

13 April 2025

# SAINT KESSOG'S

ONE PARISH - TWO CHURCHES

MASS

SAINT ANTHONY'S  
SUN | 9.30AM

SAINT KESSOG'S  
SUN | 11.00AM

PALM SUNDAY (YEAR C)

## Holy Week

Holy Week is the most sacred time in the Christian liturgical calendar, commemorating the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It begins on **Palm Sunday** and culminates in the joy of **Easter Sunday**. Each day of Holy Week holds profound significance, marked by traditions and reflections that invite believers to journey with Christ through His final days on Earth. Holy Week is a great reminder of God's Love for humanity.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 604) says: By giving up his own Son for our sins, God manifests that his plan for us is one of benevolent love, prior to any merit on our part: "In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins." God "shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

This is the week when we reflect on the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ, beginning with the Gospel reading of Palm Sunday which recounts the events of Our Lord's Pasch (Passover).

The days of Holy Week include Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday); Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, Holy Wednesday (sometimes called Spy Wednesday, in reference to Judas' betrayal), Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday), Good Friday (Holy Friday), and Holy Saturday – the days immediately preceding Easter Sunday.

Beginning with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening, the Church also refers to the period that includes Easter Sunday as the Sacred Triduum.

This Week invites us to deepen our faith, reflect on Christ's sacrifice, and prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter. To honor the sacrifice made by Christ for us, active participation at all the ceremonies this week is highly recommended. Acts of charity like care for the sick, help to the needy and suffering is encouraged. May our Holy Week be truly fruitful and enriching.

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## THANK YOU

### Last Sunday's cash collection

SAINT ANTHONY'S  
**£113.20**

SAINT KESSOG'S  
**£213**

TOTAL  
**£326.20**

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

### Mass at Blanfield House

Monthly Masses at Blanfield House begin this month on Easter Sunday at 1pm.

### Arrival of Fr. Paul Ubebe, OMV

We are delighted to welcome Fr. Paul Ubebe to our Parish for the Easter celebration. Fr. Paul will be with us till April 28. Kindly keep him in your prayers.

### Reconciliation Service

Our Parish Reconciliation Service and Confession comes up on Wednesday **April 16 at 6pm in both Churches.** All are welcome.

### Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil Celebration will be at **8pm in both Churches.** Please take note of this. For details of the Holy Week activities see last page of this newsletter.

### Archbishop's Visit/ Altar Dedication

Archbishop Leo Cushley will visit St. Kessog's at 11.am on **April 27** to celebrate the Divine Mercy Sunday Mass and dedicate the altar. We shall have one Mass that day at St. Kessog's. For the light refreshment after the Mass please kindly see the list at the back of the Church and indicate what you are bringing on that day. Thank you.

### Rosary Prayer before Mass

Rosary Prayer takes place daily in our parish thirty minutes before each mass. All are welcome to join in the prayer.

### 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.

### Second collection for Church microphones

The Sunday collection for the above is still on. Please donate generously to this cause. Bank transfers can be made to St. Kessog's RBS account (Please indicate it is for the Microphone project). God bless you.



Donated **£364.50**

Goal **£2,399**

**PLEASE DONATE GENEROUSLY !**

## Bank of Scotland

**We remind you that the Bank of Scotland account of St. Anthony's, Balfron is to be closed soon** 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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### Celebration of Fr Tommy Greenan

The story of the Edinburgh priest who served the poor in war-torn El Salvador will be shared at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Thursday **8 May at 7:30pm** (Please note corrected date). Speakers will share their memories of Fr Tommy Greenan and tell the story of how his acclaimed book *The Song of the Poor* came to be published following his death. The book will be available for purchase at the event. No registration required. All welcome.

### Chrism Mass

The Mass of Chrism in the Archdiocese will be celebrated on Tuesday of Holy Week (**15 April**) at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh at 7:00pm. At this Solemn Mass Archbishop Cushley will bless the Oils to be used in parish celebrations of the Sacraments for the year ahead, while priests renew the promises made at ordination. All welcome as we prepare for the Paschal Triduum in the lead up to Easter Sunday.

### Parent Forum

The next Archdiocesan Parent Forum will take place on Wednesday **23 April** at 7:00pm. This meeting will now be online, and all Parent Council Chairpersons and Parish Representatives are invited. If you haven't received an invite or confirmed your attendance, please email [melissa.gavan@staned.org.uk](mailto:melissa.gavan@staned.org.uk)

### Assisted Suicide

The UK Parliament will soon be voting on assisted suicide. Please visit [carenotkilling.uk/petition](http://carenotkilling.uk/petition) to sign the petition and email your MP in a few simple clicks.

### Annual Pro-Life Chain, Edinburgh

SPUC's Pro-Life Chain takes place on Saturday **26 April** at 11:00am on Lothian Road. There will be a pro-life Rosary at 10:00am in Sacred Heart Church on Lauriston Street. Register at: [bit.ly/proliferosary25](http://bit.ly/proliferosary25)



### Stations of the Cross

Join Catholics from across Scotland to pray for the unborn, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Includes a reflection from Bishop Frank Dougan of the Diocese of Galloway. This Monday (**14 April**) at 7:45pm. Register: [bit.ly/stations25](http://bit.ly/stations25)

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# HOLY WEEK

13-20 April 2025

	Sun   13	Mon   14	Tue   15	Wed   16	Thu   17	Fri   18	Sat   19	Sun   20
<b>Saint Anthony's</b>	9.30am	10am		6pm	7pm	3pm	8pm	9.30am
<b>Saint Kessog's</b>	11am			6pm	7pm	3pm	8pm	11am
			St Mary's Cathedral 7pm					Blanefield House 1pm
<b>Activity</b>	Sun Mass	Daily Mass	Chrim Mass	Reconciliation Service / Confessions	Mass of Last Supper	Lords Passion	Easter Vigil Mass	Sun Mass
<b>Feast/Event</b>	Palm Sun	Holy Mon	Holy Tue	Holy Wed	Maundy Thurs	<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>Vigil of Easter</b>	<b>EASTER</b>

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

## 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)