



SAINT KESSOG'S

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

Weekly celebrations: 22 - 29 September 2024

| | Sun 22 | Mon 23 | Tue 24 | Wed 25 | Thu 26 | Fri 27 | Sat 28 | Sun 29 |
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| Saint Anthony's | 9.30 am | | | | | | | 9.30 am |
| Saint Kessog's | 11.00am | | | | | | | 11.00 am |
| Mass | Sunday | | | | | | | Sunday |
| Feast/Event | 25 th Sun B | | | | | St Vincent De Paul | | 26 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
£142.30

BALFRON
£48.10

TOTAL
£190.40

We also thank those who donate by direct debit.

Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel (Mark 9:30-37)

In today's Gospel, Jesus journeys through Galilee with His disciples, teaching them about His mission and their role as followers. Three key lessons emerge from His words. First, Jesus foretells His approaching passion, death, and resurrection, for the second time in the Gospel according to Mark. He then underlines the importance of humility, urging His disciples to adopt a childlike attitude. Lastly, He identifies Himself with the least among them, highlighting that to welcome a child is to welcome Jesus Himself and the Father who sent Him into the world. The church is a community of God's children and servants, where true greatness is found in serving others. Humility, one of the most difficult virtues to cultivate, demands self-denial and humble service to others. In this light, Jesus' Passion and death become central to the Christian life, shaping its many facets. Therefore, developing a childlike trust in God's providence is essential for overcoming our human pride and allowing the life of the Risen Lord to be manifested in our daily existence.

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 (stkessogparish@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.

Annual Safeguarding Statement

The timing for the Annual Safeguarding Statement has changed to align it with the date that statements are read out in other dioceses. Henceforth statement will be read out each year on the **Sunday following the feast of the Holy Guardian Angels**. This year, the feast falls on 2 October, so the **Annual Safeguarding Statement will be read out at the end of all vigil and Sunday Masses on the weekend of 5/6 October 2024**

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 – the Beginning of a Dangerous Spiral

Assisted Suicide threatens the most vulnerable members of society. Learn about the potential dangers of the proposed bill to introduce it in Scotland and how to inform others about it. This event features former politician Dennis Canavan and Dr Richard Lenton, Consultant in Geriatric Medicine. It takes place at **7:00pm on Wednesday, 2 October** at **Our Lady & St Ninian's**, 52 Quakerfield, Bannockburn, FK7 8HZ. Register at <https://bit.ly/assistedsuicidescot>

Euthanasia: A Warning from Canada

Learn how Assisted Suicide has failed in Canada, and what you can do to stop it in Scotland with Alex Schadenberg, a Canadian Catholic and a world expert on the dangers of euthanasia. This event takes place at **7:30pm on Thursday 3 October** at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register: bit.ly/warningfromcanada



Young Adult Talk Series

The **Young Adults' Group** at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh is hosting a talk series over the next three months on 'The Language of the Church'. The next talk is at **7:30pm on Tuesday 24 September** with Fr Colm Martin (Motherwell Diocese). Talks take place in the Church House at 63 York Place, EH1 3JD. Concludes with night prayer and refreshments. Confessions available. All talks listed at www.archedinburgh.org/news-events

Young Adult Ministry at the Sacred Heart Church

The young adult ministry programme has begun at Sacred Heart Church, 28 Lauriston St, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ. Includes **The Seven** - the 7pm Sunday Mass for you young adults aged 18-35, and the **First Sunday Circle**, a talk and faith formation event that takes place after the 7pm Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Find out more at <https://edinburghjesuit.org.uk/young-adult-ministry>

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.

Save the Date – Youth Day

The Archdiocese is hosting a youth day for P3-P7 children at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on **Saturday 16 November** to coincide with the Feast of St Margaret. Details to follow soon.



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

Celtic Spirituality

A day of reflection exploring Celtic Spirituality, Saturday 5th October, 10am-3pm ,at the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, 35, Scott St, Garnethill, **Glasgow** G3 6PE. Suggestion donation £30. Please bring packed lunch. Coffee and tea provided.



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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