at bit.ly/ShakespeareWebinar

Dying Well event

The Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office hosts an online event titled 'Dying Well: How quality palliative care is the alternative to assisted suicide'. The speaker is Dr Gillian Wright a medical ethicist and palliative care doctor. It takes place at **7:45pm**, on **Tuesday 5 October**. Register now at bit.ly/DyingWellEvent

White Mass

A White Mass for doctors, nurses and all healthcare workers in Scotland in gratitude for their service throughout the Covid pandemic takes place at **St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, at midday on Sunday 17 October**. All welcome.

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.

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

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

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

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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	Char & Maureen	Patricia Orr	Week 4th - 10th Oct
Flowers	Susan	Marie Donohoe	Saturday 9th October