

11 May 2025

SAINT
KESSEGG'S

Habemus Papam!



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Pope Leo XIV is 267th Pope of the Catholic Church

The election follows a centuries-old process known as the papal conclave, which takes place in Vatican City after a pope dies. The newly elected Pope Leo XIV, formerly Cardinal Robert Prevost, has become the 267th Pope of the Catholic Church. His election marks a historic moment, as he is the first American-born pope, originally from Chicago, USA, though he also holds Peruvian citizenship due to his years as a missionary in Peru.

Pope Leo XIV was elected after a short conclave, lasting only about 24 hours, making it one of the fastest papal elections in recent history. His first words to the crowd in St. Peter's Square were: "Peace be with you", signaling his commitment to unity and dialogue.

Pope Leo XIV's choice of name signals a commitment to social justice, echoing the legacy of Pope Leo XIII, who championed workers' rights and fair labor conditions. His first words to the crowd emphasized his focus on global peace and reconciliation. He has also expressed a desire to strengthen synodality, ensuring greater participation of the faithful in Church governance.

Like Pope Leo XIII, who issued nine encyclicals dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Pope Leo XIV is already being recognized as a Marian Pope. His devotion was immediately

evident as he led the faithful in praying the Hail Mary with the crowd gathered in St. Peter's Basilica. This powerful gesture underscored his deep reverence for Mary and set a tone for his papacy – one rooted in faith, prayer, and spiritual renewal. It also points to a continuation of the Church's tradition of honoring the Mother of God as an intercessor and guide for all believers.

HISTORICAL COMPARISONS WITH OTHER POPES

- **Pope Leo XIII (1878–1903)** – Advocated for workers' rights and social justice, themes that Pope Leo XIV may echo.
- **Pope John Paul II (1978–2005)** – Focused on global evangelization, which aligns with Leo XIV's missionary experience.
- **Pope Francis (2013–2025)** – Emphasized pastoral care, synodality, and social outreach, which Leo XIV is expected to continue.

We humbly ask the Holy Spirit to guide and inspire Pope Leo XIV as he takes up the profound responsibility of leading the Church in this moment of history. May our Blessed Mother intercede for him, granting him wisdom, strength, and a heart filled with compassion, so that he may shepherd the faithful with grace and devotion.

“Peace be with you”



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK/HOMEBOUND:

Mercia Murray, Eva Miller, John Convery, Margaret Sharp

Rosary Prayer before Mass

Rosary Prayer takes place daily in our parish, thirty minutes before each Mass. We now offer these prayers for Pope Leo XIV, asking for wisdom and strength as he begins his papal ministry. All are welcome to join us in prayer.

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**

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.

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.

THANK YOU

Last Sunday's cash collection

SAINT ANTHONY'S	SAINT KESSOG'S	TOTAL
£127	£228	£355

We also thank those who donate by direct debit.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

This Sunday is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We pray especially for Gerard Holden and Matthew McCafferty who are seminarians of the Archdiocese. We also keep in our prayers **Father John Adestou** and all priests, deacons 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

Assisted Suicide: critical debate this coming week

Bills will be debated and voted on at Holyrood and Westminster on **13 May** (Holyrood) and **16 May** (Westminster). Those who are ill or dying deserve special care and respect not killing. Assisted suicide consists of putting an end to the lives of handicapped, sick or dying persons and would change the NHS. Please write to your MP and MSPs urgently. The easiest way is via <https://writetothem.com>

Nature's best kept secret

A webinar to help you discover a simple approach to spacing, delaying or achieving pregnancy - without drugs or devices. It takes place at 7:45pm on Monday **12 May** and is organised by Fertility Care Scotland. This free webinar introduces the Billings Method, trusted by couples and health professionals worldwide, and reveals how understanding fertility can deepen connection and transform family life. Register at bit.ly/naturesbestsecret

General assistant for Iona

The Catholic House of Prayer on Iona is looking to recruit a general assistant to help run the house from July this year for two or more months. Accommodation and good rate of pay provided. The role involves changeovers and cooking. More information from Jane Kindlen at mail@catholic-iona.com or call 01681700369.

Children's Liturgy Workshop

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** 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.

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. Refreshments after Mass in Coffee Saints.

WEEK AHEAD

11 – 18 May 2025

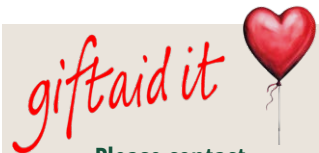
	Sun 11	Mon 12	Tue 13	Wed 14	Thu 15	Fri 16	Sat 17	Sun 18
Saint Anthony's	9.30am	10am						9.30am
Saint Kessog's	11am			10am	10am	10am	10am	11am
Feast/Event	Sunday Mass							Sunday Mass

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 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