

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

Parish Sunday Bulletin 12 March 2023

Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 13 – 19 March 2023

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Monday 13 March	10:00 am	St Anthony's Balfroon	Daily Mass	
Wednesday 15 March	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Thursday 16 March	9:20 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>	
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
	7:00 pm	St Anthony's Balfroon	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
Friday 17 March	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	St Patrick
	7:00 pm	St Kessog's Blanefield	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
Saturday 18 March	9:30 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	<i>Holy Rosary</i>	
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Sunday 19 March	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfroon	Sunday Mass	4th Sunday of Lent A
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield		

Lent and Stations of the Cross

Lent began on Ash Wednesday and it is a time of **preparing ourselves spiritually for Easter**. During Lent we are invited to *pray more than usual, to fast and give almsgiving in sharing with those most in need and do penance*. We are, therefore, encouraged to **go to Confession** if we 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. It is also a favourable time to meditate the Passion and saving death of our Lord Jesus through the *Stations of the Cross* which take at **7pm on Thursdays of Lent in Balfroon, St Anthony's church**; and on **Fridays of Lent in Blanefield, St Kessog's church always at 7pm**.

Special collection

“Next weekend there will be *a special collection for Papal & Episcopal Charities* (including SCIAF). The money you donate is used to support much needed projects for people in need across the world. We pray for all those involved in charities of the Church, which help those in need across the world. Thank you for your generosity in almsgiving during Lent.” – *Archbishop Leo*.

SCIAF Wee Box collection

SCIAF Wee Box will be collected on the 4th Sunday of Lent (March 19th, 2023). Please, bring yours with you when you come to mass on that Sunday or send it with someone else if you are unable to be present. 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 continue **at 7:30pm on Wednesday 15 and Wednesday 22 March**. Register at bit.ly/lenttalks2023 Catch up on YouTube: bit.ly/ArchYouTube

Lent Retreat

A retreat entitled *Encountering Jesus* will take place at St Kentigern's Church, Parkgrove Avenue, Barnton, Edinburgh. It is led by Fr Bart Parys, a Divine Word Missionary based in Ireland and it will help you draw closer to Jesus in Lent. *Fri 24 Mar 7:30pm - 8:30pm; Sat 25 Mar 10:00am - 3:00pm; Sun 26 Mar 9:30am - 11:00am*. No registration required.

Relics of Padre Pio

Relics of Padre Pio are touring Scotland (including his gloves and bloodstained bandages). They visit the Archdiocese *on Friday 24 March at 7:00pm in Ss John Cantius & Nicholas Church*, West Main Street, *Broxburn*. There will be Holy Mass and a chance to receive an individual blessing with the relics. A special invitation is extended to the sick and the suffering. Teas/coffee served in church hall afterwards.

Archdiocesan Stations of the Cross

This takes place on *Monday 3 April at 7:45pm on Zoom*. It is a chance to pray for all pro-life intentions and includes a reflection from Archbishop Leo. Register at bit.ly/stations2023

Palm Sunday talk

Archbishop Leo hosts *a talk about Palm Sunday on Monday 27 March at 7:30pm*. It is for those who want to better understand the background to the liturgy and prepare for the day. Register for this *Zoom talk* at bit.ly/palmsundaytalk

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: £243.

Many thanks to all of you for your generosity. We also thank those who donate by direct debit.

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 .

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