

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

St Anthony's Balfron and St Kessog's Blanefield

Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 10th – 16th January 2022

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Monday 10th January	10.00am	St. Anthony's	Daily Mass	
Tuesday 11th January	Day Off	Day Off	Day Off	
Wednesday 12th January	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Thursday 13th January	9.20 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Eucharistic Adoration	St Kentigren
	10.00am	St. Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Friday 14th January	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Saturday 15th January	9.30am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Holy Rosary	
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Sunday 16th January	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Sunday Mass	2nd Sunday of the Year
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Sunday Mass	

Suspension of the Sunday Obligation

"At the beginning of Advent the Bishops of Scotland looked forward to welcoming the faithful back to Holy Mass and anticipated that the restoration of the Sunday Obligation might be possible as we begin the New Year. Sadly, there has been a serious worsening of the situation and **the restoration of the obligation will be postponed until a more favourable time**. For us Sunday is always a Holy Day and we invite those who are unable to be with us in person to continue to join with us in prayer and spiritual communion either by personal or family prayers or by online celebrations of Mass. We ask everyone to continue to pray for a speedy end to the Pandemic and for the good health of you and your loved ones in 2022. We also pray for all those who passed during 2021 and those who grieve. May Our Lady Health of the Sick pray for us and may Saints Andrew and Margaret protect us."

Scottish Government: C19 & places of worship

As regards Covid guidelines, the Bishops' Conference of Scotland inform us that "**there are no further changes for places of worship**". That means there are no new measures regarding capacity of physical distancing. Please continue best practice: ensuring face coverings are worn (unless

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exempt); that buildings are as ventilated as they can be; encouraging sanitising of hands. Tea/coffee gatherings after Mass are permitted. If you host these in your hall please ensure it is done as safely as possible.”

Diploma in Catechetics 2022

The Diploma in Catechetics lasts one year, begins in January 2022 and costs £200. Students £150. Other concessions are available. Sr Anna Marie McGuan 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*. For information please email Sr Anna Marie using the address sranna.marie@staned.org.uk . Register at 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.

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	Brenda & Martin	Elizabeth Taylor	10th - 16th Jan 2022

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Flowers	Frances	Elspeth Neil	16th Jan 2022

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