

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

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**Parish Sunday Bulletin 18 December 2022**

**Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 19 – 25 December 2022**

<b>DAY &amp; DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>FEAST</b>
<b>Monday 19 December</b>	10:00 am	St Anthony's Balforn	Daily Mass	
	10:30- 12:00	St Anthony's Balforn	<i>Eucharistic Adoration+ Confessions</i>	
<b>Wednesday 21 December</b>	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
<b>Thursday 22 December</b>	9:20 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>	
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
<b>Saturday 24 December</b>	6:00 pm	St Anthony's Balforn	<b>Christmas Eve Mass</b>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b>
	7:30 pm	St Kessog's Blanefield		
<b>Sunday 25 December</b>	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balforn	<b>Christmas Mass of the Day</b>	
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield		

**Notice:** 1. The Nativity of the Lord is not only a Solemnity, but also a *Holy Day of Obligation* for Catholics.  
2. No daily mass on Friday.

**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**

**Classes for the First Reconciliation** will begin on the 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stkessogs1@gmail.com)) or contact one of our Catechists (namely Louise Olney or Anne Friel).

**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](http://bit.ly/archdiploma2023). Questions? Email [sranna.marie@staned.org.uk](mailto:sranna.marie@staned.org.uk)

**Archdiocesan Directory :** The 2023 Archdiocesan Directory is now available for sale. It includes a liturgical calendar and key contacts for churches, schools, organisation and religious orders in the Archdiocese. It's a perfect stocking filler and costs just £3.

### **Let Us Pray**

Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM hosts the final 30 minute online Advent talk on different forms of prayer on **Monday 19 December** at **7:30pm**. No registration required, just use the following link on the night to join: [bit.ly/adventtalks22](https://bit.ly/adventtalks22) (Zoom event). Catch up with previous talks on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel: [bit.ly/ArchYouTube](https://bit.ly/ArchYouTube)

### **Advent Rosary for Life**

Join Archbishop Leo and people from across the Archdiocese to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. The Advent Rosary for Life takes place on **Wednesday 21 December** from **7:45pm – 8:20pm**. Register at [bit.ly/archprolifeevents](https://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](https://bit.ly/reconnectingtogod) and [bit.ly/respondingtogod](https://bit.ly/respondingtogod) .

**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:** **£200** (Blanefield) + **£129.50** (Balfron). Special collection included. We thank those who keep on donate by direct debit. Many thanks to all of you for your generosity.

**Gift Aid:** please contact George Edwards on Tel: 07866 683172 or e-mail: [geojoedwards@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:fmdouglas61@icloud.com) or to Fr Jacob at [stkessogs1@gmail.com](mailto:stkessogs1@gmail.com) .

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