

12 January 2025

SAINT KESSOG'S

ONE PARISH - TWO CHURCHES

MASS | SAINT ANTHONY'S
SUN | 9.30AM

SAINT KESSOG'S
SUN | 11.00AM



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, YEAR C

Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

"You are My Beloved Son"

Today is the feast of the Lord's Baptism. **Today's celebration concludes the Christmas Season and transitions us into the beginning of Ordinary Time.** It was also a transitional moment in the life of Jesus from His hidden life in Nazareth to the beginning of His public ministry.

Jesus had no need to be baptized because he was sinless. However, he submitted himself to be baptized in the Jordan river to lead the new exodus. Through His baptism, Jesus' humility is made manifest. By sharing in an act that was focused upon repentance, Jesus speaks volumes through His action. He came to unite Himself with us sinners, to enter our sin and to enter into our death. **By entering the water, He symbolically enters into death itself, which is the result of our sin, and rises triumphantly, allowing us to also rise with Him to new life. For this reason, Jesus' baptism was a way of Him "baptizing" the waters, so to speak, so that water itself, from that moment onward, would be endowed with His divine presence and could be communicated to all who are baptized after Him.** Therefore, sinful humanity is now able to meet divinity through baptism.

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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 email stkessogsparish@gmail.com

THANK YOU

Last Sunday's cash collection

SAINT ANTHONY'S
£212.72

SAINT KESSOG'S
£102

TOTAL
£314.72

We also thank those who donate by direct debit.



The voice of the Father in Heaven You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased, and the descent of the Spirit upon Him in the form of a dove is in part a public declaration of Who He is: the Son of God, one with the Father and the Holy Spirit. **This public testimony is an “epiphany,” a manifestation of His true identity for all to see as He prepares to begin His public ministry.**

We too by virtue of our baptism are beloved daughters and sons of God. Through baptism we have become the adopted children of the Father and are filled with the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we have been called to share in the mission of Christ bringing life and love to all we encounter. The call is indelible and irreversible. There is never a time to rest from it. So as baptized Christians let us renew our baptismal commitment today and live according to the call we have received.

Fr. John Adesotu

Pro Life Talk

Paul Aitken from the Pro Life Office is scheduled to deliver a talk to the Parish on **Sunday 16th February.**

Archdiocese Right to Life Committee

Edward Friel is the Parish representative on the Archdiocese Right to Life Committee. If you have any question(s) kindly reach out to him on 07711124728 and eddiefriel3@gmail.com

Property Surveyor

The Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh is seeking to appoint a Property Management Surveyor. To apply, please send your CV and a cover letter detailing how your skills and experience make you suitable for the role to recruitment@staned.org.uk **Deadline: Friday 17 January.** The job description can be found on the Archdiocesan website in the news-events section.

Synodal event 2025

The Archdiocese welcomes Fr Matthew Nunes from the Archdiocese of Liverpool who will lead an event titled Conversations in the Spirit, to help guide us on how to lead and participate in parish Synodality. It takes place on **Saturday 1 February** at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh EH9 1BB, from 11am-3pm (optional Mass at 10am). Details and registration at bit.ly/inthespirit25

Valentine's retreat for couples

The Archdiocese has organised a Valentine's mini-retreat for married and engaged couples from 2-5pm on Saturday **15 February** at St Kentigern's Church, 26 Parkgrove Avenue, Edinburgh, EH4 7QR. The speaker is Fr Andrew Garden (St David's, Dalkeith) and the event is free. Register at bit.ly/valretreat25



World Day for Consecrated Life

Join Religious brothers and sisters at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday **2 February** to celebrate the World Day of Consecrated Life with midday Mass. It is a chance to meet some of those who live and work in the Archdiocese and to pray for more vocations to the Religious Life.

Lourdes 2025

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

Diploma in Catechetics

This is the last week to register for the Diploma in Catechetics 2025. It is a year-long course beginning on **Thursday 23 January** at 7:30pm. 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

THANK YOU

The Christmas season formally ends today. Fr. John appreciates ALL who prepared the churches for the Christmas celebrations, to all who sent cards and gifts, as well as all the messages of prayerful support and Christmas greetings for his wellbeing. God bless you all.



WEEK AHEAD

12 December – 19 January 2025

	Sun 12	Mon Tue	Wed 15	Thu 16	Fri 17	Sat 18	Sun 19
Saint Anthony's	9.30am						9.30am
Saint Kessog's	11am		10am	10am	10am	10am	11am
Feast/Event	Baptism of the Lord			St Joseph Vaz	St Anthony, Abbot		2nd Sun 'C'


Please join us with your family and friends for Mass.

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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