

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

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**Parish Sunday Bulletin 3 December 2023**

**Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 3 – 10 December 2023**

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Sunday 3 December	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Sunday Mass	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Year B
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield		
Wednesday 6 December	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Weekday Mass	
Thursday 7 December	9:20 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Eucharistic Adoration	St Ambrose
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Mass of the Memorial	
Friday 8 December	9:20 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Eucharistic Adoration	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday catch-up & Immaculate Conception of Virgin Mary
	10:00 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Mass of the Solemnity	
Saturday 9 December	No Weekday Mass			
Sunday 10 December	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Sunday Mass	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year B
	11:00am	St Kessog's Blanefield		

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

**Advent 2023**

From this Sunday 3 December we start the Advent Season. This is a special time when Christians around the world prepare spiritually for celebrating Christmas. Going to Confession and practising charity (with special attention to the poor and the needy of our society) are some of the good ways to prepare for Christmas. Please click on the following link and listen to the video message from the Archbishop Leo Cushley: <https://youtu.be/eGiLYxUWbeo>

**Advent Rosary for Life [zoom event]**

Pray with parishioners and clergy from across the Archdiocese at our Advent Rosary for Life. This **online Rosary** takes place **each Wednesday at 7:45pm**. This event includes a reflection from Archbishop Leo Cushley. The first online Rosary starts **Monday 4 December 2023**. To register click on [Advent Rosary for Life - 4 December - with Archbishop Cushley Tickets, Mon 4 Dec 2023 at 19:45 | Eventbrite](#)

**Tota Pulchra es: Advent and Christmas choral music by candlelight**

Join the Schola Cantorum of *St Mary's Catholic Cathedral* for an Advent concert by candlelight on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, **December 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm – 9:00pm**. Cost: **£7.21**.

### **Weekly Advent Talk series**

Canon Hugh White launches the first in his weekly series of talks to help us spiritually prepare for celebrating Christmas. To watch his first talk, please click on the link [https://youtu.be/lnjyTfVtNHI?si=0gFFG\\_OCtJhUwPwo](https://youtu.be/lnjyTfVtNHI?si=0gFFG_OCtJhUwPwo)

### **Diploma in Catechistics 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](http://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](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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