

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

Parish Sunday Bulletin 5 March 2023

Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 6 – 12 March 2023

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Monday 6 March	10:00 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Daily Mass	
Wednesday 8 March	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Thursday 9 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 Balfron	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
Friday 10 March	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	St John Ogilvie
	7:00 pm	St Kessog's Blanefield	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
Saturday 11 March	9:30 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	<i>Holy Rosary</i>	
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Daily Mass	
Sunday 12 March	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	<i>Sunday Mass</i>	3 rd 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 Balfron, St Anthony's church**; and on *Fridays of Lent in Blanefield, St Kessog's church always at 7pm*.

SIAF Lenten 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 (March 19th, 2023)**. 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: £651.30.

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

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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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