



SAINT KESSOG'S

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

Weekly celebrations: 5 January, 2024 – 12 January 2025								
	Sun 05	Mon 6	Tue 7	Wed 8	Thu 9	Fri 10	Sat 11	Sun 12
Saint Anthony's	9.30 am							9.30 am
Saint Kessog's	11.00am			10.00 am	10.00 am	10.00 am	10.00 am	11.00 am
Mass	Sunday							Sunday
Feast/Event	Epiphany							Baptism of the Lord



Last Sunday's
Cash Collection

BLANEFIELD

£102

BALFRON

£71

TOTAL

£173

Christmas

£418

£331.61

£749.61

We also thank those who donate by direct debit.

Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel (Matt. 2:1-12)

Have you seen His Star?

The church celebrates today the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. **Epiphany is from the Greek *epiphanein* which translates to *manifestation*.** Jesus revealed Himself not only to the Jews, the chosen people, but also to pagan visitors. **The Feast therefore celebrates the revelation of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, to the world.**

The Gospel today recalls the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus. They were led by a star. The Magi were called by God to encounter the Savior of the World. **God used something very familiar to them as an instrument of their calling: the star.** It was among their belief that when someone of great importance was born, this birth was accompanied by a new star. So, when they saw this new, bright and brilliant star, they were filled with curiosity and hope. **One of the most significant aspects of this story is that they responded.** God called them using a star, and they chose to follow this sign, embarking on a long and arduous journey.

God often uses those things most familiar to us that are part of our daily life to send forth His calling. God is constantly calling us to seek Him out and worship Him. He will often use some of the most ordinary parts of our lives to send forth that call. **How is He calling you? In what way is He sending you a star to follow?** Many times, when God speaks, we ignore His voice. We must learn from these Magi and diligently respond when He calls. We must not hesitate and must seek to daily be attentive to the ways that God invites us to deeper trust, surrender and worship.

Let us take a moment today to reflect upon God's call in your life. Are you listening? Are you responding? Are you ready and willing to abandon all else in life to serve His holy will? Seek Him, wait on Him and respond. Doing so will be the best decision you ever make.

Fr. John Adesotu

Justice and Peace - special collection

The Day of Prayer for Justice & Peace is today **Sunday 5 January 2025** and a special collection would take place for the work of Justice & Peace Scotland. A letter from Archbishop Bill Nolan will be read out at all Masses in all parishes this weekend.

Lourdes 2025

The Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes for the Holy Year 2025 takes place from 11-18 July. For more details please visit <https://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes25>

Marriage, Family and Life

The Catholic Families for Life Newsletter is available to read online.

Visit <https://marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk/newsletter/>

Diploma in Catechetics

The Diploma in Catechetics is a year-long course beginning in January. It consists of a weekly lecture on Zoom, readings from the Catechism and regular one-to-one support. Holy Year discount: £125 (normally £200). Register at bit.ly/diploma2025

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 (stkessogparish@gmail.com) to have it included in the parish bulletin.

This Week the following will be remembered at Mass:

EILEEN REYNOLDS (R.I.P) Sunday 5th, 9.30am at St Anthony's

EILEEN ORR (R.I.P) Sunday 5th, 11am at St Kessog's

ISABEL MCLAUGHLIN (R.I.P) Wednesday 7th, 10.00am at St Kessog's

MARYANN NEWLANDS (R.I.P) Thursday 8th, 10.00am at St Kessog's



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
George Edwards on Tel: **07866 683172**
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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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