

St Kessog's Catholic Parish: One Parish, two churches St Anthony's Balfron and St Kessog's Blanefield

Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 28th February - 6th March 2022

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Monday 28st February	10.00am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Tuesday 1st March	Day Off	Day Off	Day Off	
Wednesday 2nd March	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	Ash Wednesday
	7.00pm	St Anthony's Balfron	Daily Mass	
Thursday 3rd March	9.20am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Eucharistic Adoration	
	10.00am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
	7.00pm	St Anthony's Balfron	Stations of the Cross	
Friday 4th March	9.20am	St Anthony's Balfron	Eucharistic Adoration	First Friday
	10.00am	St Anthony's Balfron	Daily Mass	
	7.00pm	St Kessog's Blanefield	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 5th March	9.30am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Holy Rosary	
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Sunday 6th March	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Sunday Mass	1st Sunday of Lent
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Sunday Mass	



Ash Wednesday and Lenten Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 2 March 2022 will be *Ash Wednesday* which marks the beginning of the Lenten Season 2022. Lent is a special time of preparation for us, a time when we prepare to celebrate Jesus' Paschal Mystery at Eastertime. The Paschal mystery of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection is the Centre of the Church's liturgical year and of Christian Life. That is why we are all invited to receive ashes on our heads at the special time, both as a sign of humility and as a commitment through *Penitence*, *Fast* and *Prayer*. Please, let us strive to participate in the *Ash Wednesday liturgy*.



In our Parish, there will be *two liturgical services* next Wednesday:

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Mail Address: St Kessog's Presbytery, 4, Campsie Dene Road, Blanefield, G63 9BN. UK.

-  St Kessog's church **Blanefield**: mass at **10:00 am** with imposition of ash on our heads;
-  St Anthony's church **Balfron**: mass at **7:00 pm** including imposition ash on our heads

Also, during Lent, there will be **Stations of the Cross** in our Parish:

-  **Balfron** St Anthony's church on **Thursdays at 7pm**;
-  **Blanefield** St Kessog's church on **Fridays at 7pm**.

First Reconciliation Preparation

After a slight delay in re-starting the classes again after Christmas, we are delighted to be able to resume this **Saturday 26th February 11am-12pm at St. Kessog's**. We will send the children home with a list of the proposed dates for the remaining classes as well as the proposed for First Reconciliation. We look forward to seeing the children on Saturday! Anne & Louise.

Sunday obligation

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

Pro-Life – Zoomed Stations of the Cross

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

Lent with St Paul

The Archdiocese is hosting **Lent with St Paul – a Saint's guide to making the most of Lent**. It's a 30 minute talk at **7:30pm** on **14, 21, 28 March** and **4 April**. Fr Andrews Garden (St David's, Dalkeith) explores insights and advice from St Paul to help us prepare for Easter. No need to register, *watch live on the YouTube Channel* of the Archdiocese at bit.ly/ArchYouTube

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>

Day of Prayer

Friday 4 March is a *Day of Prayer for all those who have experienced abuse*. Please pray for children, young people and vulnerable adults whose lives have been scarred by the abuse they have experienced at the hands of those whom they trusted. Pray also for all are engaged in the pursuit of peace, healing and reconciliation for the abused, the needy, the weak and the vulnerable. Pray that the work of the new Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency will be guided by the Holy Spirit to help us all to meet our responsibility to respect and safeguard the dignity of all.

Catholics in health and social care

A training day about the ethical challenges of work in the health and care sector takes place at The **Gillis Centre**, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, on **Saturday 19 March** from **9:30am to 3:30pm**. Speakers will lead discussions on assisted suicide, accompaniment of the dying and conscientious objection. This event is targeted at health/care workers and anyone motivated by their faith to care for others.

Register at <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/events/2022/03/catholics-in-health-and-social-care>

Scotland's Census

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The once-a-decade count of the population of Scotland takes place soon and your household will receive a letter about it. Please complete the census accurately and **remember to include your religion!** The deadline for completion of the census is **20 March 2022**. Details at scotlandcensus.gov.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>

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 from Sunday 27 to Tuesday 1 March at St James' in St Andrews and at St John the Baptist in Fauldhouse. See parish social media for details. Full programme for the Archdiocese is at bit.ly/40hoursschedule. Find out more about Eucharistic Adoration: bit.ly/40HoursPlaylist

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**
- ✚ **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/

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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

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	Patti Strain	28th Feb - 6th March2022
Flowers	Lent - no flowers		5th March 2022