

St Kessog's Catholic Parish: One Parish, two churches

St Anthony's Balfron and St Kessog's Blanefield

Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 7th - 13th March 2022

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Monday 7th March	10.00am	St Anthony's Balfron	Daily Mass	
Tuesday 8th March	Day Off	Day Off	Day Off	
Wednesday 9th March	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Thursday 10th March	10.00am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	St John Ogilvie
	7.00pm	St Anthony's Balfron	Stations of the Cross	
Friday 11th March	10.00am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
	7.00pm	St Kessog's Blanefield	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 12th March	9.30am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Holy Rosary	
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Sunday 13th March	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Sunday Mass	2nd Sunday of Lent
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Sunday Mass	

Sunday obligation

BCOS has announced that the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is restored from this ***Sunday 6 March 2022***.

The Archbishop's Visit to our Parish

His Grace Leo Cushley, our Archbishop, has confirmed his plan to come visit our Parish on ***Sunday 13 March 2022***. On this occasion, His Grace will say Holy Mass in Balfron at 9:30am and in Blanefield at 11:00am. *Your attendance at mass on this day would be much appreciated* if only to demonstrate to him that the congregation is sufficiently large as to require to be maintained by the diocese.



Lenten Season and Stations of the Cross

Since *2 March 2022* which was *Ash Wednesday* we started Lent. Lent is a special time of preparation for us, a time when we prepare to celebrate Jesus' Paschal Mystery at Eastertime. ***The Paschal mystery of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection is the Centre of the Church's liturgical year and of Christian Life.*** As a consequence, each of us is invited to make a personal

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commitment to **share** with the poor and the needy, to **fast**, to do **penitence** and to **pray more than usual**. Please, let us strive to attend at least Sunday mass throughout Lent. Also, during Lent, there will be **Stations of the Cross** every week in our Parish:

-  **Balfron** St Anthony's church on *Thursdays at 7pm*;
-  **Blanefield** St Kessog's church on *Fridays at 7pm*.

First Reconciliation Preparation

The First Reconciliation preparations began again on Saturday 26th February. A letter including a list of the proposed dates for ongoing classes has been sent out to parents. We sincerely hope that parents can make the effort to bring their children to St. Kessog's church in Blanefield on these newly scheduled dates.

Roseann's Funeral

Dear parishioners, one of our fellow parishioners, Roseann Ruddiman, peacefully passed away on the night of the 25th of February. Her Funeral Mass will take place at **10:00am** next **Thursday 10 March, in Blanefield at St Kessog's church**. Please come and pray for her and support her family, in their grief, by your presence.

SCIAF Ukraine Appeal

As well as your prayers please consider supporting SCIAF's emergency appeal for Ukraine, if you are able. Donations can be made at <https://www.sciaf.org.uk/> To find out how the Catholic Church is helping those in Ukraine see <https://www.caritas.org/>

A prayer for peace in Ukraine

O Loving God, your Son, Jesus Christ, came into the world to do your Will and leave us His Peace. Through the intercession and example of our Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of Peace, grant us the wisdom and humility to reflect that peace to the world. Inspire our thoughts, words and deeds to bear witness to your presence in our hearts. May your Holy Spirit fill us with every grace and blessing so that we may pursue what leads to peace for all humanity. Amen

SUNDAY: Holy Hour for Married Couples

Archbishop Cushley invites married and engaged couples to a **Holy Hour at the Gillis Centre**, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh **this Sunday 6 March at 4pm**. It is for couples to come before the Lord 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 or simply turn up on the day.

Returning to Confession

The Archdiocese is inviting Catholics to experience the healing embrace and forgiveness of Jesus in the Sacrament of Penance this Lent. **Returning to Confession** is a 45 minute event on **YouTube** led by Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM. It is on **this Monday (7 March)** at **7:30pm**. No registration required - watch live at bit.ly/ArchYouTube

Lent – Pro-Life Stations of the Cross

The Archdiocesan Pro-Life Stations of the Cross takes place **online** throughout Lent, **each Tuesday** on **Zoom at 7:45pm**. It begins on 8 March and will feature a reflection from Archbishop Cushley. Pray with clergy and parishioners from across the Archdiocese for mothers, unborn children and all pro-life intentions. Register at bit.ly/prolifeevents

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Lent with St Paul

The Archdiocese is hosting *Lent with St Paul – a Saint's guide to making the most of Lent*. It's a 30 minute talk at **7:30pm** on **14, 21, 28 March** and **4 April**. Fr Andrews Garden (St David's, Dalkeith) explores insights and advice from St Paul to help us prepare for Easter. No need to register, *watch live on the YouTube Channel of the Archdiocese* at bit.ly/ArchYouTube

Online Retreat

The Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow is hosting an *online retreat in Lent*. Each day features an episode from the life of St Ignatius, music, art, a reading from Scripture and a reflection. Details at <https://iscglasgow.co.uk/lent22.html>

Catholics in health and social care

A training day about the ethical challenges of work in the health and care sector takes place at The *Gillis Centre*, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, on *Saturday 19 March* from **9:30am to 3:30pm**. Speakers will lead discussions on assisted suicide, accompaniment of the dying and conscientious objection. This event is targeted at health/care workers and anyone motivated by their faith to care for others.

Register at <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/events/2022/03/catholics-in-health-and-social-care>

Scotland's Census



The once-a-decade count of the population of Scotland takes place soon and your household will receive a letter about it. Please complete the census accurately and *remember to include your religion!* The deadline for completion of the census is **20 March 2022**. Details at scotlandcensus.gov.uk

African/Caribbean Mass

The monthly African/Caribbean Mass for the Archdiocese will be celebrated at *St Patrick's, Cowgate*, Edinburgh, at **1pm** on *Sunday 6 March*. All welcome.

Safeguarding Induction 1 & 2

Parishioners who help with Children Catechism, Welcome ministry and Eucharistic Ministry are invited to volunteer and get registered for the Safeguarding Training. For any starter, the *Induction Training Part 1* is necessary. Currently available sessions are as below :

-  **Induction Part 1 – book via margaret_andow@outlook.com**
 - Saturday **19 March at 10am**
-  **Induction Part 2 – book via julie.brechin@staned.org.uk**
 - Saturday **12 March at 10am**
 - Thursday **24 March at 6pm**

March update

The Archdiocese's March update outlines events happening in Lent to help us in our prayer, penance and fasting. View it at <https://bit.ly/archmarch22> To receive updates, subscribe at the news-events section of the Archdiocesan website: <https://archedinburgh.org/>

Finance & Gift Aid:

We thank you for your financial support to our Parish. Nevertheless, we still need your support to face our regular bills or invoices. For any questions regarding donating to the parish, or if you would like to make a standing order please contact George Edwards on Tel: 07866 683172 or e-mail: 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 (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

	St Anthony's Balforn	St Kessog's Blanefield	Date
Cleaning	Brenda & Martin	Marion Hoyle	7th - 13th March2022
Flowers	Lent - no flowers		12th March 2022