

4 May 2025

SAINT KESSOG'S

ONE PARISH - TWO CHURCHES

MASS | SAINT ANTHONY'S | SUN | 9.30AM

SAINT KESSOG'S | SUN | 11.00AM

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The Election of a New Pope

The election follows a centuries-old process known as the papal conclave, which takes place in Vatican City after a pope dies or resigns. Here's how it works:

1. THE VACANCY & PREPARATION

- When a Pope passes away or steps down, the Catholic Church enters a period called Sede Vacante (Vacant See), during which the College of Cardinals temporarily governs the Church.
- A mourning period (typically nine days) follows the pope's death.
- Cardinals from around the world gather in Rome to prepare for the election.

2. THE CONCLAVE BEGINS

- The conclave usually starts 15 to 20 days after the pope's death.
- Only cardinals under the age of 80 are eligible to vote.
- The voting takes place in the Sistine Chapel, where the cardinals are sequestered – meaning they are completely cut off from the outside world.

3. THE VOTING PROCESS

- Each cardinal writes the name of their chosen candidate on a ballot.

- The ballots are collected, counted, and burned after each round of voting.
- If no candidate receives two-thirds of the votes, the process continues with multiple rounds of voting.
- If a pope is elected, white smoke is released from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel. If no decision is reached, black smoke is released.

4. THE ANNOUNCEMENT

- Once a new pope is chosen, the Dean of the College of Cardinals asks the elected candidate if they accept the position.
- The new pope selects a papal name.
- The senior cardinal deacon announces Habemus Papam ("We have a pope") from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica.
- The new pope then appears before the public and gives his first blessing.
- This process ensures that the election remains secret, sacred, and steeped in tradition.

Let us pray for the success of the Conclave which begins on May 7 asking the Holy Spirit to inspire the Cardinals to elect a good Pope for the Church.



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THANK YOU

Last Sunday's cash collection

SAINT ANTHONY'S	SAINT KESSOG'S	TOTAL
No mass	£164	£164

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

Archbishop's Visit/Dedication of Altar

I sincerely appreciate everyone who contributed to the Archbishop's visit and the dedication of the altar at St Kessog's last week Sunday. Your dedication and hard work made this sacred occasion a true reflection of faith and unity.

A special thank you to those who attended and all who helped with preparations, liturgical roles, Order of Service, decorations, and refreshments. Your generosity and service embody the heart of our faith. May God bless you all abundantly as we continue to grow in love and devotion as a community.

Fr. John

Message from Fr. Paul Uebe

Dear Parishioners of St Kessog's and St. Anthony's,

I am deeply grateful for the warmth, kindness, and hospitality you showed me during my two-week stay with you. Your generosity, fellowship, and unwavering spirit of welcome made my time here truly special. From shared meals to heartfelt conversations, each moment was a testament to the love and unity that defines your parish community. Thank you for making me feel at home – I carry your kindness in my heart and pray that God continues to bless and guide you all.

Fr. Paul

Rosary Prayer before Mass

Rosary Prayer takes place daily in our parish thirty minutes before each mass. In this period of mourning for our dead Pope, rosary prayers shall be offered for the peaceful repose of Pope Francis and for a successful Conclave starting May 7. All are welcome to join in the prayer.

Bank of Scotland

We remind you that the Bank of Scotland account of St.

Anthony's, Balforn 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**

Second collection for Church microphones

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



ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Scottish Parliament assisted suicide vote

The Scottish Parliament is expected to vote on assisted suicide in the coming weeks. Please scan visit <https://carenotkilling.scot/> to email your MSPs in a few easy clicks

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

World Day of Prayer for Vocations is on Sunday **11 May**. We pray especially for Gerard Holden and Matthew McCafferty who are seminarians of the Archdiocese. We also keep in our prayers [your parish priest] and all priests and religious in the Archdiocese who dedicate their lives to serving God and His people. A second collection will take place for Ecclesiastical Students at all Masses on Sunday 11 May which helps cover tuition fees and living costs for our seminarians. You can also donate at bit.ly/eccstudents25

Children's Liturgy Workshop (New date)

Join the Catechetics Commission for the second Children's Liturgy (CL) Catechist Workshop. The morning will begin with Mass and include a presentation on music & art and a time of discussion. It takes place on Saturday **17 May 2025** 9:30am – 12:00pm at The Gillis Centre 100 Strathearn Rd EH9 1BB. Register at bit.ly/childrensliturgy2. Contact srmiriam.ruth@staned.org.uk with any questions.

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. 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.

WEEK AHEAD

4 May – 11 May 2025

	Sun 4	Mon 5	Tue 6	Wed 7	Thu 8	Fri 9	Sat 10	Sun 11
Saint Anthony's	9.30am	10am						9.30am
Saint Kessog's	11am			10am	10am	10am	10am	11am
Feast/Event	Sunday Mass							Sunday Mass

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