

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

Parish Sunday Bulletin 14 April 2024

Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 15 – 21 April 2024

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Mon. 15 April	10:00 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Mass of the Day	
Tue. 16 April	11:30	St Margaret's Stirling	Terry Delany's Funeral Mass	
	7:00 pm	St Kessog's Blanefield	Prayer Group Meeting	
Wed. 17 April	9:20 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Eucharistic Adoration	
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Mass of the Day	
Thu. 18 April	No Weekday Mass in St Kessog's		Clergy Formation Day – 18 April 2024, at the Gillis Centre, in Edinburgh.	
Fri. 19 April	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Mass of the Day	
Sat. 13 April	11:00 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Luke's 1st Holy Communion	
Sun. 14 April	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Sunday Mass	4th Sunday of Easter B
	11:00am	St Kessog's Blanefield		

Terry Delany RIP

With regrets, I inform you of the death of Terry Delany, former Parish Chairman/Co-chairman and responsible of Fabric and Ground's Committee. His funeral mass will take place at **St Margaret's in Stirling**, on **Tuesday 16th April, at 11:30am**.

Parish Prayer Group

The next meeting will take place in **St Kessog's Blanefield**, on **Tuesday 16 April at 7pm**, to which **all are encouraged to attend**. Personal petitions can be left in the basket labelled as such at the back of the church. These will be brought to the Tabernacle during prayer meeting and prayers will be offered for those specific intentions. All petitions should be placed in the envelopes provided and **sealed so as to ensure privacy**.

Sacramental Preparation Classes 2024

Classes for **Confirmation** and **First Holy Communion** will resume this **Sunday 14 April** in **St. Kessog's Blanefield** at **09:30 - 10:45** for First Holy Communion, and at **12:00 - 13:00** for Confirmation.

Parish Fabric & Ground Team

We need Volunteers for the Parish Fabric and ground committee. John Browne has volunteered to lead the Fabric and Ground Team in St Kessog's Blanefield. This team has to look after the church and House buildings, and the ground around them. Now, we need other Volunteers to come forward so as to take this very important task with John in St Kessog's Blanefield. If you would like to help our Parish in this sector, what will be **highly appreciated**, please directly **contact John** for Blanefield at **07990923534**.

Assisted Pilgrims for Lourdes

Do you know someone who is ill or infirm and would enjoy the opportunity to experience a life-changing trip to Lourdes? The Archdiocese is seeking *Assisted Pilgrims* to join them on the pilgrimage in July. They will receive 24hr support from the brilliant doctors, nurses and volunteers in the Medical/Helper Team and stay in specially equipped accommodation. It will be an unforgettable week with a full spiritual and social programme. Please contact Bernadette on 0131 441 1939 or visit www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24

Deeply Devoted [promo image attached]

Explore the rich history of Catholic Devotions at a special event on **Saturday 27 April 11:00am-3:00pm** at **The Gillis Centre**, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. *Deeply Devoted* features inspiring talks and a free light lunch. Details and registration at <https://bit.ly/deeplydevoted>

Funding to Study Theology

SAAS funding is available from April for all Scottish students taking the MA in Applied Catholic Theology course 2024/25. The course is offered by St Mary's University in partnership with the Archdiocese at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. To register/enquire visit <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/applied-catholic-theology> A webinar will be hosted by the Archdiocese on Wednesday 29 May (6-7pm) for prospective students. Details to follow soon.

Pro-Life Chain, Edinburgh

SPUC's Pro-Life Chain will be the main event of Edinburgh's Festival of Life on Saturday 27 April at 11:00am on Lothian Road. It will be preceded by the **Rosary at 10:00am** at Sacred Heart Church on Lauriston Street.

Synod

The Archdiocesan Synodal Team invites you to *Spiritual Conversation*, an event at Ss John Cantius & Nicholas in Broxburn, on Saturday **4 May at 10:30am**. Registration and details at <https://bit.ly/archsynod>

Mass for Married & Engaged couples

The **annual Mass for Married and Engaged Couples** is at **7:15pm** on **Wednesday 29 May 2024** at **St Mary's Cathedral**, Edinburgh. Come and celebrate the gift of marriage, renew your commitment and receive God's blessing upon your love. Requests for special invitations for couples celebrating significant anniversaries can be made at vemarriage@staned.org.uk or by calling 0131 334 1693.

Save the date

An Archdiocesan Lourdes Day takes place at **Carfin Grotto** on **Sunday 18 August**. The day will include Holy Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cushley. Details to follow soon.

Events in the Archdiocese

For a full list of forthcoming events in the Archdiocese visit <https://archedinburgh.org/news-events/>

Last Sunday's Collection: Total: £186.35

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

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