



SAINT KESSOG'S

ONE PARISH – TWO CHURCHES
St Anthony's Balfron & St Kessog's Blanefield

Weekly celebrations: 30 June – 7 July 2024

	Sun 30	Mon 1	Wed 3	Thurs 4	Fri 5	Sat 6	Sun 7
Saint Anthony's	9.30 am				*9.20 am 10.00 am		9.30am
Saint Kessog's	11.00 am	10.00am	10:00 am	*9.20 am 10.00 am		*9.30 am 10.00 am	11.00 am
Mass	Solemnity	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	1 st Friday	Weekday	Sunday
Feast/event	St Peter & St Paul		St Thomas	*Eucharistic Adoration	*Eucharistic Adoration	*Holy Rosary	14 th Sunday B

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday after 10 o'clock mass or any day by arrangement with Father Jacob.



Last Sunday's
Cash Collection

BLANEFIELD
£165.10

BALFRON
£149.45

TOTAL
£314.55

We also thank those who donate by direct debit.

Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul

On the Church's liturgical calendar, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul always falls on June 29th. This year, since June 29th is a Saturday, many dioceses around the world have transferred this feast to the following Sunday. Saints Peter and Paul are considered two complementary pillars of the Christian Church. Peter was among the first disciples called at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and was entrusted with the leadership of the Church. Following his profession of faith in Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God," Peter was designated as the rock upon which Jesus would build His Church. He received the keys of the Kingdom, symbolising his authority to open and close, and the power to bind and loose. Paul, on the other hand, was called by the Risen Lord on the road to Damascus and commissioned to preach the Gospel, particularly to the Gentiles. This former zealous persecutor of the Church humbly acknowledged that his call and apostolic mission were the fruits of God's mercy and grace. Their exceptional commitment to apostolic work made them key figures in the faith and moral teaching of the early Church. Both Peter and Paul died as martyrs in Rome—Peter was crucified during Nero's persecution around 64 A.D., and Paul was beheaded in 67 A.D. **Fr Jacob**

Special Celebrations in the Parish

If you have a special event to celebrate and would like to share it with other parishioners, such as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, or memorials for departed loved ones, please contact Fiona Radif (fionaradif@hotmail.com), France Douglas (fmdouglas61@icloud.com) or Fr. Jacob (office.stkessogblanefield@staned.org.uk) to have it included in the parish bulletin.



Peter's Pence: Special Collection

The annual collection for Peter's Pence is this **Sunday 30 June**. There will be a **second collection to support Pope Francis' Mission and charitable works**. Thank you for your generosity.

Priests Reassignments within our Diocese

Last weekend, a list of priest reassignments in our diocese was published. Among the priests being moved, was Fr. Jacob Kabamba. I will relocate to St. Margaret's in Queensferry at the beginning of September. Meanwhile, Fr. Alexander Longs O.S.A. has been appointed to St. Kessog's in Blanefield to replace me. Thank you for your love and support during the 5 years and 9 months I have spent among you as your priest.

Appeal for help

Dear Parishioners, our contracted gardener for St. Kessog's Blanefield, DH Gardening, has let us down these past few months, and we have been unable to find an alternative. Therefore, we need to take care of the gardening ourselves. Last Sunday, I appealed for volunteers to help make the place welcoming for Fr. Alexander. I want to thank those who have already stepped up, especially Peter Baker and Kevin MacCarron, who worked hard yesterday to tidy the grass around the church and the house. If anyone can lend an hour or two, it would be greatly appreciated. Peter Baker will be there this Saturday until 2:30pm and on Sunday, along with Kevin. If you can help, please come forward. Any assistance is greatly appreciated. Kevin and Pete are both in this group, you can contact them on the parish WhatsApp platform. Many thanks in advance.

General Election – Pastoral Letter *(attached)*

The Bishops of Scotland have published a letter ahead of the General Election on 4 July, highlighting key issues to help Catholics reflect on how they will vote. Attached is a pastoral letter from the Bishop's Conference of Scotland. Printed copies are also available at the back of the Church. Additionally, a copy of questions for candidates is provided. Visit the website of the Catholic Parliamentary Office for more information and resources: <https://rcpolitics.org/general-election-2024/>



African & Caribbean Community

The next Mass with the African & Caribbean community in the Archdiocese is at St Cuthbert's Church, 104 Slateford Road, Edinburgh, EH14 1PT at **2pm on Sunday 7 July**.

Events in the Archdiocese

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



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:

www.parishofstkessog.org
see the 'Connect' section, under 'Welcome'.

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Please contact
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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 at **www.parishofstkessog.org**

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