

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

Parish Sunday Bulletin 24 December 2023

Celebrations Schedule: 23 December 2023 – 1 Janvier 2024

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Sat. 23 Dec.	5:30pm	St Anthony's Balfron	Vigil Mass	4th Sunday of Advent B
SUN. 24 DEC	11:00am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Sunday Mass	4th Sunday of Advent B
	7:00pm	St Anthony's Balfron	Christmas Eve Mass	NATIVITY OF THE LORD
MON. 25 DEC.	10:30 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	CHRISTMAS MASS OF THE DAY	NATIVITY OF THE LORD
Frid. 28 Dec.	12 noon	St Margaret's Chapel, Gillis Centre, Edinburgh	Feast Mass presided by the Archbishop Leo	Holy Innocents
Sat. 30 Dec.	10:00am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Christmas Octave Mass	Christmas Octave
Sun 31 Dec	9:30am	St Anthony's Balfron	Sunday Mass	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
	11:00am	St Kessog's Blanefield		
MON .1 JAN.	10:00am	St Anthony's Balfron	Mass & Blessings for the New Year 2024	Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Confessions: By arrangement with the Priest.

Mass for the Feast of the Holy Innocents

Join Archbishop Cushley, priests and people of the Archdiocese to celebrate the **Feast of the Holy Innocents** at **12 noon on Thursday 28 December**. He will celebrate Mass at **St Margaret's Chapel** in the **Gillis Centre**, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. **Refreshments will be served afterwards** in the Islay room of the Gillis Centre. There won't be weekday mass in our parish on this day.

Parking: Gillis parking is available but limited. Come early to secure a space. Metered parking is available outside Gillis on Strathearn Road, Whitehouse Loan and Thirlestane Road.

Bus: Edinburgh's **Number 5** bus stops directly outside the Gillis Centre.

Driving: Postcode for the Gillis Centre is **EH9 1BB**.

Explore: A Retreat for Young Women

Thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Join other young Catholic women to chat and explore God's will in monthly get-togethers in Edinburgh. Led by Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO, **the first one takes place on Sunday 28 January, 4-7pm at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh**. It is a chance to pray, share and discuss in a relaxed environment, and refreshments will be served. The series continues each month at the same time/venue: **25 Feb; 17 Mar; 21 Apr; 12 May; 22 June**.

Joint Christmas Message

Archbishop Cushley and The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland have released a joint Christmas message. The collaboration between Rt Rev Sally Foster-Fulton and the Archbishop Cushley (who is the Bishop President for Ecumenical Relations for the Bishops' Conference of Scotland) is a symbol of Christian unity in a deeply troubled world. It follows the signing of the historic St Margaret Declaration last year, which recognises that the two churches have more in common than divides them and are brothers and sisters in Christ. [See Attached]

Diploma in Catechetics 2024

The Diploma in Catechetics 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-catechetics-2024-registration

Last Sunday Collection.

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

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR !