

2 February 2025

# SAINT KESSOG'S

ONE PARISH - TWO CHURCHES

MASS | SAINT ANTHONY'S | SUN | 9.30AM

SAINT KESSOG'S | SUN | 11.00AM

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

## Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel 2:22-40

**Jesus is light of the World.** Today is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord which is one of the major feasts in the church year. It is celebrated forty days after Christmas and commemorates the presentation of Jesus and the purification of Mary in the Jerusalem temple

According to the ancient Jewish tradition, every firstborn male, whether a son or an animal, belongs to God. In the case of the firstborn son, he must be ransomed or bought back. This custom is to remind the Chosen People that God delivered them from slavery by slaying every firstborn Egyptian male (Ex 13:2, 12-13). The purification of the mother in Jewish Law (Lev 12: 2) was purification from ritual uncleanness after childbirth. Our Lady did not need this purification because she was a virgin before, during and after the birth of Jesus but underwent it to fulfil the Law.

The presentation of Jesus was an act of consecration, to acknowledge and to thank the Lord for the gift of life, and to dedicate the child's whole life to whatever mission is up ahead of him.

We too have been consecrated and dedicated to the Lord. This happened when we were brought to the Church by our parents in order to be baptized. When we were baptized we received the three-fold mission that Jesus had given to us. Priestly, prophetic and kingly. Our consecration is not a one-time event. It is an all-time one. Our mission is to represent and show Jesus who as Simeon says is "the light for revelation to the Gentiles." We are to remind the world that the coming of Jesus into this world gives light to us. He is the light that the world needs to lead us to the Father.

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## THANK YOU

### Last Sunday's cash collection

SAINT ANTHONY'S	SAINT KESSOG'S	TOTAL
£71.06	£136.05	£207.11

We also thank those who donate by direct debit.



## Rosary Prayer

Our rosary prayer before every Mass has started. Kindly join to pray the rosary everyday: St. Anthony's 9.30am on Mondays and 9. 00am on Sundays. St. Kessog's 9.30am Wednesdays – Saturdays and 10.30am on Sundays.

## Mass for the Sick

A special Mass for the Sick will take place at St. Kessog's on **Friday February 28 at 6.30pm**. Kindly keep the date and join us to pray for all who are sick and homebound amongst us.

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## New Facebook Page

We're excited to announce the launch of our new Saint Kessog's Parish Facebook page. The page will be a place for our parish community to stay connected, share updates, and find inspiration throughout the week. Like and follow our page to get the latest news, events, sermon highlights, and much more. We look forward to building a stronger online community with you!



<http://www.facebook.com/stkessogs>

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## World Day for Marriage

World Day for Marriage is on **9 February** and we pray particularly for all married couples, that God may daily give them the strength and energy to support one another and their families. We especially pray that those who are experiencing difficulties in their relationship may seek help, either from the diocesan marriage counsellor ([marriage.counsellor@staned.org.uk](mailto:marriage.counsellor@staned.org.uk)) or from organisations such as Retrouvaille [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

## Rise in Faith, Live in Hope

The Archdiocese invites high school pupils to 'Rise in Faith, Live in Hope' at St Francis Xavier's Church, 11am-3pm on Saturday **15 March**. The event will provide encouragement and inspiration to help our young people grow in their faith amidst the challenges they face. Includes Mass with Archbishop Cushley. Register at [bit.ly/archyouth](http://bit.ly/archyouth)

## Holy Year Pilgrimage to Rome

Archbishop Cushley leads our Holy Year Pilgrimage to Rome for young adults (18+) from **28 July to 4 August 2025**. Cost £1,175 includes return flights from Edinburgh to Rome, coach transfers, bed and breakfast at Casa Santa Lucia and an opportunity to take part in the Jubilee for Young People programme, including attending Mass with the Holy Father. Limited single rooms available. Email [frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk](mailto:frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk) by Sunday 2 February.

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## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Sacramental Preparation Classes will begin on **9 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](mailto:louise.young1979@outlook.com)



## 'Hope Eternal': A concert of beautiful choral music by the Schola Cantorum

On Monday **17 February** at 7:30pm St Mary's Catholic Cathedral's celebrated Schola Cantorum will perform a hope-filled concert of choral music at Our Lady of Loretto and St Michael Church, Musselburgh. All are welcome, and all proceeds will help to support the choir's singing at Scots College Ordinations in Rome in May 2025. Tickets are £10 / £8 concession, available from Eventbrite or on the door:

<https://tinyurl.com/hopeschola>

## Workshop for Children's Liturgy Leaders

If you are involved with Children's Liturgy in your parish, the Archdiocesan Catechetics Commission invites you to The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, for a workshop on Children's Liturgy of the Word. The day takes place on **Saturday 22 February** from 9:30am-12:00pm and will include Mass, discussion groups, a presentation on resources, and a presentation on the Liturgy of the Word within Mass. Registration and full event schedule at <https://forms.office.com/e/yRxbbsj5kL>

## REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Jane Wilson** who died recently and whose funeral comes up on **Friday 7 February 2025 at 11.am at St. Kessog's**. We pray for the comfort of the family at this sad time. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace – Amen.



# WEEK AHEAD

2 – 9 February 2025

	Sun   2	Mon   Tue	Wed   5	Thu   6	Fri   7	Sat   8	Sun   9
<b>Saint Anthony's</b>	<b>9.30am</b>						<b>9.30am</b>
<b>Saint Kessog's</b>	<b>11am</b>		<b>10am</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>11am</b>
Feast/Event	4th Sun 'C'		St Agatha		St Paul Miki		5th 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](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'.

### 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 [stkessogparish@gmail.com](mailto:stkessogparish@gmail.com)