

23 February 2025

# SAINT KESSOG'S



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ONE PARISH - TWO CHURCHES

MASS | SAINT ANTHONY'S  
SUN | 9.30AM

SAINT KESSOG'S  
SUN | 11.00AM

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

### Be kind to all!

It can be quite challenging to be "kind to the ungrateful and the wicked," yet this is exactly what our Lord commands us to do. And His command is not meant to be a burden; instead, it frees us from the negativity we encounter.

When we experience ingratitude or any form of wickedness, our natural reaction is often to respond in kind. Our fallen human nature tempts us to retaliate with cruelty when faced with cruelty. We criticize, condemn, attack, and become angry. However, Jesus teaches us that this is not how the "Most High" acts toward the wicked, nor is it how He treats us. Eventually, those who refuse to repent will face the consequences of their actions. But until that final judgment, the hope for their conversion must remain. This is why we must never give up on anyone, no matter how challenging it may be. Showing kindness to everyone, in every situation, is central to our mission as children of God.

Think about someone in your life who seems undeserving of your kindness and generosity. Why do they seem undeserving? Are they truly undeserving? According to our Lord's teaching, these are not the questions we should ask ourselves. Instead, we must commit ourselves to loving everyone who appears to be our enemy, and to doing good to them and everyone we encounter. Although this may be difficult, it becomes easier when we recognize the goodness God has shown to us.

God has shown us perfect goodness, not because He expected anything in return, but simply because He chose to love us. If we want to be children of God the Most High, we must reflect the love that has been given to us. God's love is expansive and cannot be contained. It cannot be selfishly received without also flowing forth from our lives. When we understand this, we will understand why Jesus instructed us to be "kind to the ungrateful and the wicked." It is because this is how God has treated us.

## THANK YOU

### Last Sunday's cash collection

SAINT ANTHONY'S	SAINT KESSOG'S	TOTAL
£70	£143.50	£213.50

We also thank those who donate by direct debit.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK/HOMEBOUND:

Mercia Murray and Eva Miller.

### MASS FOR THE SICK

This month Mass for the sick comes up at St Kessog's on **Friday February 28, 2025 at 6.30pm**. If you have friends who you want prayed for at the Mass, mass cards could be signed and sent to them to let them know we are going to be praying for them.



### No Mass on Wednesday 26 February 2025

The Clergy Safeguarding Day of our Archdiocese comes up on Wednesday **26 February** at the Gillis Centre. It is a whole day event and as a result there will be no mass at St. Kessog's on that day. Kindly pray for the success of the event.

### St Anthony's **SIDE CHAPEL PROJECT**

Work will start in a couple of weeks on the Side/Cry chapel. This requires the room to be free of everything. On a couple of benches there are religious books for adults and children, vases, toys and quite a few folders, A4 paper and poly pockets.



Please have a peruse and if you want an item/book take it but, if possible, leave a small donation that will go towards the cost of the repairs in the side chapel. We thank those who have donated towards raising 15 % of the total cost for the project. Donations can be made to:

**ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND, ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. ANDREWS  
& EDINBURGH ST KESSOGS BLANFIELD, ACCOUNT NUMBER:  
10423646, SORT CODE: 83-06-08**



### Rosary Prayer

Rosary prayer before Christ exposed in the Blessed Sacrament, takes place daily before every mass. You are invited to join in praying for our parish community, families and all who are sick amongst us.

### RETURN: A day to help you get back to Confession

If you have not been to confession for a while, want to learn more and go to confession, come to this event. The day includes talks, a how-to session, Q&A, prayer, and a chance to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It takes place from 10am-4pm on **Saturday 8 March** at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register on Eventbrite at [bit.ly/return2025](https://bit.ly/return2025)

## 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) or for large groups please email [youth.office@staned.org.uk](mailto:youth.office@staned.org.uk)

## Remembering Service

A prayer service those who have suffered the loss of a child, from the beginning of pregnancy onwards, together with those who wish to come in love and support. Ecumenical and open to all. **Sunday 2 March** at 5.00pm in St John the Baptist Church, Corstorphine, 37 St Ninian's Road, Edinburgh, EH12 8AL.

## Lent Stations of the Cross

Join Catholics from across Scotland online each Monday evening in Lent for the national Stations of the Cross. Begins at 7:45pm on **Monday 10 March** and includes a reflection from Bishop Hugh Gilbert of Aberdeen Diocese. The event is to pray for the unborn, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at [bit.ly/Stations25](http://bit.ly/Stations25)

## Palm Sunday Youth Day

Let your children know about our day of games and inspiring talks at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB on **Saturday 12 April** from 11am-3pm. Includes sessions for primary school pupils (8+) and sessions for high school pupils. Register at [bit.ly/youthpalm](http://bit.ly/youthpalm)

## 'Courage to be Catholic' national conference

This conference, hosted by Aid to the Church in Need, takes place on **Saturday 29 March** at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, 9:30am – 4:00pm. Hear from inspiring speakers and help build Catholic community. Register at <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EHSR>

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES

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:

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# WEEK AHEAD

23 - 23 February 2025

	Sun   23	Mon   24	Tue   25	Wed   26	Thu   27	Fri   28	Sat   1	Sun   2
<b>Saint Anthony's</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>10am</b>						<b>9.30am</b>
<b>Saint Kessog's</b>	<b>11am</b>				<b>10am</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>11am</b>
Feast/Event	7th Sun 'C'				St Gabriel	Mass for the Sick		8th 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)