



SAINT KESSOG'S

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

Weekly celebrations: 15 - 22 September 2024

	Sun 15	Mon 16	Tue 17	Wed 18	Thu 19	Fri 20	Sat 21	Sun 22
Saint Anthony's	9.30 am							9.30 am
Saint Kessog's	11.00am							11.00 am
Mass	Sunday							Sunday
Feast/Event	24 th Sun B	St Cornelius and Cyprian				St Andrew Kim & companions	St Matthew, Apostle	25 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
£185.60

BALFRON
£128.00

TOTAL
£313.60

We also thank those who donate by direct debit.

Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel (Mark 8:27-35)

“But who do you say that I am?” Jesus asked. Peter replied, **“You are the Christ.”** Yet behind Peter's answer lies a deeper question: What kind of Christ did Peter have in mind? Similarly, what kind of Christ do we envisage Jesus of Nazareth to be today? This is a vital question for our meditation. In the Gospels, Peter often speaks on behalf of all the disciples. His ambivalence toward Jesus in today's Gospel reflects our own. Much depends on the image of “Christ” we hold in our minds. On one side, we have the Christ of miracles and popular acclamation, and on the other, the Suffering Christ – the Christ of self-sacrifice and renunciation for the sake of others. The key issue here is not to separate the glorious Christ from the suffering Christ. Like Peter, we may find ourselves quick to embrace Jesus as the triumphant Christ but hesitant to accept that His path of suffering and sacrifice is central to His mission of salvation. Such a view reflects a limited, human perspective rather than God's. Such a view is purely a limited human perspective, not God's. It is the same Christ who worked wonders – healing the sick, feeding the hungry, casting out demons, and offering God's mercy to sinners. We must believe and trust in Christ in every situation we face, whether in times of good health and success or in moments of hardship and challenge. We need God's grace to recognise and embrace Jesus of Nazareth as the Christ in both our triumphs and our trials. May God grant us the grace to really believe in Jesus as Christ our Saviour. **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) or Fr. Alexander (office.stkessogblanefield@staned.org.uk) to have it included in the parish bulletin.



Fr Alex Arrival Delayed

Fr. Alexander Longs, our new Parish Administrator, will be arriving later than expected. In the meantime, priests from St. Patrick's in Kilsyth will assist with Sunday Masses for the next couple of weeks. Please note that there will be no weekday Masses during this period.

Fr Jacob's Gratitude

I wish to express my deepest gratitude to each and all of you for the beautiful farewell celebration you organised for me last Sunday at the Village Club in Blanefield. The overwhelming love and warmth I experienced truly left me speechless, especially after Kevin, our parish chairperson, delivered such heartfelt words on your behalf. I will forever cherish your kindness, the thoughtful cards, gifts, and the generous cash donations. May God bless you all abundantly! A special thank you to the initiators, organisers, and all who served with such dedication and love. Please know that you will remain in my prayers.

Venerable Margaret Sinclair

The annual Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage takes place at St Patrick's Church in The Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1TQ on Sunday 22 September. Find out more about Margaret Sinclair at <https://stpatricksedinburgh.com/margaret-sinclair/>

SCHEDULE

1:30pm: Holy Hour

2:45pm: Individual blessings at Shrine

3:30pm: Reflection, Novena Prayers
presentation from Sinclair Academy

4:30pm: Holy Mass with Archbishop Cushley

Assisted Suicide

Please contact your MSPs today to stop assisted suicide becoming legal in Scotland. Visit the *Write to Them* website at <https://writetothem.com>

Season of Creation

A Season of Creation online event will take place on **Thursday 19 September** with Fr Joshtrom Kureethadam at 7:00pm. Register at <https://bit.ly/hopeactcreation>. Event hosted by The Bishops' Conference of Scotland's Care of Creation Office.

National Youth Pilgrimage

The National Youth Pilgrimage takes place in **Glasgow** on **Saturday 21 September**. The pilgrimage includes a walking tour through the streets of Glasgow City Centre, recalling the saints that walked them before us. The **event is open to ages 18-35**. Pilgrims from the Archdiocese are asked to meet outside the City Chambers in George Square at 12:15pm. Please register with Fr Robert Taylor at frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a children's catechetical programme aimed at fostering children's vital relationship with God and life in the Church, is beginning in Fife, Livingston, Edinburgh, and the Glasgow area. *Give your child the space to pray, seek God, and wonder.* Contact brodie.douglas-young@staned.org.uk for more information on locations and details.

Raise the Roof Concert

Barbara Dickson will appear with Nick Holland at a special concert in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, EH1 3JD, at 7:30pm on **Thursday 3 October 2024**. The concert is to raise funds for the roof appeal at the Cathedral. Register at bit.ly/raisetherooftshow

Events in the Archdiocese

For a full list of forthcoming events in the Archdiocese, visit <https://archedinburgh.org/news-events/>



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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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