

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

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Parish Sunday Bulletin 27 November 2022

**Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 28 November – 04 December 2022**

<b>DAY &amp; DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>FEAST</b>
<b>Monday 28 November</b>	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
<b>Tuesday 29 November</b>	Day Off	Day Off	Day Off	Day Off
<b>Wednesday 30 Nov.</b>	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	<b>Mass of the Solemnity</b>	<b>St. Andrew</b> Patron of Scotland
<b>Thursday 01 December</b>	9:20 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Eucharistic Adoration	
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
<b>Friday 02 December</b>	9:20 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Eucharistic Adoration	<b>First Friday of Month</b>
	10:00 am	St Anthony's Balfron	<b>Mass of the Most Sacred Heart</b>	
<b>Saturday 03 December</b>	9:30 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Holy Rosary	<b>St Francis Xavier</b>
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
<b>Sunday 04 December</b>	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Sunday Mass	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent A</b>
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Sunday Mass	

**Season of Advent**

From this Sunday start a new liturgical Year (Year A) and this is always opened by the Advent Season. During this special time the Church prepares to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord, recalling his first coming at the Incarnation as well as looking forward in faith to his second coming in glory at the end of time. It is a period of hope and expectation in which we are invited to stay awakened in prayer and practice of charity.

**Advent and Christmas Services**

**Confession:** Every Saturday after 10am mass or by arrangement.

Everyone is encouraged to go to confession even in other parish where that is possible

**Christmas Eve**

**St Anthony's Balfron:** Carol singing at 5.30pm followed by **Mass at 6.00pm.**

**St Kessog's Blanefield:** Carol singing at 7.00pm followed by **Mass at 7.30pm.**

**Christmas Day** Masses will be at the normal times as it is a Sunday.

**St Anthony's Balfron: 9.30am.**

**St Kessog's Blanefield: 11.00am.**

## **Catholic Education**

A **second collection** will be taken up this Sunday for the work of the **Scottish Catholic Education Service**. Moreover, to make sure Catholic voices are heard in the national discussion on the future of education in Scotland, please submit your response to the **Scottish Government's 10-Question Survey** at [bit.ly/scotedsurvey](http://bit.ly/scotedsurvey)

## **Entering Advent**

Mark the beginning of Advent with an online talk titled '*Entering Advent with Isaiah*' with Fr Jamie McMorrin, of St Margaret's in Davidson's Mains, Edinburgh. It takes place **on Zoom, Monday 28 November at 7:30pm-8:30pm**. Register now at [bit.ly/enteradvent](http://bit.ly/enteradvent)

## **Diploma in Catechetics Course [Attached]**

Explore the richness and depth of the Catholic faith with the Diploma in Catechetics course from the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh. Join an **online session each Thursday** with a range of guest speakers, guided reading, one-to-one support, retreats and supplementary courses on Zoom and YouTube. The **Diploma in Catechetics lasts one year, begins on 12 January 2023** and costs £200 (concessions available). Registration and info at [bit.ly/archdiploma2023](http://bit.ly/archdiploma2023). Questions? Email [sranna.marie@staned.org.uk](mailto:sranna.marie@staned.org.uk)

## **Advent Rosary for Life**

Join people from across the Archdiocese to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Includes a reflection from a priest of the Archdiocese **each week**. Begins **Wednesday 30 November** and continues on **each Wednesday in Advent, 7:45pm – 8:20pm**. Register at [bit.ly/archprolifeevents](http://bit.ly/archprolifeevents) (Zoom event).

## **Vacancy – administrator**

The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh is seeking to appoint an Administrator. The position is full time (Mon-Fri) and the annual wage is £21,000 per annum. Full details at [bit.ly/archadminjob](http://bit.ly/archadminjob) To apply, please send your CV and a cover letter to [recruitment@staned.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@staned.org.uk) by **Friday 2 December**.

## **St Andrew's Day**

Celebrate the feast day of our National Patron at **St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh**. There will be adoration on Tuesday 29 November from 7pm which will conclude with Evening Prayer and Benediction at 8pm. Then on **Wednesday 30 November**, Archbishop Leo Cushley will celebrate **Mass at 12:45pm**. *It was Andrew who, famously, brought Peter to Jesus – this feast day is your opportunity in a special way – to go to Jesus, through Andrew.*

## **Registration for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation**

We would like to start preparing for these classes and get an indication of the number of children for each class. Classes will begin in January and are usually held over 6 weeks on a Saturday morning for one hour. If you would like to enrol your child for sacramental preparation, could you please complete the attached registration form and return it to Fr. Jacob (by email at [stkessogs1@gmail.com](mailto:stkessogs1@gmail.com)). The normal age for children to receive the sacraments is **P3 (Reconciliation), P4 (First Holy Communion) and P7 (Confirmation)**.

**Gift Aid:** For any questions regarding donating to the parish, please contact George Edwards on Tel: 07866 683172 or e-mail: [geojoedwards@yahoo.com](mailto:geojoedwards@yahoo.com)

**Parish Census:** In order, for us, to function well as a Parish it is important that we have up to date contact details for all our parishioners. Please take a few minutes to complete the registration form on the website: <https://parishofstkessog.org/> (in the 'Connect' section, under the 'Welcome' heading). Thank You.

**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 :** See the cleaning rota in Balfron or Blanefield. No flowers in Advent.