

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

Parish Sunday Bulletin 14th November 2021

Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 15th - 21st November 2021

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Monday 15th November	10.00am	St Anthony's Balfron	Daily Mass	
Tuesday 16th November	Day Off			St Margaret of Scotland
Wednesday 17th November	10.00am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	St Elizabeth of Hungary Memorial
Thursday 18th November	9.20am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Eucharistic Adoration	
	10.00am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Friday 19th November	10.00am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Saturday 20th November	9.30am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Holy Rosary	
	10.00am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Sunday 21st November	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Sunday Mass	Feast of Christ the King
	11:30 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Sunday Mass	

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 14th November 2021 is Remembrance Sunday in our country.

Those who can or would like to take part in the Remembrance, are invited to get to the Remembrance Memorial where they live (Balfron, Blanefield, Killearn, ...).

Sunday Mass in Balfron will be at 9:30 as usual.

In **Blanefield**, the **Sunday Mass will start at 11:30**, immediately after the Remembrance Service at the War Memorial (which starts at 10:45).

You are all welcome. Thank you.

The Balfron the Service of Remembrance will take place at 10.50am at the Balfron War Memorial led by Balfron Church. All are welcome to come along.

Food Bank collection at St Anthony's

The food bank collection has started again at St Anthony's. 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.

First Reconciliation Preparation

Our Parish Catechists (Louise and Anne) have started a series of lessons to prepare some of our children, candidates to the First Reconciliation. The first class took place last weekend, on Saturday 6th November 2021 at 11am-12pm at St. Kessog's Chapel House. During the classes we will follow the Archdiocese programme and in addition there will be a family workbook and other activities for the children to complete at home. An email has been sent to parents with the proposed dates for the remaining classes. It is still possible to welcome other children.

World Day of the Poor

Today (Sunday 14th November 2021) is the **World Day of the Poor**. The theme for this year is "for the poor you have always with you". Here Jesus is not saying that we should not work to alleviate poverty. The Christian tradition is realistic about human beings. We are good, but flawed - wounded by sin. We do not believe in utopia in this life. There will always be poverty and injustice of some kind, but we are called to reduce its impact wherever we can. In the words of Blessed Frederic Ozanam one of the founders of the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP): "Charity is the Samaritan who pours oil on the wounds of the traveller who has been attacked. But it is justice's role to prevent the attacks". Today's special collection is for the SSVP's Furniture Project in Fife and its Caravan Project in Port Seton.

Annual Archdiocesan SSVP Mass

The annual Mass to mark the charitable work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul in our Archdiocese 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>

Prayer of our Faithful departed in November

November is a month in which the Universal Church pray specially for the faithful departed. Remember them also in your private prayers.

Mary's Meals *Double the Love* Campaign

"Mary's Meals are pleased to announce their [Double the Love](#) campaign. From 1st November 2021 to 31st January 2022, all donations up to a total of £1.6 million will be matched by a generous group of private donors. Every little act of love for the hungry children who eat Mary's Meals will be doubled during this period, so please consider supporting this campaign and praying for its success. There are many ways to donate, including choosing Mary's Meals gift cards as a meaningful gift this Christmas, or setting a virtual place at your Christmas table – find out more at [Home | Mary's Meals UK \(marysmeals.org.uk\)](#)."

Jesus in the Eucharist and You

The Archdiocese has put together a series of three videos titled *Jesus in the Eucharist and You*. They will help us prepare for the launch of the 40 Hours' Devotion which takes place in every parish at scheduled times throughout the coming liturgical year. Watch the first one (which took place last Monday 8 November) on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel bit.ly/ArchYouTube

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Safeguarding (Attachment)

The latest edition of the Safeguarding Matters magazine from the Bishops' Conference of Scotland is available at bcos.org.uk/safeguarding

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 Balfroon	St Kessog's Blanefield	Date
Cleaning	Susan & Gerry	Elizabeth Taylor	Week 15th - 21st Nov
Flowers	Moyra	Mary Andrews	Saturday 20th Nov

