

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

Parish Sunday Bulletin 11 December 2022

Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 12 – 18 December 2022

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Monday 12 December	10:00 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Daily Mass	
Tuesday 13 December	DAY OFF			St Lucy
Wednesday 14 December	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	St John of the Cross
Thursday 15 December	9:20 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>	
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Friday 16 December	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Saturday 17 December	9:30 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	<i>Holy Rosary</i>	
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Sunday 18 December	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Sunday Mass	4 th Sunday of Advent A
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Sunday Mass	

Advent Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions

Just a reminder: Instead of a classic Advent Reflexion, there will be a 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**.

These special Advent services do not suspend the possibility of individual 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 Services

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**.

Food Bank Collection

Food Bank donations are desperately needed and we rely on you to help those who are mostly in need. This is a opportunity to share the Christmas' Joy 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 !

Registration for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation [Attachment]
Classes for the First Reconciliation will begin on the **14th of January** and will be held over **6 weeks** on **Saturday** morning for one hour. If you would like to enrol your child for sacramental preparation, please complete the attached registration form and return it to Fr. Jacob (by email at stkessogs1@gmail.com) or contact one of our Catechists (namely Louise Olney or Anne Friel).

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 (*Zoom event*).

Advent Reflections

Reflect on the meaning of Advent with two online talks from Canon Hugh White. You can watch these two talks on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel at bit.ly/reconnectingtogod and bit.ly/respondingtogod.

Diploma in Catechetics Course

Lessons for the **Diploma in Catechetics** begins on **12 January 2023**, lasts **one year** and costs **£200** (concessions available). 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. Registration and info at bit.ly/archdiploma2023. Questions? Email sranna.marie@staned.org.uk

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 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

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*.

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.

Last Sunday Collection: £202.09 (Blanefield).

Gift Aid: 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 at fmdouglas61@icloud.com or to Fr Jacob at stkessogs1@gmail.com.

You can find this Bulletin and previous ones on our Parish website: www.parishofstkessog.org