

9 February 2025

SAINT KESSOG'S

ONE PARISH - TWO CHURCHES

MASS | SAINT ANTHONY'S
SUN | 9.30AM

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

Overcoming Discouragement

This passage is filled with rich symbolism that invites us to deep contemplation.

Jesus tells Peter "Duc in altum" that is, "put out into the deep". The deep water symbolizes that the Gospel is meant to reach the farthest and deepest parts of the world, just as the fishermen were to fish in the depths of the sea.

The fact that they "caught a great number of fish" symbolizes the superabundance that would come from Peter's apostolic ministry. The tearing nets illustrate the overwhelming fullness that everyone will experience when they embark on Christ's mission.

While these symbolic elements are worth much prayerful reflection, another line in the Gospel might resonate just as deeply. Peter had been fishing all night without success. His sharing this with Jesus suggests he was tired and perhaps discouraged. Any fisherman could understand this frustration. **But the important lesson Peter teaches us is his refusal to give in to that discouragement.** He does not however, because it was Jesus who commanded him to lower the nets.

In our own lives, we all face moments of discouragement. **The real test of our faithfulness to God is whether we continue to heed His commands and respond generously, even when things are not going our way.** By doing this, we allow God to work through us in powerful ways, especially during challenging times.

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THANK YOU

Last Sunday's cash collection

SAINT ANTHONY'S	SAINT KESSOG'S	TOTAL
£119.30	£375	£494.30

We also thank those who donate by direct debit.



Sick and Homebound

A list of the sick and homebound is being compiled for special prayers during Mass and for a potential visit by Fr. John. Kindly submit all names to Fr. John.

For sick calls, please contact Fr. John at 07916 797027

Pro Life Talk

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

To all Parishioners who attend St Anthony's

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 take it but, if possible, leave a small donation that will go towards the cost of the repairs in the side chapel.



Rosary and exposition before Mass

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

Afternoon retreat for couples

The Archdiocese has organised a 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

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

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



'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/yRxbsj5kL>

St Mary's Cathedral and the Jubilee Indulgence

During Holy Year 2025, St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh offers the Jubilee Indulgence, a beautiful expression of the mercy of God. Groups and individuals can also obtain the indulgence through Eucharistic adoration and prayers, such as the Our Father and invocations to Mary. This grace is available daily and can be dedicated to souls in purgatory, offering a renewed spiritual journey in this special year. For full details please visit <https://archedinburgh.org/st-marys-cathedral-and-the-jubilee-indulgence/>

WEEK AHEAD

9 – 16 February 2025

	Sun 9	Mon 10	Tue 11	Wed 12	Thu 13	Fri 14	Sat 15	Sun 16
Saint Anthony's	9.30am	10am						9.30am
Saint Kessog's	11am			10am	10am	10am	10am	11am
Feast/Event	5th Sun 'C'		Our Lady of Lourdes			Sts Cyril & Methodius		6th 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'.

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