

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

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Parish Sunday Bulletin 04 December 2022

**Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 05 – 11 December 2022**

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Monday 5 December	10:00 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Daily Mass	
Wednesd. 7 December	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	St Ambrose
Thursday 8 December	9:20 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>	The Immaculate Conception of the B. V. Mary
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Friday 9 December	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Saturday 10 December	9:30 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	<i>Holy Rosary</i>	
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Sunday 11 December	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Sunday Mass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent A
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Sunday Mass	

**Advent Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions**

Special Exposition of the Most Holy Sacrament for Advent 2022 in our Parish, with possibility for individual Confessions on:

- ✚ **Saturday 17 December**, at St Kessog's church in Blanefield with from **3pm – 5pm**.
- ✚ **Monday 19 December**, at St Anthony's church in Balfron from **10:30am – 12:00 noon**.

**Food Bank Collection [Attachment]**

Food Bank donations are desperately needed and we rely on you to help those who are mostly in need. This is a way of sharing the joy of Christmas with the poor and the needy. Please donate no perishable items, but tins, long-life cartons and dry goods are all welcome. Thank you and God bless !

**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. *Each Wednesday in Advent, 7:45pm – 8:20pm*. Register at [bit.ly/archprolifeevents](http://bit.ly/archprolifeevents) (*Zoom event*).

**Advent Reflections**

Reflect on the meaning of Advent with two online talks from Canon Hugh White. You can watch these two talks at [bit.ly/reconnectingtogod](http://bit.ly/reconnectingtogod) and [bit.ly/respondingtogod](http://bit.ly/respondingtogod) They are also available on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel.

### **Catholic Education**

We did not have a **second collection** for the work of the **Scottish Catholic Education Service** on **Sunday 20 November** as recommended by our bishops. That will take place in our Parish on **Sunday 11 December**. Please support this excellent work assisting Catholic Schools across Scotland.

### **Let Us Pray**

Rediscover prayer as we await anew the gift of life in Jesus. Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM leads this series of three **30 minute online talks** on different forms of prayers - vocal, meditative, contemplative - on **Monday 5, 12, and 19 December** at **7:30pm on Zoom**. No registration required, just use the following link on the night to join any of the talks: [bit.ly/adventtalks22](http://bit.ly/adventtalks22)

### **Bookshop**

*St Paul's Bookshop is open at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh.* It has a wide range of Christian books as well as gift items. Find your perfect stocking filler there! Opening hours are **10:00am to 5:30pm**, including weekends (**closed Mondays**).

### **Holy Hour with Archbishop Cushley**

Join Archbishop Cushley for Eucharistic Adoration at St Margaret's Chapel at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, to pray for "insight, courage and joy in our mission," as part of the Synod 2023. It takes place at 6pm on the following Sundays: 18 Dec, 10 Jan, 12 Feb, 12 Mar. No registration required, just turn up and pray.

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

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 and flowers rota in Balfron or Blanefield. (**Notice:** This won't appear any longer in our Sunday bulletin from the next week).