

9 March 2025

# SAINT KESSOG'S

ONE PARISH - TWO CHURCHES

MASS | SAINT ANTHONY'S | SUN | 9.30AM

SAINT KESSOG'S | SUN | 11.00AM

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

MESSAGE FROM HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2025

## Let us journey together in hope

Dear brothers and sisters,  
We begin our annual pilgrimage of Lent in faith and hope with the penitential rite of the imposition of ashes. The Church, our mother and teacher, invites us to open our hearts to God's grace, so that we can celebrate with great joy the paschal victory of Christ the Lord over sin and death, which led Saint Paul to exclaim: "Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" (1 Cor.15:54-55). Indeed, Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is the heart of our faith and the pledge of our hope in the Father's great promise, already fulfilled in his beloved Son: life eternal (cf. Jn.10:28; 17:3).

This Lent, as we share in the grace of the Jubilee Year, I would like to propose a few reflections on what it means to journey together in hope, and on the summons to conversion that God in his mercy addresses to all of us, as individuals and as a community.

First of all, to journey. The Jubilee motto, "Pilgrims of Hope", evokes the lengthy journey of the people of Israel to the Promised Land, as recounted in the Book of Exodus. This arduous path from slavery to freedom was willed and guided by the Lord, who loves his people and remains ever faithful to them. It is hard to think of the biblical exodus without also thinking of those of our brothers and sisters who in our own day are fleeing situations of misery and violence in search of a better life for themselves and their loved ones. A first call to conversion thus comes from the realization that all of us are pilgrims in this life; each of us is invited to stop and ask how our lives reflect this fact. Am I really

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## THANK YOU

### Last Sunday's cash collection

SAINT ANTHONY'S	SAINT KESSOG'S	TOTAL
£97	£217.50	£314.50

We also thank those who donate by direct debit.



on a journey, or am I standing still, not moving, either immobilized by fear and hopelessness or reluctant to move out of my comfort zone? Am I seeking ways to leave behind the occasions of sin and situations that degrade my dignity? It would be a good Lenten exercise for us to compare our daily life with that of some migrant or foreigner, to learn how to sympathize with their experiences and in this way discover what God is asking of us so that we can better advance on our journey to the house of the Father. This would be a good “examination of conscience” for all of us wayfarers. **To be contd...**



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

Mercia Murray, Eva Miller, John Convery, Margaret Sharp

### **St Kessog's Parish Feast Day**

**Monday March 10th** is the Feast Day of our Parish Patron Saint, that day is a Solemnity for us to be celebrated like a Sunday Mass. Mass shall be at **6pm at St Kessog's** to allow for more people to attend.

### **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 those in need is being compiled for special prayers and a potential visit by Fr. John. Kindly submit names or request sick calls on **07916 797027**

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

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

#### **Holy Year Talks**

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.

## Catholic Families for Life

The latest Catholic Families for Life newsletter from the National Commission for Marriage, Family and Life is available at [www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk](http://www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk)

## 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@stanned.org.uk](mailto:youth.office@stanned.org.uk)

## Lent Stations of the Cross

Join Catholics across Scotland online each Monday evening in Lent for the national Stations of the Cross. Begins 7:45pm on Mon **10 March** and includes a reflection from Bishop Hugh Gilbert. 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)

## 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:

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# WEEK AHEAD

9-16 March 2025

	Sun   9	Mon   10	Tue   11	Wed   12	Thu   13	Fri   14	Sat   15	Sun   16
<b>Saint Anthony's</b>	9.30am					6pm		9.30am
<b>Saint Kessog's</b>	11am				10am		10am	11am
Feast/Event	First Sun of Lent					Stations of the cross		2nd 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)