



SAINT KESSOG'S

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

Weekly celebrations: 4 – 11 August 2024

	Sun 4	Mon 5	Tue 6	Thurs 8	Fri 9	Sat 10	Sun 11
Saint Anthony's	9.30 am	10.00am					9.30am
Saint Kessog's	11.00 am		10.00am	*9.20 am 10.00 am	10.00 am	*9.30 am 10.00 am	11.00 am
Mass	Sunday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Sunday
Feast/event	18 th Sunday B		Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord	*Eucharistic Adoration St Dominic	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross [Edith Stein]	*Holy Rosary St Lawrence	19 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
£139.35

BALFRON
£48.30

TOTAL
£187.65

We also thank those who donate by direct debit.

Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel (John 6:24-35)

The bread of God, which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world, is Jesus. Whoever believes in Him will never hunger or thirst. The Sign of feeding the five thousand with material food (five loaves and two fish) was intended to demonstrate God's loving care and concern for His people. At the same time, it served as a teaching tool for Jesus to reveal Himself as the true Bread from heaven, beyond the material sustenance. Here, Jesus begins to deepen His teaching on the Bread of Life and the Eucharist, which requires faith to be understood. He invites His followers to seek the food that endures for eternal life, which fundamentally involves believing in Him as the One whom God has sent into the world to give us life. The bread that He offers to all humanity is His own body, broken and crucified on the Cross. This sacrificial gift is made present in every Eucharistic celebration. **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.



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 (O.S.A.) arrives and takes over the Parish Administration.

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.

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.

Annual Festival Mass


The annual Festival Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Cushley at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, at midday on **Sunday 11 August**.

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.

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
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.parishofstkessog.org**

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