

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

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**Parish Sunday Bulletin 23 April 2023**

**Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 24 – 30 April 2023**

<b>DAY &amp; DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>FEAST</b>
<b>Monday 24 April</b>	1000 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Weekday Mass	Eastertide
<b>Wednesd. 26 April</b>	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Weekday Mass	Eastertide
<b>Thursday 27 April</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	St Kessog's Blanefield	<b>Weekday Mass</b>	Eastertide
<b>Friday 28 April</b>	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Weekday Mass	Eastertide
<b>Saturday 29 April</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	St Kessog's Blanefield	<b>Holy Rosary</b>	Eastertide
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Weekday Mass	
<b>Sunday 30 April</b>	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter A</b>
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield		

**Confessions:** Every Saturday after 10 O'clock mass or any day by arrangement with the Priest.

**Note:** Weekday mass on *Thursday* at *9:30 am*. **No Eucharist adoration before mass.**

**First Holy Communion Catechism Classes**

*Classes are due to start on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May.* Classes are held in St. Kessog's meeting room *on a Sunday* from **9:30-10:50** before 11:00am Mass. There are normally 6 classes, and **First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June/ Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June** (to be confirmed with parents). If you would like your child to be included and have not previously spoken to Fr. Jacob about this, could you please let Fr. Jacob know as soon as possible.

**Congratulations for the Sacrament of Confirmation:**

Congratulations to the six children of the Parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from the Archbishop Leo Cushley this Saturday, 22 April at St Machan's in Lennoxton. Many thanks too to our dedicated Catechists, Anne and Louise, for their commitment in accurately preparing them for this Sacrament. A thousand of thanks go out to the parents, also, for their involvement and commitment, in bringing the children to lessons every week.

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

Next *Sunday (30 April)* is **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. Please pray that more men and women answer God's call to the priesthood and the religious life. Keep in your prayers the seminarians from the Archdiocese – Peter Shankland and Paul Henderson (Beda College, Rome), Gerard Holden and Matthew McCafferty (Scots College, Rome) and Matthew Frankland (Royal Scots College, Salamanca). If you feel called to the priesthood or religious life, have a chat with our vocations director Father Andrew Garden on 0131 663 4286 ([vocations@staned.org.uk](mailto:vocations@staned.org.uk)) or Sister Mirjam Hugens, director for Religious Vocations, on 0131 623 8902 [religiousvocations@staned.org.uk](mailto:religiousvocations@staned.org.uk)

### **Prepare for Pentecost**

Join this six-week *online talk series* to prepare and learn more about two major feasts at the end of Eastertide: *Pentecost* and *Holy Trinity* Sunday. Led by Sister Anna Marie McGuan RSM and Fr Kevin Douglas, it will take a closer look at what we believe about the Holy Trinity based on the writings of St Thomas Aquinas. ***Begins on Tuesday 2 May at 7:30pm*** (1 hour). Register at [bit.ly/prepareforpentecost](http://bit.ly/prepareforpentecost)

### **Baroque Concert**

Young professional musicians will perform Bach Brandenburg Concerto No. 2, Vivaldi Recorder Concerto in C<sub>m</sub>, Bach Harpsichord Concerto in D<sub>m</sub>, Bach Unser Mund sei voll Lachens ('May our mouth be full of laughter') BWV110. Tickets on the door £14 (Students and u16 £7). ***Saturday 28 April, 7:30pm*** at Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston, Edinburgh.

### **Songs of Heavenly Visions – the Music of St Hildegard of Bingen**

Rebecca Tavener introduces the life and music of St Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179) with concert performance by Scottish Early Music group Canty. Free admission (donations welcome). ***Thursday 4 May at 7pm at Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston, Edinburgh.***

**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: £193.00**

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](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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