

30 March 2025

SAINT KESSOG'S

ONE PARISH - TWO CHURCHES

MASS | SAINT ANTHONY'S
SUN | 9.30AM

SAINT KESSOG'S
SUN | 11.00AM



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

Reflection on the Gospel Reading – Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

I will return to my Father!

The parable of the Prodigal Son is a profound story of forgiveness, love, and reconciliation that speaks to the heart of God's relationship with humanity.

At its core, the parable highlights the boundless mercy of the Father, who eagerly welcomes home his wayward son despite his mistakes and arrogance. The younger son, who squanders his inheritance, represents those who stray from God but return in humility, seeking forgiveness. The Father's response – celebration rather than judgment – reflects the joy of God when a sinner repents.

Meanwhile, the older son's resentment reminds us of the danger of self-righteousness and envy. Though he remained physically close to the Father, his heart was distant, lacking understanding of grace and compassion. This challenges us to reflect on our own attitudes: do we celebrate the restoration of others, or are we caught in bitterness and judgment?

This parable is not just about the sons; it is about the invitation to live in God's love and share that love with others. It reminds us that no matter how far we wander, God's mercy is greater than our failings. It also calls us to embrace the generous, forgiving spirit of the Father toward all, especially those who seek reconciliation.

Finally, it is a story of hope for anyone longing to return to God, and a lesson for those called to reflect His mercy and compassion in their lives. It asks us to recognize God's patience and love for all His children and challenges us to embody the same in our relationships. So today let us rise like the prodigal son and return to our Father.

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THANK YOU

Last Sunday's cash collection

SAINT ANTHONY'S
£108.50

SAINT KESSOG'S
£206.50

TOTAL
£315.00

We also thank those who donate by direct debit.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 30th - St. Anthony's – Elizabeth Mcardle

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 Mercy Sunday Mass and bless the altar. **We shall have one Mass that day at St Kessog's.**



Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross and adoration this week takes place at **St Kessogs at 6pm.**

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**

We are happy to report that the work is now complete. We thank you for your donations to raise the Fifteen percent required to complete the project and to Gerry Pollock and Jo NobleTT who helped supervised the project. God bless you all.

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. The account details are:

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

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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@stanned.org.uk

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.

Palm Sunday Youth Day

Let your children know about this day of games and inspiring talks hosted by the Archdiocese 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](https://bit.ly/youthpalm)

WEEK AHEAD

30 March - 6 April 2025

	Sun 30	Mon 31	Tue 1	Wed 2	Thu 3	Fri 4	Sat 5	Sun 6
Saint Anthony's	9.30am							9.30am
Saint Kessog's	11am			10am	10am	6pm	10am	11am
Feast/Event	4th Sun of Lent					Stations of the cross		5th 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