

## St Kessog's Catholic Parish: One Parish, two churches St Anthony's Balfron and St Kessog's Blanefield

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### Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 31st January - 6th February 2022

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Monday 31st January	10.00am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	St John Bosco Memorial
Tuesday 1st February	Day Off	Day Off	Day Off	
Wednesday 2nd February	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	The Presentation of the Lord
Thursday 3rd February	9.20 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Eucharistic Adoration	
	10.00am	St. Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Friday 4th February	9.20am	St Anthony's Balfron	Eucharistic Adoration	
	10:00 am	St Anthony's Balfron	<b>First Friday</b> Mass of the Sacred Heart	
Saturday 5th February	9.30am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Holy Rosary	St Agatha Memorial
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Sunday 6th February	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Sunday Mass	5th Sunday of the Year
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Sunday Mass	

### The Archbishop's Visit to our Parish

As a major part of drastic measures due to the Covid-19 have been eased, His Grace Leo Cushley, our Archbishop, is coming to visit our Parish and celebrate the Eucharist with us on **Sunday 13 February 2022**. Therefore, His Grace Leo will preside at the Holy Mass in Balfron at 9:30am and in Blanefield at 11:00am. *Your presence to the mass of this day is very excepted* in order to confirm the number of Catholics in our area, and thus, reassure us about the continued existence of our Parish.

### Kiltegan Fathers' Mission Appeal in our Parish [See attached]

On behalf of Kiltegan Fathers, Fr Kyran will be doing a *Mission Appeal* in favour of *St Patrick's Missionary Society*, on **Sunday 6 February 2022**. This Mission Appeal will take place during the

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Mail Address: St Kessog's Presbytery, 4, Campsie Dene Road, Blanefield, G63 9BN. UK.

Holy Mass celebrated by Fr Kyran himself on the same date in Balfron at 9:30am and in Blanefield at 11:00am.

### **40 Hours' Devotion**

Each parish in the Archdiocese is having 40 hours of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to help renew our Faith and love of Jesus Christ. It continues this Sunday after 11:30am Mass at St Mary's Church, 15 Upper Bridge Street, Stirling, and ends on Tuesday evening with Benediction at 7:00pm. Visit [www.stirlingstmarys.org](http://www.stirlingstmarys.org) for details. See the full schedule for the Archdiocese at [bit.ly/40hoursschedule](http://bit.ly/40hoursschedule). Find out more about Eucharistic Adoration: [bit.ly/40HoursPlaylist](http://bit.ly/40HoursPlaylist)

### **Called and Gifted Workshop**

You have received gifts in Baptism and Confirmation through which God intends His love to reach others. Come and discover these charisms in you at the *Called and Gifted Workshop*. It takes place from 8:30am-5:30pm on Saturday February 19th at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. To register and for more info visit [bit.ly/calledgifted](http://bit.ly/calledgifted)

### **Making Disciples Seminar**

Learn how God is at work in your life and in the lives of others in this three-day seminar. It will sharpen your evangelisation skills and show how each of us can be an instrument in God's hand as we walk as His disciples. It takes place from Friday 25 - Sun 27 February at St Kentigern's Church, 26-28 Parkgrove Avenue, Barnton, EH4 7QR. To register and for more info visit [bit.ly/disciplesseminar](http://bit.ly/disciplesseminar)

### **National Synod event** [See attached]

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland (BCOS) hosts '*Synodality in the Life & Mission of the Church*' at 2pm on Saturday 12 February. The keynote speaker will be Cardinal Mario Grech, General Secretary of the Synod of Bishops. This online event will be streamed on the BCOS YouTube channel at [bit.ly/BCOSYouTube](http://bit.ly/BCOSYouTube)

### **Online Event**

To mark International Day of Human Fraternity an event takes place on Zoom at 6pm on Friday 4 February. Dr Sara Parvis and Sr Fatemah Araghi will discuss the *Principles of faith and dignity in relation to women*. Register on Eventbrite by searching 'International Day of Human Fraternity – Women in Dialogue'.

### **Events for married/engaged couples** [See attached]

The Archdiocese is hosting events for married and engaged couples in the lead-up to the 10th World Meeting of Families (Rome 22-26 June 2022). These events are for couples to come before the Lord together in reflection on the beautiful Catholic vision of marriage and family life, thanksgiving for the gift of this calling and prayer for the blessing of their love. Register at [bit.ly/ArchEventbrite](http://bit.ly/ArchEventbrite)

- Sunday 6 March 2022, Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, 4.00-5.00pm - Holy Hour with Archbishop Leo Cushley.
- Sunday 3 April 2022, Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, 4.00-5.30pm - Testimony and Holy Hour with Anton and Angela Colella.
- Sunday 8 May 2022, Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, 3.00-5.30pm - Afternoon Retreat with Brian and Maureen Devine.
- Wednesday 18 May 2022, St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, 7.00pm - Mass for Married and Engaged Couples.

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### Pro-Life opportunity

Do you have experience in Adobe, particularly in Design and Photoshop? Could you help Stanton Healthcare, a new pregnancy support charity, with their images and brochures? Find out more from Paul Atkin at the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office - [paul.atkin@staned.org.uk](mailto:paul.atkin@staned.org.uk)

### National safeguarding update

The new Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency has been established as an independent body to oversee the Church's safeguarding practice. The latest issue of the *Safeguarding Matters* newsletter provides details of what the agency will do (available at [bit.ly/3tyeInn](http://bit.ly/3tyeInn)). Lady Rae is looking to recruit people to act as Board Directors to support the work of the agency. Details at <https://aspenpeople.co.uk/microsite/scssa/>

### Food Bank collection in our Parish

The food bank collection has started again in our Parish (St Anthony's church and St Kessog's church). There will be a box at the back of each of our churches for the collection of donations to the Food bank. Please no perishables, as usual, but tins, long-life cartons and dry goods all welcome. Thank you

### SPUC Youth Conference

The largest UK pro-life youth conference takes place 25-27 February 2022 in Stone, Staffordshire. It's open to people aged 16-35 and a chance to meet fellow young pro-life leaders, be inspired and have fun. Register at <https://www.spuc.org.uk/youthconference2022>  
Sponsorship available to young people in our Archdiocese. Please contact the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office: [prolife@staned.org.uk](mailto:prolife@staned.org.uk)

### Finance

We thank you for your financial support to our Parish. Nevertheless, we still need your support to face our regular bills or invoices. That is why, we still encourage you to make a standing order through the Parish **Bank Account Name:** Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh, St Kessog's Blanefield; **Account Number:** 10423646; **Sort Code:** 83-06-08; or to send a cheque to Parish Priest House in Blanefield (See the Postal Code in the footer).

**Gift Aid:** For any questions regarding donating to the parish, please contact George Edwards on Tel: 07866 683172 or e-mail: [geojoedwards@yahoo.com](mailto:geojoedwards@yahoo.com)

**Parish Bulletin:** If you have any news you would like included in our Sunday Parish Bulletin, please email it to Frances: [fmdouglas61@icloud.com](mailto:fmdouglas61@icloud.com) (Mobile: 07901336305) by Thursday evening. If you know of anyone who would like to receive the bulletin by email, please let Frances know. The current bulletin and previous ones can also be seen on the parish website.

### Cleaning & Flowers Rotas

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	<b>St Anthony's Balfron</b>	<b>St Kessog's Blanefield</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Cleaning</b>	Char & Maureen	Marion Hoyle	31st Jan - 6th Feb 2022
<b>Flowers</b>	Moyra	Louise Olney	5th Feb 2022