

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

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**Parish Sunday Bulletin 29 January 2023**

**Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 29 January – 5 February 2023**

<b>DAY &amp; DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>FEAST</b>
<b>Monday 30 January</b>	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Weekday Mass	
<b>Wednesd. 1 February</b>	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Weekday Mass	
<b>Thursday 2 February</b>	9:20 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>	<b>The Presentation of the Lord</b>
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Weekday Mass	
<b>Friday 3 February</b>	9:20 am	St Anthony's Balforn	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month</b>
	10:00 am	St Anthony's Balforn	Weekday Mass	
<b>Saturday 4 February</b>	9:30 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	<b>Holy Rosary</b>	
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Weekday Mass	
<b>Sunday 5 February</b>	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balforn	Sunday Mass	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday A</b>
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield		

**Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund (AICF)**

As announced last Sunday, a second collection will be taken on this Sunday 29 January 2023 for the “*Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund*”.

**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.

**Message from Archbishop Leo Cushley**

*Friends, this Thursday (2 Feb) is World Day of Consecrated Life. A total of 26 religious orders are based in our archdiocese, with religious brothers and sisters from Scotland and across the world serving our communities in Jesus' name. Let's pray for them and celebrate their work. May the Holy Spirit continue to inspire women and men to respond generously to God's call to a priestly or religious vocation.*

**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. The theme of the day is ‘Mary. Mother of the Eucharist’. Light lunch provided. Register now at [bit.ly/extraordinaryministers](http://bit.ly/extraordinaryministers)

**Come and See Day - Lay Dominicans**

Lay Dominicans are men and women who live the Dominican charism in their daily lives. On **Saturday 4 February** the Edinburgh group has a day for those interested in finding out more. Begins with Mass at St Albert's Chapel, George Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9LD, **at 12 noon** (entry via George Square Lane).

### **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](mailto: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. Register at [bit.ly/valentineretreat](http://bit.ly/valentineretreat)

### **Holy Hour with Archbishop Cushley**

Join Archbishop Cushley for **Eucharistic Adoration at 6pm on Sunday 12 February at St Margaret's Chapel** at the **Gillis Centre**, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, to pray for "insight, courage and joy in our mission," as part of the Synod 2023. The final Holy Hour will take place at the same time/location on Sunday 12 March.

### **Retreat**

**St Albert's Catholic Chaplaincy in Edinburgh** hosts 'RETURN!', a **one-day retreat for young adults aged 18-35**. Includes talks, workshops, confession, adoration, Holy Mass, and a chance to grow friendships rooted in the love of Christ. It takes place **on Saturday, 11 February from 9am-9pm at 24 George Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9LD**. Register at [bit.ly/returnedinburgh](http://bit.ly/returnedinburgh)

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### **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**. 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](mailto: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](mailto:fmdouglas61@icloud.com) or to Fr Jacob at [stkessogs1@gmail.com](mailto:stkessogs1@gmail.com) .

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