

# St Kessog's Catholic Parish: One Parish, two churches

## St Anthony's Balfron and St Kessog's Blanefield

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### Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 27 December 2021 – 2 January 2022

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
<b>Monday</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> December	10:00 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Daily Mass	St John
<b>Tuesday</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> December	Day Off	Day Off	Day Off	Holy Innocents
<b>Wednesday</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> December	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
<b>Thursday</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> December	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
<b>Friday</b> 31 <sup>st</sup> December	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
<b>Saturday</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> January	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Mass of solemnity	Mary Mother of God
<b>Sunday</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Sunday Mass	Epiphany of the Lord
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Sunday Mass	

### Covid Update

As of today, there is no change to the current Covid guidance for places of worship, so we continue with the procedures we have in place.

### St Anthony's



### TEST & TRACE QR Code

**A QR code has been set up to TEST & TRACE NHS Scotland specifically for St Anthony's Catholic Church Balfron.**

If you have the QR App on your mobile phone, please use the QR code when you go to Mass. You will find them in the pews, on the noticeboard and the main door this will make entering the church quicker especially in the winter.

If you do not have the QR App please sign in as usual on the paper sheet at the entrance to the church.

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## Synod Events

A Synod of Bishops takes place in 2023 on the subject of **Synodality** of our Church. Pope Francis has asked each diocese across the world to prepare for that Synod through a period of discussion and discernment. We have already begun that synodal process here in our Archdiocese. There will be two events in each deanery in our Archdiocese. The hosting Parish in our deanery is **St Francis Xavier's in Falkirk**. So *we are looking for volunteers* who can represent our Parish at those deanery Events about the “**Synodality**” of the Church in St Francis Xavier's Falkirk.

✚ The first event is a preparatory Holy Hour: **4 January 2022**, starts at **7:30pm**

✚ The second event is the synodal meeting itself: **4 January 2022**, starts at **7:00pm**.

In each deanery, *every parish should send up to five delegates to its deanery-specific event*. This will help to ensure adequate representation from across the deanery.

✚ Delegates should attend both the Holy Hour and the synodal meeting.

✚ There is no need to submit names or numbers in advance

✚ **The meetings are open to all**. So, as well as the ‘official’ delegates, all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

To volunteer, please contact Fr Jacob by email at [stkessogs1@gmail.com](mailto:stkessogs1@gmail.com) or call at **01360770300**.

## Feast of the Holy Innocents

*Archbishop Cushley will celebrate Mass for the Feast of the Holy Innocents in St Margaret's Chapel, Gillis Centre*, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh EH9 1BB, at midday on **Tuesday 28 December**. Register at [bit.ly/InnocentsMass21](https://bit.ly/InnocentsMass21)

## Diploma in Catechetics 2022

Get ready to explore the richness and depth of the Catholic faith with course leader Sr Anna Marie McGuan from the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh. She and a range of guest speakers bring you *online lectures each Thursday, guided reading, one-to-one support, retreats and supplementary courses on Zoom and YouTube*. The Diploma in Catechetics lasts one year, begins in January 2022 and costs £200. Students £150. Other concessions are available. For information email [sranna.marie@staned.org.uk](mailto:sranna.marie@staned.org.uk) . Register at [bit.ly/DiplomaCatechetics2022](https://bit.ly/DiplomaCatechetics2022)

## 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

## Save the Date

*Amoris Laetitia - The Joy of Love*. There will be three talks explaining this important document, an apostolic exhortation by Pope Francis, *beginning 10 January* and led by Sr Anna Marie, the Archdiocese's Catechetics Advisor, and Fr Nick Welsh, vice rector of the Scots College in Rome. Details to follow soon.

## Save the Date

*Music Day*. This takes place on **Saturday 22 January** at the **Gillis Centre**, Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, **10:00am-3:30pm**. The theme is *Liturgical Music Making in a Post-Pandemic World*. The day is open to everyone, especially those involved in leading and playing music, as well as singers. Details to follow soon.

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### Cleaning & Flowers Rotas

	St Anthony's Balfron	St Kessog's Blanefield	Date
<b>Cleaning</b>	Justyna	Mirzi Clark	27th Dec 2021 - 2nd Jan 2022
<b>Flowers</b>	Frances	Christmas Team	1st Jan 2022

Merry Christmas to all of You !

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