

27 October 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

This week, we celebrated the Solemnity of All Saints on Friday, 1st November. This feast not only honours all saints whose names are not recorded in the Church's books but also reminds us of our call to live as people striving for holiness, as our Heavenly Father is holy. The Beatitudes (cf. Mt 5:1-12) serve as the paths laid out for us on our journey to holiness.

In a similar spirit, this Sunday's Gospel brings us to the heart of the commandments: to love God and our neighbour. This surpasses all sacrifices and burnt offerings. The scribe's question to Jesus, rather than a trap, became an opportunity for Jesus to reveal the essence of Christian life: to love the Lord our God with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength, and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

In biblical thought, the "heart" encompasses not only emotions but also understanding and courage. The term "soul" (nefesh in Hebrew) means "life-breath" or "essential self." While "soul" is the traditional translation, it sometimes implies a body-soul split, which is foreign to biblical understanding. This is why some modern translations prefer "being" over "soul," encouraging us to love God with our entire being. Likewise, the term for "strength" (meod in Hebrew) literally means "exceedingly," signifying might, intensity, and energy. Our love for God should be a wholehearted response to His love for us, calling us to love Him with our entire existence.

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
£92.00

SAINT KESSOG'S
£149.50

TOTAL
£241.50

We also thank those who donate by direct debit.

Diploma in Catechetics

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

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



Defending Human Dignity

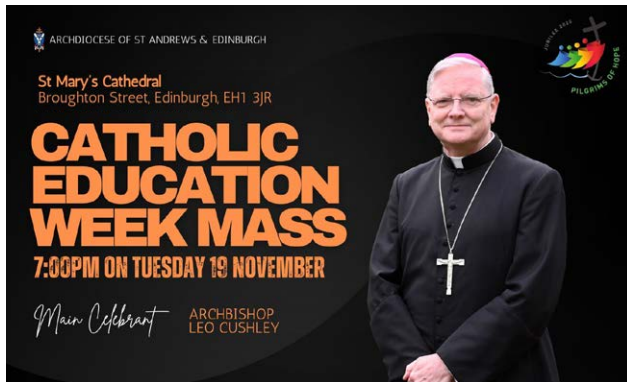
Pope Francis tells us that human dignity exists “beyond all circumstances.” He asks us all to defend human dignity in every cultural context and every moment of human existence, regardless of physical, psychological, social, or even moral deficiencies. “Safeguards” concerning assisted suicide don’t work, as shown in Canada and Holland. If you are worried that this may happen in Scotland, please contact your MP and MSPs: <https://writetothem.com>

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, 11:00am to 3:00pm**, to coincide with the Feast of St Margaret. Includes games, talks and activities, concluding with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Leo. Register at bit.ly/youthdaymargaret

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 McMorrin 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



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



ST KESSOGS PARISH WHATSAPP GROUP

Did you know we have a community WhatsApp Group?


Joining is easy! Simply scan the QR code with your WhatsApp camera, and you'll be added right away.

Note: You'll only be able to see messages from the time you join, so stay connected for future updates!



WEEK AHEAD

3 November – 10 November 2024

	Sun 3	Mon 4	Tue 5	Wed 6	Thu 7	Fri 8	Sat 9	Sun 10
Saint Anthony's	9.30am							9.30am
Saint Kessog's	11am							11am
Mass	Sunday							Sunday
Feast/Event	31st Sun B							32nd 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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