

16 March 2025

# SAINT KESSOG'S

ONE PARISH - TWO CHURCHES

MASS | SAINT ANTHONY'S  
SUN | 9.30AM

SAINT KESSOG'S  
SUN | 11.00AM

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

MESSAGE FROM HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2025

## Let us journey together in hope

Second, to journey together. The Church is called to walk together, to be synodal Christians are called to walk at the side of others, and never as lone travellers. The Holy Spirit impels us not to remain self-absorbed, but to leave ourselves behind and keep walking towards God and our brothers and sisters. Journeying together means consolidating the unity grounded in our common dignity as children of God (cf. Gal3:26-28). It means walking side-by-side, without shoving or stepping on others, without envy or hypocrisy, without letting anyone be left behind or excluded. Let us all walk in the same direction, tending towards the same goal, attentive to one another in love and patience.

This Lent, God is asking us to examine whether in our lives, in our families, in the places where we work and spend our time, we are capable of walking together with others, listening to them, resisting the temptation to become self-absorbed and to think only of our own needs. Let us ask ourselves in the presence of the Lord whether, as bishops, priests, consecrated persons and laity in the service of the Kingdom of God, we cooperate with others. Whether we show ourselves welcoming, with concrete gestures, to those both near and far. Whether we make others feel a part of the community or keep them at a distance.<sup>[4]</sup> This, then, is a second call to conversion: a summons to synodality.

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## THANK YOU

### Last Sunday's cash collection

SAINT ANTHONY'S  
**£179.20**

SAINT KESSOG'S  
**£227**

TOTAL  
**£406.20**

We also thank those who donate by direct debit.

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

Mercia Murray, Eva Miller, John Convery, Margaret Sharp

### Archbishop's Visit/Blessing of Altar

Archbishop Leo Cushley will visit St. Kessog's at 11.am on **April 27** to celebrate the Divine Sunday Mass and bless the altar. We shall have one Mass that day at St Kessog's.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross and Holy Hour/adoration will take place **every Friday** during the period of Lent at **6pm**. We shall alternate this between the two churches. For the month of March:



**7th St Kessog's | 14th St. Anthony's | 21st St. Kessog's | 28th St. Anthony's**

### Rosary Prayer before Mass

Rosary Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament exposed takes place daily in our parish, 30 minutes before each mass. Kindly join us for the prayer before Mass.

### Second collection for Church microphone/webcam

There will be weekly Sunday collections to get good microphones for both churches before Easter. Please donate generously. Bank transfers should be made to St. Kessog's RBS account (note 'Microphone project'). God bless you.

### 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.

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

**Work has commenced on the Side/Cry chapel.** We thank those who donated to raise 15% of the total cost for the project.

### Bank of Scotland

**The bank of Scotland account of St. Anthony's, Balforn is to be closed** following the recommendations of the Finance Office of the Archdiocese to maintain only one account. We appeal that all monies should henceforth be paid into the Parish RBS account. We equally appeal that all who pay directly to BoS should cease payment to that account and instead pay directly to RBS.

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

### Palm Sunday Youth Day

Let your children know about this day of games and inspiring talks hosted by the Archdiocese 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)

### Lent Stations of the Cross

Join Catholics from across Scotland online each Monday evening in Lent for the national Stations of the Cross. 7:45pm on Monday **17 March** and includes a reflection from Fr Paul Henderson, a priest of our Archdiocese. The event is to pray for the unborn, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at [bit.ly/Stations25](http://bit.ly/Stations25)

### Monthly 'Catholic Conversations' for Women

Women 18-45 are invited to 'Catholic Conversations' on Saturday **22 March**, 3:45pm-4:45pm, at St Andrew's, Ravelston, Edinburgh, EH4 3DS hosted by the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma. There will refreshments, a video-input, conversation, and a look at the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The conversation topic will be 'The Mass'. Afterwards, all are also welcome to Holy Hour with Vespers 5:10pm-6:10pm. To register, email [edinburgh@almamercy.org](mailto:edinburgh@almamercy.org)

### Schola Cantorum

The Schola Cantorum of St Mary's Catholic Cathedral has recorded new audio tracks – the first professional recordings of the choir since 2020. Listen online for free at <http://tinyurl.com/scholalisten> and you can make an optional donation towards helping the choir sing at the Scots College Ordinations in Rome in May, when the singers will represent St Mary's Cathedral and the Archdiocese.

### Columba Trust

The Columba Trust provides funding to organisations and individuals for projects which support the practice of the Roman Catholic faith, its ministry and values. The deadline for applications this year is **30 June**. Further details about the Trust and how to apply for a grant can be found at <https://columbatrust.org.uk/>

## 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:

[louise.young1979@outlook.com](mailto:louise.young1979@outlook.com)



# WEEK AHEAD

16-23 March 2025

	Sun   16	Mon   17	Tue   18	Wed   19	Thu   20	Fri   21	Sat   22	Sun   23
<b>Saint Anthony's</b>	9.30am	10am						9.30am
<b>Saint Kessog's</b>	11am			10am	10am	6pm	10am	11am
Feast/Event	2nd Sun of Lent	Feast of St Patrick				Stations of the cross		3rd Sun of Lent

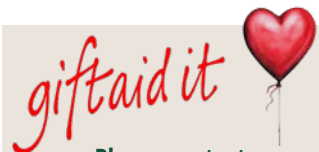
*Please join us with your family and friends for Mass*

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)