



# SAINT KESSOG'S

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

## Weekly celebrations: 1 - 8 September 2024

	Sun   1	Mon   2	Tue   3	Wed   4	Thu   5	Fri   6	Sat   7	Sun   8
<b>Saint Anthony's</b>	9.30 am	10.00 am						9.30 am
<b>Saint Kessog's</b>	11.00am		10.00 am	10.00 am				11.00 am
<b>Mass</b>	Sunday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday				Sunday
<b>Feast/Event</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sun B		St Gregory the Great					23 <sup>rd</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  
£80.50

BALFRON  
£87.00

TOTAL  
£167.50

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

## Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

After five Sundays devoted to meditating on Jesus' teachings regarding the Bread of Life from heaven, today we return to St Mark's Gospel. Here, Jesus emphasizes that genuine worship and religious practice must spring from loving hearts. True purity and spirituality, he teaches, reside in the depths of the heart and soul, transcending mere external observances or adherence to traditions alone. They are born from a transformed heart and mind, guided by love for God and others. This challenges us to scrutinize our motives and attitudes, aspiring towards inner purity and righteousness rather than mere outward conformity. Our actions, whether good or bad, originate from our intentions. Therefore, what determines purity or impurity, righteousness or wickedness, is not what enters us (such as food), but what emanates from our hearts. "Nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them; rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them." **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 ([stkessogparish@gmail.com](mailto:stkessogparish@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.



## Events in the Archdiocese

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

## 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**.



## FAREWELL!

The **Village Club in Blanefield** 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. 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.

## Planting a tree for Fr Jacob

Immediately after Mass at St Anthony's on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September, Fr Jacob will ceremonially bless a Rowan tree which we will plant in front of the church in gratitude of his service among us as our parish priest.



## Wishing a Successful New Academic Year to all children and Young people.

To all the children and young people in our parish, we extend our heartfelt wishes for a successful and fulfilling academic year 2024-2025. May God bless you abundantly with His Spirit of wisdom, understanding, and insight as you embark on this new journey of learning and growth.

## Season of Creation

This Sunday (**1 September**) is **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**. A Season of Creation **conference** takes place at St Margaret's, Drip Road, Stirling, FK8 1ES, on **Saturday 7 September** from **10:00am-3:00pm**. Register at [www.tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah](http://www.tinyurl.com/46wmt9ah). A separate **online event** will take place on **Thursday 19 September** with Fr Joshtrom Kureethadam at **7:00pm**. Register at <https://bit.ly/hopeactcreation> Both events are hosted by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland's Care of Creation Office.

## 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

## 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](mailto:frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk)

## Holy Year 2025

Pope Francis declared that 2025 will be a Year of Jubilee. To help us prepare for the year the Archdiocese is hosting "Pilgrimage of Hope" which will feature spiritual talks, pilgrim testimonies and more. It takes place at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on Saturday 9 November from 11:00am to 3:15pm. Register at [bit.ly/holyyearevent](http://bit.ly/holyyearevent)

## Apply now for the MA in Applied Catholic Theology 2024/2025

Secure your place to study for this year's MA in Applied Catholic Theology at the Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. St Mary's University in partnership with the Archdiocese offers the course. The Scottish students can now receive SAAS funding. Apply for this year's programme: <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/applied-catholic-theology>.

## Celebrating the Gift

A Scripture Reflection Day titled 'Celebrating the Gift' takes place at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on Saturday 5 October 2024 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The event will explain more about the **new lectionary** which is going to be introduced in Advent, and it is also a chance to reflect on the Word of God. Register at [bit.ly/scriptureevent](https://bit.ly/scriptureevent)



**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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**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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