

20 April 2025

SAINT KESSOG'S



ONE PARISH - TWO CHURCHES

MASS | SAINT ANTHONY'S | SUN | 9.30AM

SAINT KESSOG'S | SUN | 11.00AM

EASTER SUNDAY (YEAR C)

The Empty Tomb

The empty tomb stands as a profound and pivotal symbol at the very heart of the Christian faith. It does not simply represent absence – it proclaims presence: the presence of hope, victory, and life eternal. As we reflect on the empty tomb, its message resonates deeply with our lives, our struggles, and our longing for transformation.

When Mary Magdalene and the disciples approached the tomb on that first Easter morning, they were not expecting resurrection – they were expecting closure. Grief had overtaken their hearts, and their hopes had been buried along with Jesus. But the stone had been rolled away, and the tomb was empty. This moment of shock and wonder was not the end of the story; it was the beginning of new life, the dawn of redemption.

The empty tomb invites us to confront the “stones” in our own lives – those obstacles of fear, despair, or sin that seem immovable. Just as the stone was rolled away, God is capable of removing what weighs us down, opening the way to freedom and renewal. The emptiness of the tomb is not a void; it is a testimony. It testifies to the truth that death has been defeated, that Christ has risen, and that we, too, are invited to rise with Him. It challenges us to move beyond the despair of Good Friday and to live in the light of Easter joy.

In a world often marked by darkness – war, injustice, and suffering – the empty tomb calls us to be witnesses of hope. It reminds us that, even when all seems lost, God is at work, transforming death into life and sorrow into joy. Today, as we stand before the empty tomb in faith, let us reflect on its personal significance. Where in our lives do we need resurrection? Where is God calling us to leave behind the darkness of the tomb and step into the light of new life?

The empty tomb is a promise fulfilled and a promise yet to come: that we are not abandoned to the grave, but destined for eternal glory in Christ. In its silence, the empty tomb proclaims a message louder than words:

He is not here. He is risen.

Let this inspire us to live as Easter people, filled with the hope and joy of the Resurrection, proclaiming with our lives the victory of Christ over sin and death.

Alleluia! Happy Easter to you all!

THANK YOU

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Last Sunday's cash collection

SAINT ANTHONY'S
£201.50

SAINT KESSOG'S
£239

TOTAL
£440.50

We also thank those who donate by direct debit.

PARISH NEWS



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK/HOMEBOUND:

Mercia Murray, Eva Miller, John Convery, Margaret Sharp

Mass at Blanford House

Easter Mass at Blanford House will take place on Easter Sunday at 1pm.

Archbishop's Visit/ Altar Dedication

Archbishop Leo Cushley will visit St. Kessog's 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 at 11am.



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.

Parish Mobile number

Our new Parish mobile number is **07300 418374**. Feel free to contact Fr John on this number if you can't reach him on his house or office phone.

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.

Bank of Scotland

St Anthony's Bank of Scotland account will soon close, as advised by the Archdiocese. Please use the Parish RBS account for all future payments, and stop any direct payments to the BoS account.

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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 **£452.50**

Goal **£2,399**

PLEASE DONATE GENEROUSLY !

Archbishop Cushley's Easter Message

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Today we stand at the empty tomb and reflect again on how the Lord Jesus has risen from the dead and how we have a share in it through faith and baptism. We also welcome all those who have become our brothers and sisters as Catholic Christians at the Easter Vigil: your presence among us is a wonderful sign of God's grace at work. May the Risen Lord fill our hearts with His peace and joy. **A very happy Easter to you and yours! +Leo**



Children's Liturgy

If you are involved in Children's Liturgy (CL) at your parish come to the Archdiocesan Children's Liturgy Leaders' Workshop on Saturday 26 April from 9:30am to 12:30pm at The Gillis Centre 100 Strathearn Rd, EH9 1BB. The day will begin with Mass, and there will be a presentation on music & art, discussion sessions and feedback from the CL event held in February. Register at bit.ly/childrensliturgy2

Gala Concert at Cathedral

The Schola Cantorum will perform a gala concert in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Wednesday **30 April** at 7:30pm. Includes excerpts from Handel's Messiah and other beautiful music. Prosecco interval. Tickets £10 at bit.ly/ScholaGala25 or pay at the door. All proceeds to supporting the choir's singing at diaconate ordinations in Rome next month.

Beyond Consent: Rethinking Assisted Suicide Through a Family's Eyes

Alicia Duncan will talk about her mother Donna, who died by assisted suicide in Canada in 2023. Her experience shows how safeguards that seem robust can fail in practice. Her mother's death is a cautionary tale of safeguarding gone wrong. Presented by Care Not Killing, Alicia will be in conversation with Dr Gillian Wright, a former palliative care doctor, on Thursday **24 April** at 6:00pm. Register at bit.ly/beyondconsent

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

Holy Year talk

A series of Holy Year talks take place on the last Sunday of each month at 4:30pm in the Carmelite Convent, Hot Pot Wynd, Dysart, KY1 2TF. The next talk is on Sunday **27 April** from Fr Paul Lee on The Risen Jesus. The one-hour event includes evening prayer, Eucharistic Adoration and has been organised by the Fife Deanery. No registration required. All welcome.

Mass for Married & Engaged Couples

The annual Archdiocesan Mass for Married Couples (and those preparing for marriage) takes place at 7:15pm on Tuesday **27 May** at St Mary's Cathedral.

WEEK AHEAD

20-27 April 2025

| | Sun 20 | Mon 21 | Tue 22 | Wed 23 | Thu 24 | Fri 25 | Sat 26 | Sun 27 |
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| Saint Anthony's | 9.30am | | | | | | | NO MASS |
| Saint Kessog's | 11am | | | 10am | 10am | 10am | 10am | 11am |
| Feast/Event | Easter Sunday | | | | | | | 2nd Sun Easter /Altar dedication |

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 stkessogsparish@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 stkessogsparish@gmail.com