

19 January 2025

SAINT KESSOG'S

ONE PARISH - TWO CHURCHES

MASS | SAINT ANTHONY'S
SUN | 9.30AM

SAINT KESSOG'S
SUN | 11.00AM



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel John 2:1-11

Do whatever Jesus tells you. John's Gospel is commonly divided into four sections: the Prologue, the Book of Signs, the Book of Glory and the Epilogue. The first of seven signs Jesus performs in John's Gospel is the changing of water into wine at the Wedding of Cana. The six stone jars, filled to the brim with water, were transformed into as much as 180 gallons of the finest wine. The changing of water into wine was done at the request of Jesus' mother, who told the servants to do whatever Jesus told them to do.

There is certainly much to ponder in this incredible miracle. One specific thing to consider, as we begin reading the first of these signs, is that Jesus uses His miracles to prepare His disciples for the "hour" of grace and glory that is to come. And though the hour of Jesus has already taken place in time, it's important to understand that each one of us needs to go through the process of preparing for that hour in our own lives. We must let Christ continuously prepare us for the hour of glory by which we receive Him and all the grace He won for us on the Cross. We must not only prayerfully reflect upon these signs as recorded by John throughout the year, but we must also look for the many personal signs that our Lord gives to each one of us.

Just as the participants at the Wedding of Cana were left in amazement at the miracle of Jesus, so we must allow ourselves to become continuously amazed at His action in our lives. Jesus constantly speaks to us in many ways, through words and signs, let us be attentive to them and do always what he tells us.

Fr. John Adesotu

THANK YOU

Last Sunday's cash collection

SAINT ANTHONY'S
£144.10

SAINT KESSOG'S
£236.50

TOTAL
£380.60

We also thank those who donate by direct debit.

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



Parish meeting



Our Parish Meeting comes up this **Wednesday 22 January** at **6.30pm** in the **Parish House**.

Please set your reminders.

Religious observance in schools

A Scottish Government consultation seeks views on proposed changes to the current legislation on Religious Observance and Religious and Moral Education in all schools. The Scottish Catholic Education Service is calling for parishioners to respond and reflect the viewpoint of the Church. Please complete the consultation by the deadline of **26 January** using the help guide with suggested responses at bit.ly/reguide25

Synodal event

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 leading and participating 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

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.

Grief to grace

Grief to Grace is a specialised five-day programme of spiritual and psychological healing for anyone who has suffered from sexual, physical, or emotional abuse or neglect in childhood, adolescence or adulthood, including those abused by a religious/member of the clergy. If you are interested in attending this confidential healing retreat from **29 April to 4 May** in Perth, please contact: margaret.clarke@griefftograceuk.org

Afternoon 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



Lourdes 2025

The February Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes will take place at 4:00pm on **Sunday 2 February** in St Cuthbert's Church, 104 Slateford Road, Edinburgh, EH14 1PT. Archbishop Cushley will be the principal celebrant. 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

Aid to the church in need: Scottish conference 'Courage to be Catholic'

Saturday 29th March, Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, 9:30am - 4:00pm

Hear from inspiring speakers, meet representatives of Catholic organisations from around Scotland, and help build the Catholic community.

Scan the QR code below or go to <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EHSR> to register.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Sacramental Preparation Classes will begin on **16 February**. The normal age for receiving the sacrament is:

- First Reconciliation (P3 and upwards)
- First Holy Communion (P4 and upwards)
- Confirmation (P7 and upwards)

This year the celebrations will take place as follows:

- **First Reconciliation Service:** Tuesday 25 March, 7pm
- **First Holy Communion:** Saturday 31 May, 10am
- **Confirmation:** Wednesday 28 May, 7pm at St. Machan's Lennoxtown

If you would like your child to join the classes and prepare to receive these sacraments, please contact Fr. John or one of our parish Catechists – Anne, Sara and Louise:

louise.young1979@outlook.com



WEEK AHEAD

19 January – 26 January 2025

	Sun 19	Mon Tue	Wed 22	Thu 23	Fri 24	Sat 25	Sun 26
Saint Anthony's	9.30am						9.30am
Saint Kessog's	11am		10am	10am	10am	10am	11am
Feast/Event	2nd Sun 'C'			St Marianne Cope	St Francis de Sales	Conversion of St Paul	3rd 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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