



SAINT KESSOG'S

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

Weekly celebrations: 20 October - 27 October 2024

	Sun 20	Mon 21	Tue 22	Wed 23	Thu 24	Fri 25	Sat 26	Sun 27
Saint Anthony's	9.30 am		 St. John Paul II		 St. Anthony Mary Claret			9.30 am
Saint Kessog's	11.00am							11.00 am
Mass	Sunday							Sunday
Feast/Event	29 th Sun B		St John Paul II		St Anthony Mary Claret			30 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
£434

BALFRON
£97.20

TOTAL
£531.20

We also thank those who donate by direct debit.

Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel (Mk 10:35-45)

In the broader context of Mark's Gospel, today's passage comes at a pivotal moment, as Jesus is journeying toward His passion and crucifixion in Jerusalem. He contrasts the rulers of the Gentiles (who "lord it over" others) with His example, emphasising that leadership in the Kingdom of God is not about exerting authority but about becoming a Servant to all. Then, Jesus' identity as the Suffering Servant is made explicit at the end of this Sunday's Gospel: "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." Here, Jesus links His mission to the Suffering Servant motif from Isaiah 53 (see first reading), portraying His forthcoming death, not as a tragic defeat, but as a redemptive act of self-giving love, the ultimate expression of divine service. This message is not only descriptive of Jesus' own life and mission, but also prescriptive for his disciples. They are invited to follow in the footsteps of their Master, embracing a path of self-giving love that runs counter to the values of the world. **The radical nature of discipleship is evident in the call to "drink the cup" that Jesus drinks and "be baptized with the baptism" He undergoes (v. 38). Even though these metaphors refer to Jesus' impending suffering and death, they also indicate that true discipleship involves participating in Jesus' Passion, not merely as passive observers, but as active participants in His mission of sacrificial love.**

Special Collection

There is a second collection this Sunday 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

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.



In Loving Memory: RIP Christine Anne Mullen

Public Rosary & Candlelight Procession

Please join people from across the country to pray the Rosary in George Square, Glasgow, at 6:30pm on **Thursday 24 October** for the annual torchlight procession. It commemorates 57 years since the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act, which has led to the loss of more than 10 million lives in the UK. This is a solemn and prayerful event to pray for an end to abortion. After the Rosary, there is a procession to St Andrew's Cathedral where Mass will be celebrated by Canon David Wallace.

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



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 from various outlets:** www.rpbooks.co.uk, www.ctsbooks.org, and <https://www.hachette.co.uk>.

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.parihofstkessog.org

see the 'Connect' section, under 'Welcome'.

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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

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