

# 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 John (18:34-37)

The Solemnity of Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe, emphasises His role as the cosmic King, the image of the invisible God, the Creator, and the Reconciler of all things (*Colossians 1:15-20*). His life and death sought to unite all creation under His reign. In John 18:33-37, this universal vision is evident in Jesus' statement about the origin and nature of His kingdom. When questioned by Pilate before His condemnation and crucifixion, Jesus openly affirmed: "Yes, I am a King." Yet, He quickly clarified that His kingdom is unlike the earthly realms.

It is important to notice that Jesus' kingdom transcends political and geographical boundaries. That is why He deserves the title "King of the Universe." His reign is not confined by time or space but encompasses all creation and every generation. Even the rulers of the world are subject to His kingship. The Book of Revelation acknowledges Him as the Ruler of the kings of the earth. However, Jesus' kingship is governed by principles fundamentally different from those of worldly domains, which often rely on power, dominance, violence, luxury, etc. Instead, His reign is founded on Truth, Love, Faithfulness, Justice, and Peace. cont'd...

## 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](mailto:stkessogsparish@gmail.com)

## THANK YOU

### Last Sunday's cash collection

SAINT ANTHONY'S  
£125.50

SAINT KESSOG'S  
£132.00

TOTAL  
£257.50

We also thank those who donate by direct debit.



# PARISH NEWS

Jesus declared that He came to bear witness to the truth, a truth that reveals God's nature, purpose, and love for humanity. To recognise His kingship is to commit to this Truth and to His way of life. Believers are called to embody the values of Jesus' kingdom: truth, justice, humility, love, compassion, forgiveness, service, self-denial, and so on.

The Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe is an invitation for all Christians to let Christ reign in their hearts, lives, and societies; to entrust their children and young people to His kingship; and to become witnesses of the Truth in their daily actions and words. This Truth is Christ Himself, who courageously and unashamedly proclaimed His divine kingship before Pilate. He is the One whose coming on the clouds we are waiting, as foretold by Daniel (see first reading). May He grant us the grace to keep alive our hope to see his heavenly glory. Amen.

**Fr. Jacob**

## **Special Collection for SCES**

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

## **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.

## **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](https://bit.ly/diploma2025)

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



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



## Nativity Blessing

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

## 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 [religiousvocations@staned.org.uk](mailto:religiousvocations@staned.org.uk)

# 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](mailto:louise.young1979@outlook.com)



# WEEK AHEAD

24 November – 1 December 2024

	Sun   24	Mon   25	Tue   26	Wed   27	Thu   28	Fri   29	Sat   30	Sun   1
<b>Saint Anthony's</b>	<b>9.30am</b>							<b>9.30am</b>
<b>Saint Kessog's</b>	<b>11am</b>							<b>11am</b>
Mass	Sunday							Sunday
Feast/Event	34th Sun B	<b>Weekday services will resume when the new priest arrives</b>						35th 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](mailto:stkessogparish@gmail.com). You can find this Bulletin and previous ones at

[www.parishofstkessog.org](http://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](http://www.parishofstkessog.org)

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

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