



SAINT KESSOG'S

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

Weekly celebrations: 21 – 28 July 2024

	Sun 21	Mon 22	Wed 24	Thurs 25	Fri 26	Sat 27	Sun 28
Saint Anthony's	9.30 am	10.00am					9.30am
Saint Kessog's	11.00 am		10.00am	*9.20 am 10.00 am	10.00am	*9.30 am 10.00 am	11.00 am
Mass	Sunday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Sunday
Feast/event	16 th Sunday B	St Mary Magdalen		*Eucharistic Adoration St James, Apostle	St Joachim and St Anne	*Holy Rosary	17 th Sunday B Grandparents World Day

CONFESSIONS

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



Last Sunday's
Cash Collection

BLANEFIELD
£95.20

BALFRON
£127.00

TOTAL
£222.20

We also thank those who donate by direct debit.

Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel (Mk 6:30-34)

"As he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and set himself to teach them at some length."

The Shepherd of Israel is God. He is the Good and Caring Shepherd of his people (Is 40:11). Jesus Christ, God among us, is the perfect and visible image of the invisible God to his people. His words and actions reveal God's care and compassion for humanity. By sharing our humanity, he understands our weaknesses and hardships. As God, he has compassion on us as we wander through the deserts and shores of our lives, seeking comfort and love. He is the Good Shepherd who leads us to green pastures and the water of life through his teachings and caring presence in our lives. With God's help, let us strive to show compassion and love to one another. **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.



Priests Reassignments within our Diocese

Fr. Jacob Kabamba will move to St. Margaret's in Queensferry at the beginning of September according to the last reassignments of priests in our diocese. 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.

Singing Workshops Series for People living with Parkinson

Clare Cushing is going to be offering a short series (4) of singing-based voice workshops towards the end of July. These are particularly for those living with Parkinson's and her aim is that first and foremost, they will be fun as well as offering a range of ideas and activities and encouragement to work at being heard. The workshops will be in **Killearn** from **Monday to Thursday, July 22nd - July 25th, at 11am – 12noon, each day**. There will NOT be a charge for them, so she hopes this will be an incentive to come along and see how motivational it can be when you are in a friendly group, in a safe space. Clare is a Sing to Beat Practitioner and has completed the Singing for Lung Health training programme. It will be really appreciated if anyone in the parish could pass on the info to others that might be interested in coming along alternatively, if anyone wants to share questions doubts and hesitations, please do message Clare. Thank you, if you are able to help with passing on the info.

World Day for Grandparents and Elderly

To mark this day, Holy Mass will be celebrated at the **National Marian Shrine, Carfin**, on **Sunday 28 July at 3:00pm**. The Principal Celebrant will be Bishop John Keenan (Paisley Diocese), who is President of the Bishops' Conference Marriage, Family and Life Commission. The Café will be open for refreshments.

Many thanks

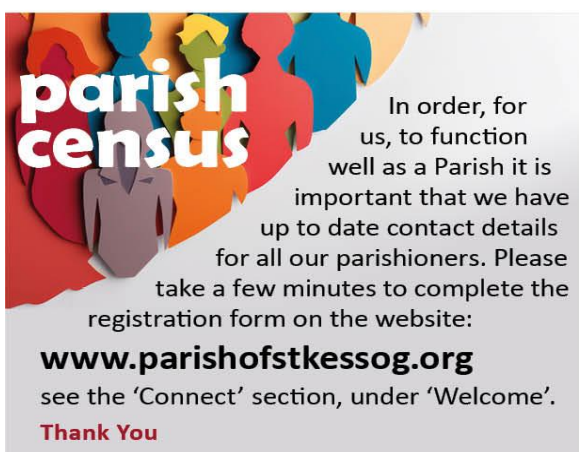
Few weeks ago, I appealed for volunteers to help make the Chapel house and its surroundings a welcoming environment for Fr. Alexander. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to those who stepped up and worked tirelessly to enhance the appearance of the grounds around the priests' house. A special thank you to everyone who dedicated his or her time to clearing the grass around the chapel house this finishing week. I am sincerely thankful to all the volunteers who assisted in cleaning and organizing the priests' house, and those who diligently maintained the garden in front of the chapel house. Please know that your efforts are immensely appreciated.

Hope, healing and forgiveness

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew and rebuild your life after experiencing the trauma of abortion. Healing weekends offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgemental environment to deal with painful emotions. Participants who have often experienced deep anger towards themselves or others can experience forgiveness. The next retreat in Scotland is at the end of June. Contact Sister Andrea sisterandrea@rachelsvineyard.org.uk, 07816 942 824. More at <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk/home>

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.parihofstkessog.org
see the 'Connect' section, under 'Welcome'.

Thank You



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.parihofstkessog.org**

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