

1 December 2024

SAINT KESSOG'S

ONE PARISH - TWO CHURCHES

MASS | SAINT ANTHONY'S
SUN | 9.30AM

SAINT KESSOG'S
SUN | 11.00AM



Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel Luke 21:25-34

“Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen.”

On this first Sunday of Advent, Jesus calls us to **“stay awake”** as we await His coming in glory. Advent is indeed a time of preparation for Christmas, the solemn celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the flesh, the great Mystery of the Incarnation. Yet, we must not forget that Jesus already came into our world over two thousand years ago. Our spiritual preparation to commemorate His first coming reminds us of the promise of His return in glory and His urgent teaching to remain steadfast in prayer and good deeds until that day.

The present time is thus a period of challenge and vigilance, situated between Jesus' first coming as a humble child born in Bethlehem and His second coming in majesty to judge the living and the dead. This calls each of us to a personal commitment to prayer and repentance, turning away from spiritual complacency, debauchery, and the distractions of daily worries. Instead, let us endeavour to stand upright, lifting our heads and hearts to heaven, from where the Son of Man will come. In Him, we place our trust and hope as we strive for our ultimate salvation. Pious Advent to everyone!

Fr. Jacob

THANK YOU

Last Sunday's cash collection

SAINT ANTHONY'S
£129.10

SAINT KESSOG'S
£180.00

TOTAL
£309.10

We also thank those who donate by direct debit.

Celebrations in the Parish

If you have a special event to celebrate, such as a birthday, wedding anniversary, or memorial for a departed loved one, and would like to share it with other parishioners by having it included in the bulletin, please contact Fiona Radif stkessogsparish@gmail.com

SUNDAY: Visit of Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem

Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzabella will be at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh on **Sunday 1 December**. His Eminence will preach at the evening Mass that will be presided at by Archbishop Cushley. **Mass begins at 7:30pm**. All are welcome.



Nativity Blessing

Archbishop Cushley will bless the Nativity Scene at Mound Place, **Edinburgh, at 3:00pm on Sunday 1 December**.

Diploma in Catechetics

Take the Diploma in Catechetics and make the Holy Year 2025 a time of newness and deepening in your life of faith. The course is run by the Archdiocese and **starts in January. It consists of a weekly lecture on Zoom**, guided reading from the Catechism and regular 1-to-1 support. To mark the Holy Year the course is being offered at £125 (normally £200). Find out more and register at bit.ly/diploma2025

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 McMorris 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

Explore

The Archdiocese is running EXPLORE for young women interested in finding out more about the religious life and exploring God's will. Includes talks, discussion, prayer and socialising. It takes place on the last Sunday of the month at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh, EH9 1SN: **26 Jan, 23 Feb, 30 Mar, 25 May**. Includes a retreat: **4-7 April**. To register, email Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO religionsvocations@staned.org.uk

Feast of the Holy Innocents

Join Archbishop Cushley, priests and people of the Archdiocese to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Innocents at St Margaret's Chapel at The Gillis Centre, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB ON **Saturday 28 December**. Complimentary refreshments and social afterwards. Register at bit.ly/prolifeevents or just come along on the day.

ADVENT ROSARY

The annual Archdiocesan Rosary takes place each **Monday at 7:45pm** through Advent, beginning on **2 December**. Join us to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at bit.ly/adventrosary



COMMUNITY CORNER

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES 2025

Sacramental Preparation Classes will begin at the end of January. The normal age for receiving the sacraments is:

- **First Reconciliation** (P3 and upwards)
- **First Holy Communion** (P4 and upwards)
- **Confirmation** (P7 and upwards).

If you would like your child to join the classes and prepare to receive these sacraments, please contact Fr. Jacob or one of our Parish Catechists – Anne, Sara and Louise
louise.young1979@outlook.com



Our New Priest Arrives on Tuesday Evening

We are delighted to announce that our long wait is over! This Tuesday, **Fr. John Adesotu** will officially join our parish as our new priest. This marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for our parish. Let us keep Fr. John in our prayers as he settles into this new role.


IN LOVING MEMORY

The funeral mass for Edward 'Eddie' McGhee will be said by Fr Jamie on **Wednesday 4th December, 10am at St Kessogs**



WEEK AHEAD

24 November – 1 December 2024

	Sun 1	Mon 2	Tue 3	Wed 4	Thu 5	Fri 6	Sat 7	Sun 8
Saint Anthony's	9.30am							9.30am
Saint Kessog's	11am							11am
Mass	Sunday							Sunday
Feast/Event	35th Sun B							36th Sun B
Weekday services will resume when the new priest arrives								

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

PARISH BULLETIN

If you have any news you would like included in our Sunday Parish Bulletin, please email it to stkessogparish@gmail.com. You can find this Bulletin and previous ones at www.parishofstkessog.org

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PARISH CENSUS

In order, 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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