



SAINT KESSOG'S

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

Weekly celebrations: 11 – 18 August 2024

	Sun 11	Mon 12	Tue 13	Thurs 15	Fri 16	Sat 17	Sun 18
Saint Anthony's	9.30 am	10.00am		10.00 am			9.30am
Saint Kessog's	11.00 am		10.00am				11.00 am
Mass	Sunday	Weekday	Weekday	Solemnity & Holy Day of obligation			Sunday
Feast/event	19 th Sun B			Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary			20 th Sun B

CONFESSIONS

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



Last Sunday's
Cash Collection

BLANEFIELD
Money
Uncounted

BALFRON
£51.00

TOTAL
£51.00

We also thank those who donate by direct debit.

Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel (John 6: 41-51)

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus proclaims with profound clarity: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." These words encapsulate the essence of Jesus' divine mission and the depth of his sacrificial love. They resonate as a powerful statement of spiritual nourishment and a testament to his ultimate gift: offering his own flesh for the life of the world. In this simple yet profound declaration, Jesus reveals himself as the One who has come from heaven, announces his salvific death on the Cross as the true source of everlasting life, and invites his disciples to receive him in the Eucharist – to eat his flesh and drink his blood – so that they may be strengthened in their earthly pilgrimage toward heaven, as the Lord did with Elijah (cf. 1st reading). The full significance of this teaching will be revealed in next Sunday's Gospel. **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.



NB. Masses on Thursday 15 August and Sunday 18 August will be presided by Fr George Bradburn.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Thursday, August 15th, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation and all Catholics are required to attend Mass. This year, we will have a single Mass at St. Anthony's church in Balfron at 10am. Please, make any efforts to attend mass wherever you can.



Fr Jacob Farwell Mass

Fr. Jacob Kabamba will be relocating to St. Margaret's in South Queensferry at the beginning of September, following the recent priests' reassignment within our diocese. His **farewell Masses** in our parish will take place on **Sunday, 1st September 2024**, before Fr. Alexander Longs comes to take over the Parish administration.

Petition

This year's petition addresses the two-child benefit cap, a policy that has recently received significant attention. Sadly, **poverty remains one of the biggest drivers of abortion in the UK**, and one particular policy that penalises families and contributes to poverty is the current government policy on Universal Benefits, which is the UK's version of the two-child policy. Ironically, the abortion provider BPAS has identified the government's punitive two-child Universal Credit limit as "**a significant factor**" in many women's decisions to terminate their pregnancies. Research conducted by BPAS in 2020 revealed that among women aware of the two-child limit and likely to be affected (those receiving Universal Credit or Tax Credits), **57% stated that this policy played a crucial role in their decision-making process about whether or not to continue their pregnancy**. This belies the myth that abortion is solely about "choice." So, **we must take action by signing the petition at the back of the church** and taking a petition postcard to raise awareness of this critical issue.

Archdiocesan Summer Pilgrimage at the National Shrine Carfin

Archbishop Cushley invites you to the Archdiocesan Summer Pilgrimage at Carfin Grotto on **Sunday 18 August**. Rosary Procession at 2:00pm followed by Mass at 3:00pm.

Many thanks

A 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 their time to clearing the grass around the chapel house. I am sincerely thankful to all the volunteers who assisted in cleaning and organising the priests' house, and those who diligently maintained the garden in front of the chapel house. Please know that your efforts are immensely appreciated.

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

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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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