

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

Parish Sunday Bulletin 30 April 2023

Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 01 – 07 May 2023

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Monday 1 May	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Weekday Mass	St Joseph the worker
Wednesday 3 May	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Weekday Mass	St Philipp & St James
Thursday 4 May	9:20 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>	Eastertide
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Weekday Mass	
Friday 5 May	9:20 am	St Anthony's Balfron	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>	<i>1st Friday</i>
	10:00 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Weekday Mass	Eastertide
Saturday 6 May	9:30 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Holy Rosary	Eastertide
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Weekday Mass	
Sunday 7 May	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Sunday Mass	5th Sunday Easter A
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield		

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

First Holy Communion Catechism Classes

Classes are due to start on Sunday 7th 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 10th June/ Sunday 11th 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.

St Anthony's Garden

Thank you to all the wonderful parishioners who stayed behind after Mass to help tidy up the front garden. Excellent effort which made a big improvement to the overall appearance of the garden. Also thank you to the Gerry and George the grass cutters who now have a new machine to keep the grass looking pristine. My intension is to have another garden session towards the end of May. Jo Noblett

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

This Sunday is World Day of Prayer for Vocations and there will be a **special collection**. 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 Fr Jacob or contact Archdiocesan vocations director Father Andrew Garden on 0131 663 4286 (vocations@staned.org.uk) or Sister Mirjam Hugens, director for Religious Vocations, on 0131 623 8902 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

Celebrate Marriage

On Wednesday 31 May at 7.15pm the Archbishop will celebrate a special Mass for Married and Engaged Couples at the Cathedral. All married and engaged couples are very welcome to come on the night and celebrate the gift of marriage. After the Mass there will be a celebratory reception in Coffee Saints to which everyone attending the Mass is invited. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, or know couples who are, do let us know so that we can send a personal invitation. Please submit names, address and number of years being celebrated to Fr Jeremy Milne, vemariage@staned.org.uk, 0131 334 1693.

St Margaret's Pilgrimage 2023

St Margaret Pilgrimage returns to Dunfermline on Sunday 18 June. Mass is at 2:30pm in St Margaret's Memorial Church in East Port, with Archbishop Cushley as principal celebrant. Prior to that there is an ecumenical service at 12:30pm in Dunfermline Abbey, followed by prayers at the tomb of St Margaret. Join people from across the Archdiocese and beyond to give thanks to God for St Margaret's example of faith, charity and leadership.

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: £192.26

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 .

You can find this Bulletin and previous ones on our Parish website: www.parishofstkessog.org