

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

Parish Sunday Bulletin 26 February 2023

Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 27 February – 5 March 2023



DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Monday 27 February	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Wednesday 1 March	No time	No Daily Mass	<i>Meeting at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh</i>	
	7:00 pm	St Kessog's Blanefield	First Reconciliation	
Thursday 2 March	9:20 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>	
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Friday 3 March	9:20 am	St Anthony's Balfron	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>	
	10:00 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Daily Mass	
Saturday 4 March	No time	No Daily Mass	<i>Initiation for an Adult</i>	
Sunday 5 March	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Sunday Mass	2nd Sunday of Lent A
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield		

Message from Archbishop Leo

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and it is a *Day of Fasting and Abstinence* to acknowledge our mortality and begin preparing ourselves spiritually for Easter. Lent is *a time of prayer and penance* and I encourage you to take the opportunity to go to Confession if you have not been for a while. It is there that we experience the loving mercy of God, who forgives our sins and offers us His grace as we look with hope to experiencing the joy of Easter when Jesus was resurrected from the dead. The Friday after Ash Wednesday is the Day of Prayer for Those who have Suffered Abuse, and we hold in prayer all those who have experienced abuse. I wish you all a prayerful and peaceful Lent.

Stations of the Cross

Just a reminder. Please join us for the meditation of the Stations of the Cross during this Lenten Season. It takes place in our Parish as follows:

-  Balfron St Anthony's church on **Thursdays at 7pm**
-  Blanefield St Kessog's church on **Fridays at 7pm.**

SIAF Appeal

Please pick up a **Wee Box** at the back of the church to support SCIAF Appeal during this Lent. We will collect them on the **4th Sunday of Lent**. Thank you.

Lent talks

Discover Jesus Christ in the Servant Songs of Isaiah with four online talks from the Archdiocese. They are hosted by Fr Jamie McMorrin of St Margaret's, Davidson's Mains, and Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM and take place at 7:30pm on Wednesday 1, 8, 15, 22 March. Register at bit.ly/lenttalks2023

Lent reflections

Prepare for each Sunday in Lent with a reflection from Canon Hugh White, a retired priest of the Archdiocese. The 'Listening in Lent' talk is posted each Tuesday on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel: bit.ly/ArchYouTube

Retreat

A retreat takes place at St Kentigern's Church, Parkgrove Avenue, Barnton, Edinburgh, from Friday 24 to Sunday 26 March. It is led by Fr Bart Parys, A Divine Word Missionary based in Ireland. The retreat is open to all to find time in Lent to draw closer to Jesus and renew a personal relationship with Him. Times: Friday 24 March 7:30pm-8:30pm, Saturday 25 March 10:00am-3:00pm, Sunday 26 March 9:30am-11:00am. No registration required.

Vocations Mass

The Archdiocesan Mass for Vocations is a chance to pray that more young people answer God's call to the priesthood and religious life. The next one takes place at **5:15pm** on **Monday 6 March** at St Albert's chaplaincy, 24 George Square, Edinburgh. Refreshments served after Mass.

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: £223.70. Sisters of St Peter Claver's Appeal Collection: £453.15.
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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 .

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