




# SAINT KESSOG'S

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

## Weekly celebrations: 29 September - 6 October 2024

	Sun   29	Mon   30	Tue   1	Wed   2	Thu   3	Fri   4	Sat   5	Sun   6
<b>Saint Anthony's</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>							<b>9.30 am</b>
<b>Saint Kessog's</b>	<b>11.00am</b>							<b>11.00 am</b>
<b>Mass</b>	Sunday		St. Thérèse	Holy Guardian Angels			St Faustina	Sunday
<b>Feast/Event</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> Sun B							27 <sup>th</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  
£136.95

BALFRON  
£83.41

TOTAL  
£220.36

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

## Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel (Mark 9:38-48)

This Sunday's Gospel presents both a narrative and a series of five sayings from Jesus. Although these sayings use different images, they all contain a similar message: to "enter into life," we must sometimes make the painful choice to renounce something that is very dear to us. This sacrifice can free us from self-centredness, enabling us to give ourselves fully in humble service to the "little ones," and strive not to become an obstacle to their faith. Therefore, we must reflect on the "obstacles" Jesus mentions and recognise how they manifest in our own lives. These obstacles, often rooted in the world around us, may prevent the lowly and vulnerable from realizing their potential for happiness. Our selfishness and pride can blind us to the good done by others, especially those outside our immediate circle of friends or family. Yet, good is good, regardless of its source, and should be recognized and appreciated.

## New Sunday Missal

Starting Sunday, 1 December, all parishes will begin using an **updated Lectionary**. This means that the readings at Mass will feature a slightly revised translation of the Sacred Scriptures (the ESV-CE). For personal use, you can purchase the new Sunday Missal from several retailers' sites, including [www.rpbooks.co.uk](http://www.rpbooks.co.uk), [www.ctsbooks.org](http://www.ctsbooks.org), and <https://www.hachette.co.uk/>



## 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)) or Fr. Alexander ([office.stkessogblanefield@staned.org.uk](mailto:office.stkessogblanefield@staned.org.uk)) to have it included in the parish bulletin.



## 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**

## 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](https://bit.ly/warningfromcanada)



## Romero Lecture 2024

Celebrating the witness and legacy of St Oscar Romero, martyred in 1980 in El Salvador, 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 7pm** at **Sacred Heart Church**, Lauriston Street, Edinburgh. All welcome. In partnership with SCIAF, Justice and Peace Scotland, Pax Christi, and the Romero Trust.

## 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](https://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.

A graphic for the parish census showing colorful silhouettes of people in various colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple) standing together.

**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)**

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

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