

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

Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 7th - 13th February 2022

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Monday 7th February	10.00am	St Anthony's Balfron	Daily Mass	
Tuesday 8th February	Day Off	Day Off	Day Off	
Wednesday 9th February	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Thursday 10th February	9.20 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Eucharistic Adoration	St Scholastica Memorial
	10.00am	St. Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Friday 11th February	10.00am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Saturday 12th February	9.30am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Holy Rosary	
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Sunday 13th February	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Sunday Mass	6th Sunday of the Year
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Sunday Mass	

The Archbishop's Visit to our Parish

As a major part of drastic measures due to the Covid-19 have been eased, His Grace Leo Cushley, our Archbishop, is coming to visit our Parish and celebrate the Eucharist with us on **Sunday 13 February 2022**. Therefore, His Grace Leo will preside at the Holy Mass in Balfron at 9:30am and in Blanefield at 11:00am. *Your presence to the mass of this day is very excepted* in order to confirm the number of Catholics in our area, and thus, reassure us about the continued existence of our Parish.

Kiltegan Fathers' Mission Appeal in our Parish *[See attached]*

On behalf of Kiltegan Fathers, Fr Kyran will be doing a **Mission Appeal** in favour of *St Patrick's Missionary Society*, on **Sunday 6 February 2022**. This Mission Appeal will take place during the Holy Mass celebrated by Fr Kyran himself on the same date in Balfron at 9:30am and in Blanefield at 11:00am.

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

Covid update (attachment)

With immediate effect, parishes may dispense with taking contact details of people attending Mass for the purposes of Test and Protect. Details in 'Covid Update', attached.

Pastoral letter - Sunday obligation (attachment)

BCOS has announced that the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is to be restored from Sunday 6 March. Please see the attached pastoral letter from Bishop Hugh Gilbert, President of the Bishops' Conference.

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.

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

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

National Synod event

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland (BCOS) hosts '*Synodality in the Life & Mission of the Church*' at 2pm on Saturday 12 February. 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

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

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- 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.

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*

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 for full details.

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

Finance & Gift Aid:

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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 Balfon	St Kessog's Blanefield	Date
Cleaning	Char & Maureen	Patricia Orr	7th - 13th Feb 2022
Flowers	Moyra	Anne Brown	12th Feb 2022