



# SAINT KESSOG'S

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

## Weekly celebrations: 18 – 25 August 2024

|                        | Sun   18               | Mon   Tue | Wed   21                               | Thurs   22                 | Fri   23 | Sat   24                    | Sun   25               |
|------------------------|------------------------|-----------|--|----------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Saint Anthony's</b> | 9.30 am                |           | * 6 pm                                 | * 11 am                    |          |                             | 9.30 am                |
| <b>Saint Kessog's</b>  | 11 am                  |           | 10 am                                  |                            | 10 am    | *9.30 am<br>10 am           | 11 am                  |
| <b>Mass</b>            | Sunday                 |           | Weekday                                | Weekday                    | Weekday  | Weekday                     | Sunday                 |
| <b>Feast/Event</b>     | 20 <sup>th</sup> Sun B |           | *Reception of the body of William Dick | *William Dick Funeral Mass |          | *Holy Rosary St Bartholomew | 21 <sup>st</sup> Sun B |



## CONFESSIONS

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



Last Sunday's  
Cash Collection

BLANEFIELD  
£426.70

BALFRON  
£96.00

TOTAL  
£522.70

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

## Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel (John 6:51-58)

"Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is a real drink." After declaring, "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world" Jesus reinforces in today's Gospel that his flesh is true food and his blood true drink. It is evident that Jesus is speaking about the Eucharist, where bread and wine become his body and blood through *transubstantiation*, yet remain real food and drink. This teaching was challenging for many of Jesus' Jewish followers, who began to argue, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

It is no wonder that, even today, many struggle to understand the necessity of receiving Jesus in this way to attain eternal life. However, for those who believe that they truly receive Jesus himself in the Eucharist, he abides in them and will raise them up on the last day. The Eucharist serves not only as sustenance for our earthly pilgrimage but also as preparation for the eternal Banquet at the Resurrection.

**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 ([stkessogsparish@gmail.com](mailto:stkessogsparish@gmail.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.



## Fr Jacob's farewell Mass

Fr. Jacob Kabamba will be relocating to St. Margaret's in South Queensferry at the beginning of September, following the recent priest's reassignment within our diocese. His **farewell Masses** in our parish will take place on **Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> September**, before Fr. Alexander Longs (O.S.A.) arrives and takes over the Parish administration.



# FAREWELL!

The **Village Club in Blanfield** has been booked for **Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> September from 2-5pm** for an opportunity for us all to say farewell to Fr Jacob. A finger buffet, tea and coffee will be provided. To assist with catering, please add your name to the list at the back of St Kessog's or St Anthony's church. If you know of anyone else who might like to attend, kindly add their name as well. Also, let us know if you have any specific food allergies. Please be aware that parking at the venue is very limited, so if possible, park at St Kessog's and walk to the Village Club.

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## 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 2pm followed by Mass at 3pm.

## 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 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.

## 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](http://www.parishofstkessog.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](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.parishofstkessog.org](http://www.parishofstkessog.org)**

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