

Sunday Bulletin: Holy Week 11 – 17 April 2022

Covid-19 Update

The legal requirement to wear face coverings in churches in Scotland has been removed since Monday 4 April. There is no need to wear a face covering in church from this date (though *you can continue to wear one if you wish*). Please continue to respect the space of fellow parishioners and remember to sanitise your hands upon entering and leaving church.

Confession

During this Holy Week and before Easter Celebrations:

Monday 11 April, in **Balfroon St Anthony's church**: 9:00 – 9:55am and 10:35 – 11:30am.

Wednesday 13 April, in **Blanefield St Kessog's church**: 9:00 – 9:55am; 10:35 – 11:30am. From 4:00pm and later in the evening, by **arrangement**.

The Archdiocese has put on YouTube: bit.ly/archconfessionvideo a helpful guide about returning to confession if you haven't been for a while, which addresses common fears and misconceptions about this sacrament.

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass takes place at 7pm on **Tuesday 12 April** at **St Mary's Cathedral**. During this Mass, the priests gathered around the Bishop and supported by the presence of their parishioners, will renew their priestly commitments. In addition, during the Chrism Mass, there will be the blessing of the *Oil of the sick* and the *Oil of the Catechumens*, followed by the consecration of the *Oil of Chrism* which will be used for different sacraments (like Baptism, Confirmation, etc.).

SCIAF Ukraine Appeal

Some of you would like to contribute for helping Ukrainians who suffer from war's consequences. 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/>

Holy Week

Want to explore Holy Week more closely? Check out the two videos from Canon Hugh White, of Bathgate, which take an in-depth look at this important time in the Church's calendar to help us focus in mind and heart on the Passion of Christ. Find them on the YouTube channel of the Archdiocese: bit.ly/ArchYouTube

Vacancy

St Paul's bookshop, run by the Society of St Paul, is set to open next to St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh and is looking for a manager to run it. The job is full-time and the role holder will have experience working in retail/customer service. To apply, submit your CV and a covering letter

to morag@forthhr.co.uk by 5pm, Monday 18 April. Search ‘bookshop manager’ at www.goodmoves.com for a full job description.

Collection for the Holy Places (attached)

Please find attached a letter from Cardinal Sandri of the Congregation for Eastern Churches concerning the *traditional annual collection for the Holy Places* during Holy Week, *especially on Good Friday*. Please, let us be generous to this important cause, often forgotten in recent times. Thank you.

Message from SSVP

“Thanks for all donations to the *World Day of the Poor* collection which took place in November. The money you donated will go a long way to helping people in need. It is being split evenly between two initiatives run by the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP) in the Archdiocese: *Furniture Project* – helps furnish homes of those who cannot afford basic commodities; *Caravan Project* – provides a caravan break for families who often do not have a holiday. Special thanks to the Archdiocesan Caritas, Justice & Peace Commission which kindly earmarked the donations for these projects.” - Richard Steinbach, president of SSVP in our Archdiocese.

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

Parish Census: In order, for us, 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: <https://parishofstkessog.org/> (in the ‘Connect’ section, under the ‘Welcome’ heading). Thank You.

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 Balfroon	St Kessog’s Blanefield	Date
Cleaning	Justyna & Katie	Elizabeth Taylor	Week 11-16 April 2022
Easter Flowers	Susan Pollock		Week 11-16 April 2022