

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

Parish Sunday Bulletin 25 December 2022

Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 25 December 2022 – 1 January 2023

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Sunday 25 December	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Christmas Mass of the Day	SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield		
Monday 26 December	Boxing Day		No Daily Mass	St. Stephen
Wednesd. 28 December	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	The Holy Innocents
Thursday 29 December	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	Octave of Christmas
Friday 30 December	10:00 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Mass of the Feast	The Holy Family
Saturday 31 December	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	St Sylvester I.
Sunday 1 January 2023	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Sunday Mass	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield		

Notice: On Monday the 26th, **Boxing Day**, there will be **No Daily Mass** in our Parish !

Food Bank Collection

Food Bank donations are desperately needed and we rely on you to help those who are mostly in need. This is a opportunity to **share the Christmas' Joy with the poor and the needy**. Please donate no perishable items, but tins, long-life cartons and dry goods are all welcome. Thank you and God bless !

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

Classes for the First Reconciliation will begin on the 14th of **January** and will be held over **6 weeks** on **Saturday** morning for one hour. If you would like to enrol your child for sacramental preparation, please complete the attached registration form and return it to Fr. Jacob (by email at stkessogs1@gmail.com) or contact one of our Catechists (namely Louise Olney or Anne Friel).

Diploma in Catechetics

Register now for the Diploma in Catechetics which begins in January! It's a great way to explore the richness and depth of the Catholic faith with course leader Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM. Testimonials, FAQs, details and registration at bit.ly/archdiploma2023 Find out more about the Diploma in Catechetics in a **30 min webinar** with Sr Anna Marie at **7pm** on **Wednesday 4 January**. Register at bit.ly/aboutdiploma)

Holy Innocents Mass

Join Archbishop Cushley, priests and people of the Archdiocese to celebrate the **Feast of the Holy Innocents** at **midday** on **Wednesday 28 December** at the **Gillis Centre**, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Refreshments and social afterwards. Free parking onsite. Register at bit.ly/holyinnocents22

Archdiocesan Directory : The 2023 Archdiocesan Directory is now available for sale. It includes a liturgical calendar and key contacts for churches, schools, organisation and religious orders in the Archdiocese. It's a perfect stocking filler and costs just £3.

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.

Last Sunday Collection: Total: £141. Christmas Raffle: £485 (Blanefield + Balfron).
We thank those who keep on donate by direct debit. Many thanks to all of you for your generosity.

Gift Aid: 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 at fmdouglas61@icloud.com or to Fr Jacob at stkessogs1@gmail.com .

You can find this Bulletin and previous ones on our Parish website: www.parishofstkessog.org

BLESSED AND JOYFUL MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF YOU !