

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

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**Parish Sunday Bulletin 7 January 2024**

**Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 7 – 14 January 2024**

<b>DAY &amp; DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>FEAST</b>
<b>Sun. 7 Jan.</b>	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balforn	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	<b>The Epiphany Of the Lord</b>
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield		
<b>Mon. 8 Jan.</b>	10:00 am	St Anthony's Balforn	<b>Mass of Feast</b>	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>
<b>Wed. 10 Jan.</b>	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Weekday Mass	<b>Ordinary Time B</b>
<b>Thu. 11 Jan.</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. 12 Jan.</b>	<b>No Weekday Mass</b>			
<b>Sat. 13 Jan.</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	St Kessog's Blanefield	<b>Holy Rosary</b>	<b>St Kentigern</b>
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Weekday Mass	
<b>Sun. 14 Jan.</b>	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balforn	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</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 the end of January. The normal age for receiving the sacraments is **First Reconciliation** (P3 and upwards), **First Holy Communion** (P4 and upwards), **Confirmation** (P7 and upwards). If you would like your child to join the classes and prepare to receive these sacraments, please contact Fr. Jacob or one of our Parish Catechists - Anne, Sara and Louise ([louiseolney@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:louiseolney@hotmail.co.uk)).

**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)

### **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.**

### **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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