

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

Parish Sunday Bulletin 31 July 2022

Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 1 – 7 August 2022

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Monday 1 August	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	St Alphonsus Liguori
Tuesday 2 August	Day Off	Day Off	Day Off	Day Off
Wednesday 3 August	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Thursday 4 August	9:20 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Eucharistic Adoration	St John Mary Vianney
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Friday 5 August	9:20 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Eucharistic Adoration	First Friday of Month
	10:00 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Devotional Mass of the Sacred Heart	
Saturday 6 August	9:30 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Holy Rosary	Transfiguration of the Lord
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Sunday 7 August	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Sunday Mass	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Sunday Mass	

Abortion Bill [Please, see Attached and react]

The Catholic Parliamentary Office has produced a two-page briefing on Gillian Mackay, MSP's proposal to introduce buffer zones around abortion facilities in Scotland. The briefing provides details on the proposal, highlights some concerns and shows how people can respond to the consultation, which closes on **Thursday 11th August**. Find it at <https://rcpolitics.org/>

Free2Pray

The Scottish Parliament is considering a Bill which would ban peaceful prayers and offers of help near abortion clinics. Catholics concerned for freedom of speech and right of assembly are asked to respond to this proposed Bill. The Archdiocese is hosting an online session to help you do this. Free2Pray takes place on Zoom and lasts 30 mins. Tuesday 2 August 7:45pm: bit.ly/freetoprayaugust

Youth Pilgrimage

The National Pilgrimage for young people aged between 16-30 takes place on Saturday 24 September in Dunkeld, Perthshire. It includes walks to holy sites, talks and Mass. A bus will leave from the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh at 9:30am (£10). To book your place email yi@staned.org.uk.

MA in Applied Catholic Theology

Apply now for the MA in Applied Catholic Theology. It is being offered by St Mary's University in partnership with the Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh, at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh, beginning in September. Teaching is flexible and the programme is suitable for graduates of most academic disciplines. Find out more at www.stmarys.ac.uk/edinburgh

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. This weekend (31 July) it takes place at Our Lady & St Bridget's, West Calder. **40 Hours of the Exposition of the blessed Sacrament will take place in our Parish of St Kessog's on 25 September 2022** (this means the weekend including Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 September for both churches). We will send you a reminder after 15 August 2022.

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

See the cleaning and flowers rota in Balfron or Blane field.