

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

**Parish Sunday Bulletin 29 October 2023**

**Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 30 October – 4 November 2023**

<b>DAY &amp; DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>FEAST</b>
<b>Wednesday 1 November</b>	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Mass of the Solemnity	<b>All Saints Solemnity and Holy day of Obligation</b>
<b>Thursday 2 November</b>	<b>9:20 am</b>	St Kessog's Blanefield	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>	<b>Commemoration All the Faith Departed</b>
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	<b>Mass for All the Faithful Departed</b>	
	<b>11:45 am</b>	St Kessog's Blanefield	<b>Funeral Mass</b>	<b>John Wilson's Funeral mass</b>
<b>Friday 3 November</b>	10:00 am	St Anthony's Balfron	<b>Mass devoted to the Sacred Heart</b>	<b>First Sunday of the Month</b>
<b>Saturday 4 November</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	St Kessog's Blanefield	<b>Holy Rosary</b>	<b>St Charles Borromeo</b>
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Weekday Mass	
<b>Sunday 5 November</b>	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> Sunday A</b>
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield		

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

**Clock moves back 1 hour this weekend**

This Saturday night (the last weekend of October) clock moves back 1 hour here in the Northern hemisphere. Please be aware of it in order to get to mass on time.

**November 1<sup>st</sup>: All Saints and Holy Day of Obligation**

**Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2023** will be the **Solemnity of All Saints** and a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Please, manage your diary in order to attend mass on that day wherever you can. In our Parish, there will be mass at St Kessog's church in Blanefield at 10 am and we are all invited to come and celebrate together the communion of saints.

**2 November: Commemoration of All the Faithful departed**

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed also known as "**All Souls Day**" is an opportunity to pray for all the dead and especially those in the purgatory, awaiting their entry in heaven. It is a day of remembrance and of prayer for them as well as for the departed members of our family. Those who can, are encouraged to visit the graves of their loved ones in cemetery and pray for them.

**Thanks for supporting World Mission Sunday**

Thank you for responding to Missio Scotland's World Mission Sunday Appeal last weekend. Together as a parish we have raised £323. Your donations and prayers will go towards supporting work of our missionaries worldwide. Thank you once again.

### **Vocations Mass**

The next Mass to *pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life* in the Archdiocese is on **Tuesday 31 October at 7:00pm** at St Margaret's, Drip Road, Raploch, Stirling, FK9 4UA.

### **Retreat for Young Women**

Thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Join other Catholic women from across the Archdiocese for this special retreat in Edinburgh. This will take place on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in Edinburgh at [St Columba's](#), 9 Upper Gray Street, EH9 1SN + [Google Map](#) Also [View Venue Website](#) It's a chance to reflect, relax, socialise and pray together, led by Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO. Email [religiousvocations@staned.org.uk](mailto:religiousvocations@staned.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](https://bit.ly/3Z93und).

### **Diploma in Catechistics 2024**

The Diploma in Catechistics is the perfect opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith in 2024!

- Register now and receive an early bird discount of 20%.
- The year-long course **begins on Thursday 25 January 2024**.
- **Sessions delivered on Zoom each week** by a range of expert speakers.
- Regular one-to-one sessions with course leader Sr Miriam Ruth.

To register, please go to [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/diploma-in-catechistics-2024-registration](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/diploma-in-catechistics-2024-registration)

**Last Sunday Collection: Total: £191.00 + Special collection [Missio]: £323.00.**

Many thanks to all of you for your generosity. We also thank those who donate by direct debit.

**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](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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