



# SAINT KESSOG'S

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

## Weekly celebrations: 7 – 14 July 2024

	Sun   7	Mon   8	Wed   10	Thurs   11	Fri   12	Sat   13	Sun   14
<b>Saint Anthony's</b>	9.30 am	10.00am					9.30am
<b>Saint Kessog's</b>	11.00 am		*9.20 am 10.00 am		10.00 am	*9.30 am 10.00 am	11.00 am
Mass	Sunday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Sunday
Feast/event	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday B		*Eucharistic Adoration	St Benedict		*Holy Rosary	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday B

## CONFESSIONS

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



Last Sunday's  
Cash Collection

BLANEFIELD  
£180.00

BALFRON  
£136.00

TOTAL  
£316.00

Special Collection

£55.00

£91.00

£146.00

*We also thank those who donate by direct debit.*

## Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel (Mk 6:1-6)

Jesus is in his hometown, teaching in the synagogue on the Sabbath. His words convey extraordinary wisdom, accompanied by miraculous deeds. However, the people there struggle to believe in him because they know him merely as a carpenter, not recognising him as the One through whom God's grace and mercy flow to humanity. Mary, his mother, is explicitly named but not his father. This would be a sign of despise in the patriarchal society of the time. They also know his brothers and sisters who live among them. These familiarities hinder them from accepting Jesus as the Anointed One, the Christ, who embodies divine power to save and transform human lives. In fact, Jesus' teachings and miraculous signs should logically lead them to faith. Nevertheless, as St. Mark observes, Jesus is "amazed at their lack of faith," which restricts the scope of his miracles to a few healings of the sick. The omission of Jesus' hometown name in today's gospel suggests that this story could apply to any town in our time, or to any generation of people. Instead of resisting those who proclaim the gospel, let us embrace Jesus Christ—the One whom the Church preaches and who continues to teach and heal through the sacraments of his Church. We are all called to believe in Him. **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](mailto:fionaradif@hotmail.com)), France Douglas ([fmdouglas61@icloud.com](mailto:fmdouglas61@icloud.com)) or Fr. Jacob ([office.stkessogblanefield@staned.org.uk](mailto:office.stkessogblanefield@staned.org.uk)) to have it included in the parish bulletin.



## 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, and worked hard last week especially Peter Baker, Kevin MacCarron, Charlie MacCarron, Alice Fraser, Clare Cushing and Louise Olney, they have made tidy the ground and garden around the chapel house and the church. Many thanks to Stuart and Sharon Murray for their donation of a new electrical Strimmer to our Parish. If anyone can lend an hour or two, any day and any time, it would be greatly appreciated. If you can help, please come forward. Any assistance is greatly appreciated. You can contact Kevin or Pete on the parish WhatsApp platform or call Fr Jacob. Many thanks in advance.

## 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.

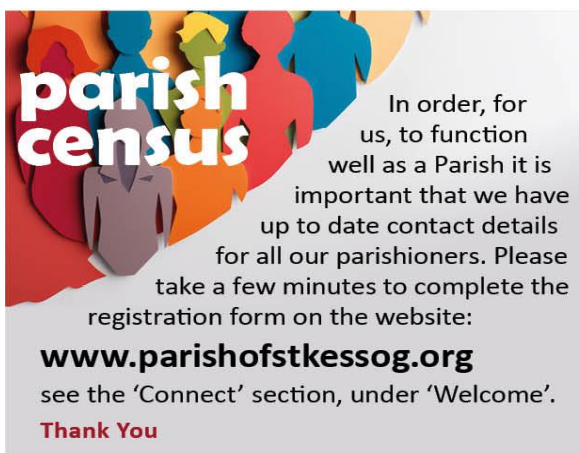
## Mass for the Chinese Catholic Community | 華人天主教團體彌撒

Mass is celebrated on the second Sunday of each month in **Cantonese and English** at **2:00pm** at **Sacred Heart Church**, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ. The next **Mass in Cantonese and English will be on Sunday 14 July at 2pm**. On **Sunday 21 July**, Fr Li Chi Yuen will celebrate **Mass in Cantonese at 2pm**. All welcome.

每月第二主日下午二時有粵語和英語雙語彌撒，有懂粵語的神父來訪時會另開粵語彌撒。彌撒後有茶聚。歡迎所有人參加。如有查詢，請聯絡劉偉明執事

## 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](http://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](mailto:fmdouglas61@icloud.com) or to Fr Jacob at [stkessogs1@gmail.com](mailto:stkessogs1@gmail.com). You can find this Bulletin and previous ones at **[www.parihofstkessog.org](http://www.parihofstkessog.org)**

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