



SAINT KESSOG'S

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

Weekly celebrations: 13 October - 20 October 2024

| | Sun 13 | Mon 14 | Tue 15 | Wed 16 | Thu 17 | Fri 18 | Sat 19 | Sun 20 |
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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 | 28 th Sun B | | St Teresa of Avila | | St Ignatius of Antioch | St Luke | | 29 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
£154.20

BALFRON
£110

TOTAL
£264.20

We also thank those who donate by direct debit.

Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel (Mark 10:17-30)

The theological message of Mark 10:17-38 challenges worldly views of wealth, status, and human effort in achieving salvation. Jesus teaches that entry into the Kingdom of God is not something earned, but a gift from God, the sole Source of all goodness. Discipleship requires a radical detachment from wealth and self-reliance, a readiness to serve Christ in sharing with the poor, and complete trust in God's grace. While certain Old Testament texts regard wealth and material goods as signs of God's blessing or favour (cf. Jb 1:10; Ps 128:1-2; Is 3:10), Jesus emphasises the difficulty of entering the Kingdom when the human heart places its security and happiness solely in material wealth. It is impossible for humans to achieve salvation by their own efforts, but it is possible through reliance on God's mercy.

Special Collection

Next Sunday (20 October) there will be the annual special collection to mark World Day of Prayer for the Missions. Funds raised will go to Missio Scotland, the Pope's charity for world mission. It helps support Catholic projects and people in need across the world. Find out how your donation will help improve the lives of others at www.missioscotland.com

Holy Year event

The Archdiocese invites you to find out more about the Jubilee Year 2025 at a special event at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on **Saturday 9 November**. Includes inspiring talks on preparing spiritually for the year ahead and pilgrim testimonies. Register for this free event at bit.ly/holyyearevent

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) to have it included in the parish bulletin.



Figuralchor Köln

A choir from Cologne will give a free concert at Sacred Heart Church, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, Thursday 17 October at 7:00pm as part of its Scotland Tour 2024. Music by Bach, Bruckner, Rheinberger, Pärt and Giello. All welcome.

Buy your new Missal

From Advent, the Church will be using a new Lectionary. The Lectionary is the book of Scriptural Readings proclaimed at Mass. In the new Lectionary, the order and selection of readings will be the same, but their *translation* into English will be slightly different. You can buy a new Missal (or your first one) from various outlets: www.rpbooks.co.uk, www.ctsbooks.org, and <https://www.hachette.co.uk>.

Choose Jesus for your child

There are still spots available in *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* programme in East Calder, Livingston and Rosyth. *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* teaches children to pray, wonder, and work, all while growing their relationship with Jesus and the Catholic Church. Contact brodie.douglas-young@staned.org.uk for details.

Psalms and the New Lectionary

From Advent 2024, a new translation of the psalms used in the liturgy at Mass will be introduced. Join Fr Adrian Porter SJ to explore the ancient literature of the psalms, their translation and use in Christian worship. This FREE workshop is for readers, cantors and anyone with an interest in the psalms. It takes place from 2:30-5:00pm on **Saturday 26 October** at Sacred Heart Church, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ. Register at bit.ly/psalmsevent

Zoom series on new Lectionary

The Archdiocese is hosting a series of 45 min. talks on Zoom to take a closer look at the new Lectionary which is being introduced in Advent. Join Fr Jamie McMorrin at 7:00pm on **Wednesday 4 December**, Wed 11 Dec, and Wed 18 Dec. The sessions are free to attend. Register at bit.ly/lectionaryadvent

All Souls' Day

Archbishop Cushley will offer Holy Mass for the repose of all the faithful departed who have died in the Archdiocese in the last year, especially those buried at Mount Vernon Cemetery in Edinburgh. This will take place on All Souls' Day, **Saturday 2 November**, at 10:00am in the Cemetery Chapel at Mount Vernon Cemetery, 49 Mount Vernon Rd, Edinburgh, EH16 6JG.

Romero Lecture 2024

Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski of the Ukrainian Catholic community in the UK will deliver this year's lecture on 'Romero and Ukraine: Resilience in the Face of Injustice'. **Friday 18 October** at 7:00pm at Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston Street, Edinburgh. The event is to celebrate the witness and legacy of St Oscar Romero, martyred in 1980 in El Salvador. In partnership with SCIAF, Justice and Peace Scotland, Pax Christi, and the Romero Trust. All welcome.

Youth Day – Wonder Woman St Margaret!

The Archdiocese is hosting a youth day for p4-p7 children at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on **Saturday 16 November** to coincide with the Feast of St Margaret. Includes games, talks and activities, concluding with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Leo. Register at <https://bit.ly/youthdaymargaret>

Ceilidh Ball

The national Young Adults' Ceilidh Ball is at Central Hall, 2 West Tollcross, Edinburgh, EH3 9BP on **Saturday 16 November** at **7:00pm**. Includes live band and buffet. Details and tickets (£40) at bit.ly/edinburghceilidh Queries: Fr Robert Taylor frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk



The Alma Mater Fund

The Alma Mater Fund provides financial support to pregnant students facing difficulties at universities in order to support them in pursuing their academic and personal goals. Through the work of the initiative, the Alma Mater Fund can also direct students to further sources of support and advice. Call, Text or WhatsApp: **07849 088244** or socials: [@almamaterfund](#)

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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