

# 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: 14th -20th February 2022

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
<b>Monday</b> 14th February	10.00am	St Anthony's Balfron	Daily Mass	St Cyril & Methodius
<b>Tuesday</b> 15th February	Day Off	Day Off	Day Off	
<b>Wednesday</b> 16th February	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
<b>Thursday</b> 17th February	9.20 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Eucharistic Adoration	
	10.00am	St. Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
<b>Friday</b> 18th February	10.00am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
<b>Saturday</b> 19th February	9.30am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Holy Rosary	
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
<b>Sunday</b> 20th February	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Sunday Mass	7th Sunday of the Year
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Sunday Mass	

### Apologies from our Archbishop

Dear parishioners,

His Grace Leo Cushley, our Archbishop, asked me to pass on his apologies since he will no longer be able to come and visit us as planned on Sunday 13 February 2022. In fact, the Archbishop has tested positive for the Covid and must self-isolate. Therefore, it is likely that his visit will be postponed until March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Please, remember our Archbishop in your daily prayers.

### Sunday obligation

BCOS has announced that the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is to be restored from *Sunday 6 March*.

### Kiltegan Fathers' Mission Appeal in our Parish

£149.20 was collected at St Kessog's last Sunday after Fr Kyran mission appeal.

## **African/Caribbean Mass (attachment)**

The first African/Caribbean Mass for the Archdiocese will be celebrated in St Patrick's, Cowgate, at 1pm this Sunday (6 February). Please see the attached promo image.

## **.40 Hours' Devotion (Attachment)**

Each parish in the Archdiocese is having 40 hours of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to help renew our Faith and love of Jesus Christ. It continues from this Sunday at Star of the Sea, North Berwick and at St Margaret's, Davidson Mains, Edinburgh. Full programme for the Archdiocese here in attachment or at [bit.ly/40hoursschedule](http://bit.ly/40hoursschedule). Find out more about Eucharistic Adoration: [bit.ly/40HoursPlaylist](http://bit.ly/40HoursPlaylist)

## **Vacancy**

The Archdiocese is recruiting an **Adviser in Religious Education (primary schools)**. While the post is full-time, applicants looking for part-time or flexible working patterns are also encouraged to apply. Please see [archedinburgh.org.uk/news-events](http://archedinburgh.org.uk/news-events) for full details.

## **Called and Gifted Workshop**

You have received gifts in Baptism and Confirmation through which God intends His love to reach others. Come and discover these charisms in you at the *Called and Gifted Workshop*. It takes place from 8:30am-5:30pm on Saturday February 19th at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. To register and for more info visit [bit.ly/calledgifted](http://bit.ly/calledgifted)

## **Making Disciples Seminar**

Learn how God is at work in your life and in the lives of others in this three-day seminar. It will sharpen your evangelisation skills and show how each of us can be an instrument in God's hand as we walk as His disciples. It takes place from Friday 25 - Sun 27 February at St Kentigern's Church, 26-28 Parkgrove Avenue, Barnton, EH4 7QR. To register and for more info visit [bit.ly/disciplesseminar](http://bit.ly/disciplesseminar)

## **National Synod event**

**This Saturday 12 February at 2pm**, the Bishops' Conference of Scotland (BCOS) hosts '*Synodality in the Life & Mission of the Church*'. The keynote speaker will be Cardinal Mario Grech, General Secretary of the Synod of Bishops. This online event will be streamed on the BCOS YouTube channel at [bit.ly/BCOSYouTube](http://bit.ly/BCOSYouTube)

## **Safeguarding Matters**

Our Archdiocesan Safeguarding Team has advised us to exhort our Parishioners who help with Children Catechism, Welcome ministry and Eucharistic Ministry to volunteer and get registered for the Safeguarding Training. For any starter, the *Induction Training Part 1* is necessary. Currently available sessions are as below :

### **Induction Part 1 – book via [margaret\\_andow@outlook.com](mailto:margaret_andow@outlook.com)**

- Tuesday *1 March at 7pm*
- Saturday *19 March at 10am*

### **Induction Part 2 - book via [callum.timms@staned.org.uk](mailto:callum.timms@staned.org.uk)**

- Saturday *5 March at 11am*

### **Induction Part 2 – book via [julie.brechin@staned.org.uk](mailto:julie.brechin@staned.org.uk)**

- Saturday *12 March at 10am*
- Thursday *24 March at 6pm*

## **Rediscover Your Marriage**

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The Retrouvaille programme offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Many headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information or to register for the programme, which begins with a virtual weekend 3-6 March, call/text 0788 7296983 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) The website is at [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

### **Events for married/engaged couples**

The Archdiocese is hosting events for married and engaged couples in the lead-up to the 10th World Meeting of Families (Rome 22-26 June 2022). These events are for couples to come before the Lord together in reflection on the beautiful Catholic vision of marriage and family life, thanksgiving for the gift of this calling and prayer for the blessing of their love. Register at [bit.ly/ArchEventbrite](https://bit.ly/ArchEventbrite)

- Sunday 6 March 2022, Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, 4.00-5.00pm - Holy Hour with Archbishop Leo
- Sunday 3 April 2022, Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, 4.00-5.30pm - Testimony and Holy Hour with Anton and Angela Colella
- Sunday 8 May 2022, Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, 3.00-5.30pm - Afternoon Retreat with Brian and Maureen Devine
- Wednesday 18 May 2022, St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, 7.00pm - Mass for Married and Engaged Couples.

### **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

### **SPUC Youth Conference**

The largest UK pro-life youth conference takes place 25-27 February 2022 in Stone, Staffordshire. It's open to people aged 16-35 and a chance to meet fellow young pro-life leaders, be inspired and have fun. Register at <https://www.spuc.org.uk/youthconference2022>  
Sponsorship available to young people in our Archdiocese. Please contact the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office: [prolife@staned.org.uk](mailto:prolife@staned.org.uk)

### **Finance & Gift Aid:**

We thank you for your financial support to our Parish. Nevertheless, we still need your support to face our regular bills or invoices. For any questions regarding donating to the parish, or if you would like to make a standing order please contact George Edwards on Tel: 07866 683172 or e-mail: [geojoedwards@yahoo.com](mailto:geojoedwards@yahoo.com)

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**Parish Bulletin:** If you have any news you would like included in our Sunday Parish Bulletin, please email it to Frances: [fmdouglas61@icloud.com](mailto: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**

	<b>St Anthony's Balfron</b>	<b>St Kessog's Blanefield</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Cleaning</b>	Justyna & Katie	Elizabeth Taylor	14th -20th Feb 2022
<b>Flowers</b>	Moyra	Anne Brown	13th Feb 2022