

23 March 2025

# SAINT KESSOG'S

ONE PARISH - TWO CHURCHES

MASS | SAINT ANTHONY'S  
SUN | 9.30AM

SAINT KESSOG'S  
SUN | 11.00AM



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

MESSAGE FROM HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2025

## Let us journey together in hope

...Third, let us journey together in hope, for we have been given a promise. May the hope that does not disappoint (cf. Rom 5:5), the central message of the Jubilee, be the focus of our Lenten journey towards the victory of Easter. As Pope Benedict XVI taught us in the Encyclical Spe Salvi, "the human being needs unconditional love. He needs the certainty which makes him say: 'neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Rom8:38-39)". Christ, my hope, has risen! He lives and reigns in glory. Death has been transformed into triumph, and the faith and great hope of Christians rests in this: the resurrection of Christ!

This, then, is the third call to conversion: a call to hope, to trust in God and his great promise of eternal life. Let us ask ourselves: Am I convinced that the Lord forgives my sins? Or do I act as if I can save myself? Do I long for salvation and call upon God's help to attain it? Do I concretely experience the hope that enables me to interpret the events of history and inspires in me a commitment to justice and fraternity, to care for our common home and in such a way that no one feels excluded?

Sisters and brothers, thanks to God's love in Jesus Christ, we are sustained in the hope that does not disappoint (cf. Rom 5:5). Hope is the "sure and steadfast anchor of the soul". It moves the Church to pray

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## THANK YOU

### Last Sunday's cash collection

SAINT ANTHONY'S	SAINT KESSOG'S	TOTAL
£347.60	£165.50	£513.10

We also thank those who donate by direct debit.



for “everyone to be saved” (1 Tim2:4) and to look forward to her being united with Christ, her bridegroom, in the glory of heaven. This was the prayer of Saint Teresa of Avila: “Hope, O my soul, hope. You know neither the day nor the hour. Watch carefully, for everything passes quickly, even though your impatience makes doubtful what is certain, and turns a very short time into a long one” (The Exclamations of the Soul to God, 15:3).

May the Virgin Mary, Mother of Hope, intercede for us and accompany us on our Lenten journey. Rome, Saint John Lateran, 6 February 2025 Memorial of St Paul Miki and Companions, martyrs.

## FRANCIS



### 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 for SCIAF

SCIAF Stations of the Cross and Holy Hour will take place at **6pm this Friday at St Anthony’s**. All are welcome.

## First Reconciliation for Our Children

This comes up on Tuesday **March 25 at St. Machan’s at 6pm.**

## Dawn Mass at Schoenstatt

On Wednesdays of Lent, Mass holds at the **Schoenstatt chapel at 7am.**

## Rosary Prayer before Mass

Rosary Prayer takes place daily in our parish thirty minutes before each mass. Kindly join us for the prayer before Mass.

## Second collection for Church microphones

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’).



## 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, Balfron 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**

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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### A message from Archbishop Cushley

"On Sunday **30 March** there will be a special collection at all parishes for Papal & Episcopal Charities. 75% of the collection goes to SCIAF and 25% to the Archdiocesan Care Fund.



**2024 collection**

**£38,000**

**£28,500** went to SCIAF

**£9,500** went to the Archdiocesan Care Fund

With your kind donations Care Fund grants went to: **Bethany Care Trust** (Homeless support), **Ukraine Project** (rehabilitation centre in Ukraine), **Across** (Pilgrimages for people with severe disabilities) and **FAFCE** (Promoting Family Life at the UN, EU and Council of Europe). We pray for all those involved in charities which help those in need in the Archdiocese and across the world, including the good work of SCIAF. Thank you for your generosity in alms giving this Lent."

### Young Adults' Holy Week event

The Archdiocese invites young adults (18+) to prepare for Holy Week and Easter on Saturday **12 April** at St Margaret's Chapel at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB from 11:30am-3:00pm. There will be talks from speakers including Fr David Stewart SJ and the event concludes with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cushley. Register by emailing [frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk](mailto:frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk)

### Stations of the Cross

Monday, **24 March**, 7:45pm with a reflection from John Deighan, CEO of SPUC. Join John and Catholics from across Scotland to pray for the unborn, their mothers and all pro-life intentions.

Register: [bit.ly/Stations25](https://bit.ly/Stations25)


### Talk at Carmelite Convent

A series of Holy Year talks take place on the last Sunday of each month at the Carmelite Convent, Hot Pot Wynd, Dysart, KY1 2TF. The next one is on Sunday **30 March** at 4:30pm when Canon James Tracey discusses Reconciliation – Forgiveness. The one-hour event includes evening prayer, Eucharistic Adoration and has been organised by the Fife Deanery. All welcome.

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# WEEK AHEAD

23-30 March 2025

	Sun   23	Mon   24	Tue   25	Wed   26	Thu   27	Fri   28	Sat   29	Sun   30
<b>Saint Anthony's</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>10am</b>				<b>6pm</b>		<b>9.30am</b>
<b>Saint Kessog's</b>	<b>11am</b>			<b>10am</b>	<b>10am</b>		<b>10am</b>	<b>11am</b>
Feast/Event	3rd Sun of Lent					Stations of the cross		4th 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

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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)