

6 April 2025

SAINT KESSOG'S

ONE PARISH - TWO CHURCHES

MASS | SAINT ANTHONY'S | SUN | 9.30AM

SAINT KESSOG'S | SUN | 11.00AM



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

Reflection on the Gospel Reading – John 8:1–3

The Scandal of Mercy

What a deeply painful and humbling experience this must have been for the woman! Yet, how fortunate she was to encounter the Saviour of the World, who extended His abundant mercy to guide and restore her amidst her troubles. Though her sin was evident, God's mercy offered healing not only for her failings but also for the consequences they brought.

The scribes and Pharisees who presented her to Jesus appeared to be scandalized by the profound mercy He displayed. This encounter was one of many moments where Jesus demonstrated mercy so extraordinary that it challenged the understanding of those around Him.

What about you? How far are you prepared to go in showing mercy? It is all too easy to condemn others when confronted with their sins. We might feel justified or even obligated to rebuke them, believing we are upholding righteousness. However, Jesus reminds us that we must separate the sin from the sinner. While sin itself must be condemned, as evidenced by Jesus saying, "Go, and from now on do not sin anymore," He did not condemn the sinner herself: *"Neither do I condemn you."

One profound lesson we can take from Jesus' boundless mercy is that it often surprises and scandalizes us. Divine mercy reaches beyond natural reasoning, calling us to see sin, forgiveness, and others through God's perspective. To embrace such mercy, we must allow ourselves to be transformed – to view the world with the eyes of divine compassion rather than human judgment. If encountering this level of mercy shakes us deeply, it may be a sign that God's love is beginning to reshape our hearts. Are you ready to let His abundant mercy, once shocking, become a source of holiness and hope drawn from the very Heart of God?

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THANK YOU

Last Sunday's cash collection

SAINT ANTHONY'S
£267.76

SAINT KESSOG'S
£533.50

TOTAL
£801.26

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

Arrival of Fr. Paul Ubebe, OMV

We are delighted to welcome Fr. Paul Ubebe to our Parish for the Easter celebration. Fr. Paul is due to arrive on Monday April 14. 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. Kindly join us for the prayer before Mass.

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

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').



Donated £354.50

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.

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ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS



A message from Archbishop Leo

A message to parents from Archbishop Leo: "Dear Parents, As we prepare to celebrate Palm Sunday and the sacred days of Holy Week, I invite you to register your child(ren) at a special youth event at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, on

Saturday 12 April, 11am-3pm. The day will be filled with games, inspiring workshops, and dedicated time for prayer. This event is not just about fun and learning; it's about building relationships – both with Christ and with each other. By attending, your child will be strengthened in their faith as we prepare spiritually in the days leading up to Easter. Let's inspire our young people to live out the joy and hope of the Resurrection. Thank you for your continued support of your child's faith journey. I look forward to seeing them at the event and sharing this blessed time together. Register at bit.ly/youthpalm (event includes sessions for primary pupils (8+) and sessions for high school pupils)."

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 March** at 7:00pm. 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.

Stations of the Cross

Join Catholics from across Scotland to pray for the unborn, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. With a reflection from Sr. Andrea Fraile of The Sisters of the Gospel of Life. This Monday (**7 April**) at 7:45pm. Register: bit.ly/Stations25

Not Dead Yet postcards


Postcards from the disability campaign group Not Dead Yet UK are available at the back of the church for completing and sending to your MP asking them to oppose assisted suicide.

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. Archbishop Cushley will be the principal celebrant and will give a blessing to couples.




WEEK AHEAD

6-13 April 2025

	Sun 6	Mon 7	Tue 8	Wed 9	Thu 10	Fri 11	Sat 12	Sun 13
Saint Anthony's	9.30am					6pm		9.30am
Saint Kessog's	11am			10am	10am		10am	11am
Feast/Event	5th Sun of Lent					Stations of the cross		Palm Sun

HOLY WEEK

13-20 April 2025

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

Please join us with your family and friends for Mass

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Please note the new dates: 30th March, 6th April, 13th April
11th May, 18th May and 25th May.

The class for 27th April has been moved forward to 13th April to accommodate the Archbishop's Visit.

