

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

Parish Sunday Bulletin 01 October 2023

Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 02 – 08 October 2023

| DAY & DATE | TIME | CHURCH | ACTIVITY | FEAST |
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| Wednesday 4 October | 10:00 am | St Kessog's Blanefield | Weekday Mass | St Francis of Assisi |
| Thursday 5 October | 9:20 am | St Kessog's Blanefield | <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> | |
| | 10:00 am | St Kessog's Blanefield | Weekday Mass | |
| Friday 6 October | 10:00 am | St Anthony's Balfron | <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> | 1st Friday of the Month |
| | 10:00 am | St Anthony's Balfron | Devotional Mass to Sacred Heart of Jesus | |
| Saturday 7 October | 9:30 am | St Kessog's Blanefield | Holy Rosary | Our Lady of the Rosary |
| | 10:00 am | St Kessog's Blanefield | Mass of Our Lady of the Rosary | |
| Sunday 8 October | 9:30 am | St Anthony's Balfron | Sunday Mass | 27th Sunday A |
| | 11:00 am | St Kessog's Blanefield | | |

Confessions: Every Saturday after 10 O'clock mass or any day by arrangement with the Priest.

October, Month of the Holy Rosary

October is the month traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The Memorial of **Our Lady of the Rosary** is on Saturday 7 October. To mark the beginning of this month, please let us come together as a Parish community and pray the Rosary on Saturday at St Kessog's church in Blanefield at **9:30am**. The Church also recommends families to find time to pray the holy rosary in families. "Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ!"

Vocations Mass [See Attached]

The next **Mass to pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the Archdiocese** is on Tuesday 31 October at 7pm at St Margaret's, Drip Road, Raploch, Stirling, FK9 4UA. Please find here attached the bishop John Keenan's pastoral letter of September the 10th about **Vocations Awareness Week in Scotland**, in which you will find a prayer for Vocations to be said individually or in group (family).

Synod of Bishops on Synodality

The Assembly meetings of the **Synod of Bishops on Synodality** takes place from **4-29 October 2023**. Bishop Brian McGee (Argyll & the Isles) is representing Scotland. We are invited to take part in a **livestreamed prayer service on Saturday from 3:30pm**.

Free2Pray

The Catholic Parliamentary Office hosts 'Free2Pray', a **webinar** taking place at **7:45pm on Friday 13 October**. It will highlight a bill in the Scottish Parliament that could result in the imprisonment of anyone who prays or offers help near abortion centres. It is vital that Catholics, and all concerned for freedom of speech and assembly, make a response to this dangerous Bill. Register for the session at bit.ly/free2pray

A View from Within

Those with experience of what life is like inside Scotland's prisons share their stories at this free event to mark Prisoners' Week. It takes place on **Saturday 7 October** from **10:00am - 3:30pm** at **The Gillis Centre**, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Details and registration at bit.ly/aviewfromwithin

Teams of Our Lady

Teams is a **worldwide lay movement within the Catholic Church** which helps married couples grow in their love of Christ and each other, recognising that Christian marriage is a precious gift that we need to nurture. Teams consist of four to six couples and a spiritual counsellor, often a priest, who meet roughly once a month in each other's homes. An open information evening takes place on **Tuesday 10 October, 6:30pm - 7:30pm** in Ss John Cantius & Nicholas Church Hall, **Broxburn**, EH52 5RJ. More info from northern@teamsgb.org.uk

Safeguarding Event

The **National Safeguarding Conference** takes place on **Saturday 18 November in Glasgow**. The event is for anyone who has a safeguarding responsibility in a parish. Register at bit.ly/3Z93und.

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.

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 .

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