

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

St Anthony's Balfron and St Kessog's Blanefield

Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 21st - 27th February 2022

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Monday 21st February	10.00am	St Anthony's Balfron	Daily Mass	
Tuesday 22nd February	Day Off	Day Off	Day Off	Chair of St Peter the Apostle
Wednesday 23rd February	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	St Polycarp Memorial
Thursday 24th February			No Mass	
Friday 25th February	10.00am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Saturday 26th February	9.30am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Holy Rosary	
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Sunday 27th February	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Sunday Mass	8th Sunday of the Year
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Sunday Mass	

Clergy Safeguarding Day

Thursday 24 February 2022 will be the Clergy Safeguarding Day. Fr Jacob must be in Edinburgh, at Gillis Centre before 11am and so, there won't be Mass in St Kessog's church as usual at 10 o'clock.

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 13th, 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*.

Lent – Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 2 March 2022 will be the Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lenten Season 2022. Please start planning to take part in spiritual practices recommended to all Christians during

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Lent. One these recommended practices is the Stations of the Cross which usually takes place every Friday of Lent in Parishes around the world. In this perspective, the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Stations of the Cross takes place online throughout Lent, each Tuesday on Zoom at 7:45pm. It begins on 8 March and will feature a reflection from Archbishop Cushley. Pray with clergy and parishioners from across the Archdiocese for mothers, unborn children and all pro-life intentions. Register at bit.ly/prolifeevents

Online Retreat

The Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow is hosting an *online retreat in Lent*. Each day features an episode from the life of St Ignatius, music, art, a reading from Scripture and a reflection. Details at <https://iscglasgow.co.uk/lent22.html>

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

40 Hours' Devotion

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 this Sunday-Tuesday at St John's and St Mary Magdalene's in Edinburgh. See <https://www.stjohnsportobello.co.uk/newsletters> The 40 Hours Devotion is scheduled for 25 September 2022 in our Parish of St Kessog's. From July you will be asked to get registered for staying 1 hour before the Lord. Please, put it down as one of the family plans. Full programme for the Archdiocese is at bit.ly/40hoursschedule. Find out more about Eucharistic Adoration: bit.ly/40HoursPlaylist

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

Vacancy



St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh is looking to employ a facilities manager. The job is 21 hours per week (£16,200 pro rata) and the closing date for applications is Friday 4 March. Job description and how to apply at <https://www.s1jobs.com/job/facilities-manager-52764122>

African/Caribbean Mass

The monthly African/Caribbean Mass for the Archdiocese will be celebrated at St Patrick's, Cowgate, Edinburgh, at *1pm on Sunday 6 March*. All welcome.

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**
 - Tuesday *1 March at 7pm*
 - Saturday *19 March at 10am*
-  **Induction Part 2 - book via callum.timms@staned.org.uk**
 - Saturday *5 March at 11am*

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 **Induction Part 2 – book via julie.brechin@staned.org.uk**

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

Rediscover Your Marriage

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 The website is at 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

- 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

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

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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 (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 Balfron	St Kessog's Blanefield	Date
Cleaning	Justyna & Katie	Mirzi Clark	21st 27th Feb 2022
Flowers	Moyra	Mandy McCarron	26th Feb 2022