



SAINT KESSOG'S

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

Weekly celebrations: 6 October - 13 October 2024

	Sun 6	Mon 7	Tue 8	Wed 9	Thu 10	Fri 11	Sat 12	Sun 13
Saint Anthony's	9.30 am							9.30 am
Saint Kessog's	11.00am							11.00 am
Mass	Sunday							Sunday
Feast/Event	27 th Sun B	Our Lady of the Rosary		St Denis & companions		St John XXIII		28 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
£127.20

BALFRON
£90.05

TOTAL
£217.25

We also thank those who donate by direct debit.

Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel (Mark 10:2-16)

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that the matrimonial covenant between baptised persons has been raised by Christ to the dignity of a sacrament (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, [CCC] n° 1601). As a union of life and love, the marriage was established by God, who is its author, and it follows His laws. The call to marriage is part of human nature, created by God, and is not just a human institution, despite its many forms throughout history and cultures (CCC, n° 1603).

In the Old Testament, while polygamy existed, the law given to Moses aimed to protect wives from mistreatment by their husbands. However, Moses' allowance for divorce was due to the people's "hardness of heart" (CCC, n° 1610). The prophets used the image of faithful marriage to help the Chosen People understand the unity and permanence of marriage. Stories from the books of Ruth and Tobit reflect a deeper sense of marriage's fidelity and tenderness. (CCC, n° 1611).

Jesus, in His teaching, restored the original purpose of marriage, reaffirming its unity and indissolubility. He taught that the allowance for divorce was only a concession, and that marriage, as willed by God, is an indissoluble union: "What God has joined together, let no one separate" (CCC, n° 1614).

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.



Doctors' opposition to assisted suicide

A total of 82% of doctors responding to the Scottish Parliament Health Committee's detailed call for views on proposals to legalise assisted suicide have stated that they are 'strongly opposed' to the plans. Please let your MSPs know about this. More information on how to do this at: <https://rcpolitics.org/assisted-suicide/>

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](https://www.instagram.com/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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