

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

Parish Sunday Bulletin 22 January 2023

Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 23 – 29 January 2023

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Monday 23 January	10:00 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Weekday Mass	
Wednesday 25 January	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Weekday Mass	Conversion of S. Paul
Thursday 26 January	9:20 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Eucharistic Adoration	
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Weekday Mass	
Friday 27 January	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Weekday Mass	
Saturday 28 January	9:30 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Weekday Mass	St Thomas Aquinas
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Weekday Mass	
Sunday 29 January	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Sunday Mass	4th Sunday A
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield		

Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund (AICF)

Eddie Friel and George Edwards will exhort us about a second collection which will be taken monthly on the last Sunday, starting on Sunday 29 January 2023, so as to build up our contribution to the “*Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund*”, further to the appeal on behalf of our Archdiocesan AICF Working Group. Please, find a reminder document in attachments.

Registration for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Sacramental Preparation for the First Reconciliation began last Sunday 15 January. This will continue every Sunday from **9:30am to 10:45am** so as to allow a short break **before 11:00am Mass**. Classes are held in St Kessog's as there is a meeting room which is large enough to accommodate the children. If you still intend 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).

Mission Appeal

Sisters of St Peter Claver Missionaries will visit our Parish on **Sunday 19 February** to make an appeal on behalf of their worldwide missionary work. They will give a talk about this work and will be grateful for your Support.

Day for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to a day of reflection and prayer from **11am-3pm** on **Saturday 4 February**. It takes place **at the Gillis Centre**, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Light lunch provided, free parking onsite. Register now at bit.ly/extraordinaryministers

Family Retreats

Craig Lodge in Dalmally has announced **dates for its family retreats**. These are **3-7 July, 17-21 July** and **31-4 July/August**. For details and to book visit www.craiglodge.org/events

Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is underway and ends on 25 January. This year's theme is praying for unity amidst injustice: *God of justice, empower us to be agents of your grace and mercy. Bless us with the courage to relinquish our power. Bless us with the humility to stand with the oppressed. Bless us with the integrity to love our neighbours as we ourselves would seek to be loved.* Resources and info at www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer

Female vocations

Join other young Catholic women to chat and explore God's will in five monthly get-togethers in Edinburgh. The first takes place on **Sunday 29 January, 4-7pm** at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street. It is a chance to pray, share and discuss in a relaxed environment, and refreshments will be served. The series continues at the same time/venue: 26 Feb, 26 Mar, 30 Apr, 28 May. To register please email religiousvocations@staned.org.uk

Valentine's Retreat 2023

This free half-day retreat offers couples a chance to reflect on their love and commitment to each other, to God and to their community. It will be led by Annette and Paul O'Beirne, of Equipes Notre-Dame - Teams of Our Lady. The retreat takes place from **2-5pm on Saturday 11 February** at the **Gillis Centre**, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB (free parking onsite). Register at bit.ly/valentineretreat

Funeral Mass for Canon William Conway

For those who knew *Canon Bill Conway*, his Funeral Mass will take place at **12:30pm on Friday 27 January at St Machan's, Lennoxton**. The reception of the body will take place on Thursday 26 January at 7pm. May he rest in peace !

Funeral Mass for Neil McNeil

Neil McNeil Funeral Mass will take place at **St Joseph's in Milngavie on Tuesday 31 January 2023 at 9:30am**. The reception of the body will take place on Monday 30 January at 6pm. Neil and his wife Mary McNeil were faithful Sunday mass attendants in Blanefield before they moved to Milngavie few years ago. Let's pray for his peaceful rest!

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: £317.00

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