



SAINT KESSOG'S

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

Weekly celebrations: 28 July – 4 August 2024

	Sun 28	Mon 29	Wed 31	Thurs 1	Fri 2	Sat 3	Sun 4
Saint Anthony's	9.30 am				*9.20 am 10.00 am		9.30am
Saint Kessog's	11.00 am	10.00am	10.00am	*9.20 am 10.00 am		*9.30 am 10.00 am	11.00 am
Mass	Sunday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Sunday
Feast/event	17 th Sunday B Grandparents World Day	Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus	St Ignatius of Loyola	*Eucharistic Adoration St Alphonsus of Liguori	*Eucharistic Adoration 1 st Friday	*Holy Rosary	18 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
£146.40

BALFRON
£61.00

TOTAL
£207.40

We also thank those who donate by direct debit.

Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel (Jn 6:1-15)

Starting this Sunday and continuing for five consecutive Sundays, we will meditate on Jesus' Bread of Life discourse as recorded in the Gospel according to John. Through His teachings and Signs, Jesus consistently reveals God's care and compassion for humanity. He first feeds the crowds who follow Him with physical bread, and in the upcoming Sunday gospels, He will reveal Himself as the Living Bread from Heaven. With the firm promise of everlasting life to anyone who eats his body and drinks his blood with faith. That is what happens in each Eucharistic celebration.

This Sunday is also the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly people whom we are invited to support and pray for. Grandparents and elderly people are cherished members of our community. They bring gifts of wisdom, experience and love, and share with us their life of faith. We thank God for their example and ask that he bless them with happiness and good health. **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.



World day for grandparents and elderly at the National Shrine

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.



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.

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>

Funerals

John Friel's funeral Mass will take place in Lennoxton, St Machan's church on Tuesday 30 July at 10am.
John Carey's funeral Service will take place in Blanefield, St Kessog's church, on Thursday 1 August at 11.30am.

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'.

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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.parihofstkessog.org**

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