

2 March 2025

SAINT KESSOG'S

ONE PARISH - TWO CHURCHES

MASS | SAINT ANTHONY'S
SUN | 9.30AM

SAINT KESSOG'S
SUN | 11.00AM

EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

The Fully trained Christian

Being fully trained as a Christian is a profound and transformative journey that goes beyond simply acquiring knowledge or mastering skills, like one might do in a professional occupation. For example, a doctor becomes fully trained by learning necessary lessons and applying practical aspects of medicine. However, Christian training is not about intellectual mastery alone.

To be fully trained as a Christian means to allow the Divine Physician, Jesus, to fully possess you, live within you, and act through you. This type of training aims to free us from spiritual blindness, enabling us to see and know Jesus intimately. It's not merely about learning truths about God but coming to know the Truth Himself, Jesus Christ. True sight is seeing Christ within your soul, and keeping your spiritual eyes focused on Him to prevent blindness from setting in.

Seeing Christ is just the beginning. It must be followed by action. Jesus teaches that "every tree is known by its own fruit," and a "good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good." By seeing Christ within you, you develop that store of goodness, making you more fully trained and capable of producing good fruit – Christ Himself acting through you.

So, ask yourself: "Am I fully trained?" Do you daily keep your eyes on Jesus? Do you allow Him to act in your life and, through you, in the lives of others? If you can't confidently answer "Yes," you might have more spiritual blindness than you realize.

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THANK YOU

Last Sunday's cash collection

SAINT ANTHONY'S	SAINT KESSOG'S	TOTAL
£97	£99	£196

We also thank those who donate by direct debit.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK/HOMEBOUND:

Mercia Murray, Eva Miller, John Convery, Margaret Sharp



Ash Wednesday Mass Times

Ash Wednesday is **5th March**. It begins the Lenten Season. We shall have two masses on that day. **St. Kessog's at 10.am | St. Anthony's at 5.30pm.**

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

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 will start on the Side/Cry chapel on 10 March.

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 to raise 15% of the total cost for the project. Donations can be made to:

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

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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. This Sunday (**2 March**) at 5.00pm in St John the Baptist Church, Corstorphine, 37 St Ninian's Road, Edinburgh, EH12 8AL.

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 or for large groups please email youth.office@staned.org.uk

RETURN: A day for Confession

If it's been a while since your last confession register for this Archdiocesan event. The day includes talks, a how-to session, Q&A, prayer, and a chance to receive the Sacrament of Confession. The event is useful for anyone who wants to deepen their understanding confession as well as for those preparing to enter the Church, or who just want to learn more to better support Catholic children or spouse. 10am-4pm, Saturday **8 March** at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register: bit.ly/return2025

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

Annual Mass

The annual Caritas, Justice & Peace Mass takes place at 7:00pm on Wednesday **2 April** at St Margaret's, East Port, Dunfermline, KY12 7JB. Fr Tom Magill of Motherwell Diocese will preach. All welcome.

'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-4pm. 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:

louise.young1979@outlook.com



WEEK AHEAD

2-9 February 2025

	Sun 2	Mon 3	Tue 4	Wed 5	Thu 6	Fri 7	Sat 8	Sun 9
Saint Anthony's	9.30am	10am						9.30am
Saint Kessog's	11am				10am	6pm	10am	11am
Feast/Event	8th Sun 'C'				St Gabriel	Stations of the cross		First 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. 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