

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

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**Parish Sunday Bulletin 28 January 2024**

**Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 28 January – 4 February 2024**

<b>DAY &amp; DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>FEAST</b>
<b>Sun. 28 Jan.</b>	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday B</b>
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield		
	5:00 pm	St Paul's Milton of C.		
<b>Mon. 29 Jan.</b>	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Weekday Mass	
<b>Tue. 30 Jan.</b>	9:30 am	St Paul's Milton of C.	Weekday Mass	
<b>Wed. 31 Jan.</b>	10:00 am	St Dominic's Torrance	Weekday Mass	<b>St John Bosco</b>
<b>Thu. 01 Feb.</b>	<b>9:20 am</b>	St Kessog's Blanefield	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>	
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Weekday Mass	
<b>Fri. 02 Feb.</b>	<b>9:20 am</b>	St Anthony's Balfron	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>	<b>Presentation of the Lord &amp; 1<sup>st</sup> Friday</b>
	10:00 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Weekday Mass	
<b>Sat. 03 Feb.</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	St Kessog's Blanefield	<b>Holy Rosary</b>	<b>St Blaise</b>
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Weekday Mass	
<b>Sun. 04 Feb.</b>	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday B</b>
	11:00am	St Kessog's Blanefield		

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

**Sacramental Preparation Classes 2024**

Sacramental Preparation Classes will begin at this weekend for **First Reconciliation (P3 and upwards)**. If you would like your child to join the classes and prepare to receive this sacraments, please contact Fr. Jacob or one of our Parish Catechists - Anne, Sara and Louise ([louiseolney@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:louiseolney@hotmail.co.uk)).

**Ash Wednesday, Lent and Prayer**

**Ash Wednesday** falls on the **14<sup>th</sup> of February** this Year. As Catholics this is a very important time of Year and I urge you to note this date, to make every effort to attend mass on Ash Wednesday and to think seriously about how to approach the Lenten season in general.

Given the importance of prayer at this time, and in keeping with Pope Francis's recommendation that 2024 be a Year of prayer, it has been decided to instigate a **Parish Prayer Group** within the church itself, beginning **Tuesday 20 February at 7pm**. Please make every effort to attend.

### **Lourdes Mass**

The February Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes takes place at **3pm on Sunday 4 February** at St John the Baptist Church, 37 St Ninian's Road, Corstorphine, Edinburgh EH12 8AL. The Mass is organised by the Edinburgh Lourdes Pilgrimage team. Refreshments in hall afterwards. All welcome.

### **Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024**

The Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from **Friday 5 - Friday 12 July**, with Archbishop Cushley and Priests of the Archdiocese. More details at [www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24](http://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24)

### **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.

### **Recruitment [Attached]**

The National Commission for Justice and Peace of the Scottish Bishops' Conference of the Catholic Church is recruiting a Coordinator for Campaigns, Communications and Events. Please look at the Poster in attachments for other details. Deadline: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

### **Last Sunday's Collection: Total: £261.00**

Many thanks to all of you for your generosity at Christmas. 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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