

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

Parish Sunday Bulletin 28th November 2021

Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 29th November - 5th December 2021

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Monday 29th November	10.00am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Tuesday 30th November	Day Off			
Wednesday 1st December	9.20am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Eucharistic Adoration	
	10.00am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Thursday 2nd December			No Mass	
Friday 3rd December	9.20am	St Anthony's Balfroon	Eucharistic Adoration	
	10.00am	St Anthony's Balfroon	Daily Mass First Friday	
Saturday 4th December	9.30am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Holy Rosary	
	10.00am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Sunday 5th December	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfroon	Sunday Mass	Second Sunday of Advent
	11:30 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Sunday Mass	

Children's Liturgy and Mass Attendance Census on this 1st Sunday of Advent

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Sunday will be the first Sunday of Advent. **The Mass Attendance Census will also take place this Sunday in our Parish** as well as in other Parishes of our Archdiocese. It would therefore be lovely to see as many of the children as possible returning to Sunday Mass in our parish. In addition, the Children's Liturgy section of our parish website is updated weekly with resources for the children <https://parishofstkessog.org/children-resources/> for those who are unable to attend some Sunday masses (See attached). Thank you. (Louise Olney, Parish Catechist)

Advent, a spiritual journey to Christmas

For trading or commercial reasons, some people have already reached their Christmas time! However, for us Christians, we are just going to start the Advent Time on this Sunday 28th of November. In fact, Advent is the favourable time of preparation and expectation of Christmas solemnities, in which we celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation. Therefore, Advent is a spiritual journey to Christmas, which needs personal and ecclesial preparation. So, each of us must consider his/her participation in Sunday masses, his/her fervent prayers and his/she works of mercy, as part of this journey. May each of us, therefore, manage his/her time to take part in Sunday masses and make this Advent a favourable time for a personal and ecclesial Spiritual growth.

Find out more about the season of Advent and the virtues of Faith, Hope and Love in a series of online talks held each Monday in Advent. Hosted by the Archdiocese, the first takes place on Monday 29 November 7:30pm-8:00pm, led by Canon Hugh White. No registration required, simply use this link each week to join: bit.ly/AdventTalk (or webinar ID: 891 8951 4801)

Advent: Rosary for Life (attachment)

Join parishioners and clergy from across the Archdiocese each Tuesday throughout Advent to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all Pro-Life intentions. Begins this **Tuesday (30 November) at 7:45pm** and includes a reflection from Fr Kevin Douglas. Event on Zoom, register at bit.ly/30NovRosary

Food Bank collection in our Parish

The food bank collection has started again in our Parish (St Anthony's church and St Kessog's church). There will be a box at the back of each of our churches 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

40 Hours' Devotion

The launch of the 40 Hours' Devotion is at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Sunday 28 November from 1pm. Full details at www.stmaryscathedral.co.uk A full parish schedule for the 40 Hours' Devotion is at bit.ly/40hoursschedule **In our Parish, the Eucharistic Exposition for 40 Hours will be done in September 2022.** A precise date will be communicated to you in the future. However, I already exhort you to manage your time in order to be in the Presence of the Eucharistic Lord when time has come. Your commitment is necessary for not leaving alone the Lord Who is really present in the Holy Eucharist. In other words, day and night, there must be some people in the church where the Holy Eucharist will be exposed. This will be a time of recentring and renewal of the eucharistic faith for all of us.

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

Restoration of Sunday Obligation (attachment)

The Bishops of Scotland have decided that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy days of Obligation will be reinstated from **Sunday 2 January 2022**. Please, find here attached a copy of the BCOS Pastoral Letter.

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

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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.

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

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

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

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	St Anthony's Balfron	St Kessog's Blanefield	Date
Cleaning	Char & Maureen	Patti Strain	Week 29th Nov - 5th Dec
Flowers	Advent- no flowers	Advent - no flowers	Saturday 4th Dec

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