

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 Mark (13:24-32)

On this Sunday the Church prepares us for the solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, by inviting us to meditate on a passage from Jesus' eschatological discourse. In this text, Jesus prophetically speaks of future events, including the destruction of the Temple, signs of the end times, and His ultimate return in glory (Parousia). This passage draws heavily on Old Testament apocalyptic themes, especially those relating to God's judgment, deliverance, and restoration.

Jesus begins by describing cosmic disturbances: the darkening of the sun and moon, stars falling from the sky, and the heavens being shaken. Such imagery is common in Old Testament apocalyptic literature, where cosmic signs often accompany divine judgment or significant intervention by God (see Isaiah 13:10; Joel 2:31; Ezekiel 32:7-8). Jesus' reference to the "Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory" echoes Daniel 7:13-14, where the "Son of Man" is a messianic figure granted authority, glory, and an everlasting kingdom by God. By identifying Himself with this figure, Jesus signals the fulfilment of messianic hopes through His mission and the ultimate authority He will exercise at the end of time. The image of coming on the clouds symbolizes divine authority, as cloud imagery often signifies God's presence in the Old Testament. Jesus' return in power and glory marks the complete establishment of God's Kingdom, where He reigns supreme over all creation.

Additionally, Jesus uses the fig tree as a metaphor, urging His followers to discern the signs of the times and remain vigilant. This imagery of the fig tree both assures the certainty of the coming of His Kingdom and highlights the readiness required from us, His followers.

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

Fr. Jacob

THANK YOU

Last Sunday's cash collection

SAINT ANTHONY'S
£62.00

SAINT KESSOG'S
£67.00

TOTAL
£129.00

We also thank those who donate by direct debit.

PARISH NEWS

Catholic Education Fortnight

As we approach Catholic Education Fortnight, beginning on 16th November, we are reminded of the significance of Catholic education in our community. This is a special time to reflect on the values and traditions that shape our school and to celebrate our shared faith. We encourage any child attending Mass that weekend to wear their school uniform as a show of school spirit and unity.

Visit of Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem

Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzabella will be at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh on **Sunday 1st 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.

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

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

Special Collection for SCES

The annual special collection for work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service will take place on **Sunday 24 November**.

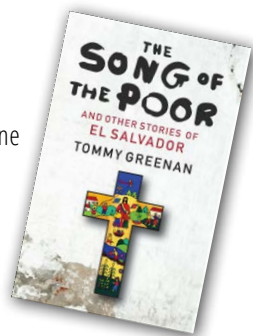
ADVENT ROSARY

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



Songs of the Poor

Songs of the Poor and other stories of El Salvador is a book written by the late Tommy Greenan, a priest of the Archdiocese, and is available from various online retailers. As we mark World Day of the Poor today (**Sunday 17 November**), it is an inspiring and moving read of a young priest living and working among the poorest of the poor in a country torn apart by civil war.



Assisted Suicide

On 29 November, the UK Parliament will vote on an assisted suicide Bill. The result at Westminster will strongly influence MSPs as the Scottish Parliament is also considering this issue. If passed, assisted suicide laws will damage NHS end-of life-care. Experience in other countries shows that abuses start to happen and vulnerable people are pressured to die. Many MPs have not made up their minds and want to hear from you. Points to help with emails: <https://bit.ly/AssistedSuicideTalkingPoints> Find your MP and MSPs: <https://writetothem.com>

Supporting our Hospices

Much more funding is required for palliative care services in Scotland to ensure the best are possible for the terminally ill and support for their families. Please contact your MP and MSPs and ask them to support the hospice movement and oppose assisted suicide proposals currently at Holyrood and Westminster: <https://writetothem.com>

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



WEEK AHEAD

17 November – 24 November 2024

	Sun 17	Mon 18	Tue 19	Wed 20	Thu 21	Fri 22	Sat 23	Sun 24
Saint Anthony's	9.30am							9.30am
Saint Kessog's	11am							11am
Mass	Sunday							Sunday
Feast/Event	33rd Sun B	Weekday services will resume when the new priest arrives						34th Sun B

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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