

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

Parish Sunday Bulletin 02 October 2022

Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 03 – 09 October 2022

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Monday 03 October	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Tuesday 04 October	Day Off	Day Off	Day Off	St Francis of Assisi
Wed. 05 October	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Thursday 06 October	9:20 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>	
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Friday 07 October	9:20 am	St Anthony's Balfron	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>	<i>1st Friday / Month</i>
	10:00 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Daily Mass	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>
Saturday 08 October	9:30 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	<i>Holy Rosary</i>	
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Sunday 09 October	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Sunday Mass	28th Sunday C
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Sunday Mass	

Registration for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation [Attachment]

We would like to start preparing for these classes and get an indication of the number of children for each class. Classes will begin in January and are usually held over 6 weeks on a Saturday morning for one hour. If you would like to enrol your child for sacramental preparation, could you please complete the attached registration form and return it to Fr. Jacob (by email at stkessogs1@gmail.com). The normal age for children to receive the sacraments is **P3 (Reconciliation), P4 (First Holy Communion) and P7 (Confirmation)**.

40 Hours' Devotion

Many thanks to all of you for your participation in **the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 40 Hours' Devotion in our Parish**. Our wholehearted gratitude to all those who volunteered to bring flowers, to clean up our churches (in Balfron and Blanefield) and arrange everything in order to make the 40 Hours Devotion worth of the Lord. May God bless you abundantly.

Day for Readers: The Word Made Flesh: Full of Grace and Truth

Do you read the Word of God at Mass? **A Day for Readers** will take place at **The Gillis Centre**, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, 11am - 3pm on **Saturday 8 October**. *Registration from 10:30am*. It is *also open to anyone who wants to come and reflect on the Gospel of St John*. Fr Andrew Garden of St David's in Dalkeith will be the main speaker and there will be practical sessions. The **day concludes with Mass at 2:15pm**. A light lunch and refreshments will be available. Register at bit.ly/readersevent

Marriage Counselling Service

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland (BCOS) is looking to increase the provision of marriage counselling available to Dioceses in Scotland. If you are an experienced counsellor, it offers you an opportunity to broaden your professional practice (CPD training provided). BCOS hopes to expand upon a service already used in some areas of the country that supports couples married in the Catholic church and is underpinned by the Christian tradition.

Essential criteria:

- ❖ Current registration with a professional counselling body including BACP, COSCA, UKCP or registered equivalent.
- ❖ Hold a minimum of a Diploma in Counselling or equivalent.
- ❖ Have a minimum of 450 client hours (post qualifying) experience.

Interested ? Please contact us on **07706 063936** to have an initial chat.

Romero Lecture 2022: The Life, Loss and Legacy of Romero

The inaugural Romero Lecture will take place at Sacred Heart Church on **Friday 14 October**. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop William Nolan at 6pm, followed by the **Romero Lecture** by Fr Martin Maier SJ at **7pm**, introduced by Archbishop Leo Cushley. More information at edinburghjesuit.org.uk/ejc

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.