

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

Parish Sunday Bulletin 21st November 2021

Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 22nd - 28th November 2021

| DAY & DATE | TIME | CHURCH | ACTIVITY | FEAST |
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| Monday 22nd November | 10.00am | St Anthony's Balfroon | Daily Mass | St Cecilia Memorial |
| Tuesday 23rd November | Day Off | | | |
| Wednesday 24th November | 10.00am | St Kessog's Blanefield | Daily Mass | St Andrew Dung Lac and Companions Memorial |
| Thursday 25th November | 9.20am | St Kessog's Blanefield | Eucharistic Adoration | |
| | 10.00am | St Kessog's Blanefield | Daily Mass | |
| Friday 26th November | 10.00am | St Kessog's Blanefield | Daily Mass | |
| Saturday 27th November | 9.30am | St Kessog's Blanefield | Holy Rosary | |
| | 10.00am | St Kessog's Blanefield | Daily Mass | |
| Sunday 28th November | 9:30 am | St Anthony's Balfroon | Sunday Mass | First Sunday of Advent |
| | 11:30 am | St Kessog's Blanefield | Sunday Mass | |

Advent, a spiritual journey to Christmas

Sunday 28th of November will be the first Sunday of Advent, time of preparation and waiting for Christmas Celebrations. Therefore, dear parishioners, I recommend you consider your participation in Sunday masses as a spiritual journey to Christmas. So, please, let each of us manage his time to take part in Sunday masses and make this Advent a favourable time for a personal and ecclesial Spiritual growth.

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>

Mass Attendance Census

The attendance mass census in our Archdiocese is going to be held on the weekend 27th / 28th of November during the Vigil and Sunday masses, throughout the parishes of our Archdiocese.

Jesus in the Eucharist and You

*The launch of the 40 Hours' Devotion takes place at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Sunday 28 November from 1pm. Full details at <https://www.stmaryscathedral.co.uk/> To help you prepare, the Archdiocese has put together a series of videos titled *Jesus in the Eucharist and You*. The third and final video can be watched on YouTube from 7:30pm this Monday 22 November: bit.ly/ArchYouTube The 17 minute video, featuring Archbishop Cushley, gives a good outline of what the 40 Hours' Devotion is all about.*

Nativity Blessing/Carol Service

Archbishop Cushley will bless the Nativity Scene at the Nativity Blessing & Carol Service, which takes place in St Andrew Square, Edinburgh at 3pm on Sunday 28 November. All welcome to attend and sing carols with St Columba's Choir and the Salvation Army Brass Band.

The Archdiocese is recruiting

The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh is looking to recruit a full-time Religious Education Adviser (Primary Schools). Details at bit.ly/vacancy_2021

Catholic Education Week

If you're interested in finding out about teaching in a Catholic school have a look at the materials on *Becoming A Teacher* on the SCES website at: <https://sces.org.uk/becoming-a-teacher/> Current teachers: Glasgow University is offering a one year, flexible learning course to gain the Additional Teaching Qualification in Religious Education. Details at www.gla.ac.uk

Getting married?

You should be in touch with the parish priest at least six months before getting married. A Marriage Preparation Course is a requirement for those wishing to get married in the Catholic Church. Courses fill up fast so please register via bit.ly/ArchMarriagePrep2021-22

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](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk) 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 \(marysmeals.org.uk\)](http://Home | Mary's Meals UK (marysmeals.org.uk))."

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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.

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 |
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| Cleaning | Char & Maureen | Mirzi Clark | Week 22nd - 28th Nov |
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| Flowers | Advent- no flowers | Advent - no flowers | Saturday 27th Nov |
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