

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

Parish Sunday Bulletin 07 May 2023

**Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 08 – 14 May 2023**

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Monday 8 May	10:00 am	St Anthony's Balforn	Weekday Mass	Eastertide
Wednesday 10 May	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Weekday Mass	Eastertide
Thursday 11 May	9:20 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>	Eastertide
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Weekday Mass	
Friday 12 May	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Weekday Mass	Eastertide
Saturday 13 May	9:30 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	<b>Holy Rosary</b>	<b>Our Lady of Fatima or Our Lady of the Rosary</b>
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Mass of Our Lady of Fatima	
Sunday 14 May	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balforn	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	<b>6<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.

**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.

**Our Lady of Fatima's Feast**

**Saturday 13 May** will be the 106<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. Please, pray privately the Rosary on that day for peace in the world or attend a special Rosary at St Kessog's church in Blanefield at 9:30am.

**Eileen Thomson's Funeral**

The funeral of our much loved former parishioner, Eileen Thomson, will take place **in Kippen Parish Church** on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 11am**. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited.

**Called & Gifted Workshop**

Identify your charisms (spiritual gifts) and discern God's call through the Called and Gifted Workshop. It is hosted by the Archdiocese in collaboration with the St Catherine of Siena Institute and takes place on **Saturday 20 May** from **9:00am to 3:30pm**. Cost is **£25** and includes materials, online access, and lunch. Details and registration at [bit.ly/calledgifted2023](http://bit.ly/calledgifted2023)

**Standing Strong**

Meet persecuted Christians from across the world and hear their stories first-hand. This ecumenical event from Open Doors takes place from **10:00am-2:30pm** on **Saturday 13 May** at St Paul's and St George's Church, Broughton Street, Edinburgh. Details and registration at [www.opendoorsuk.org/news/standing-strong/](http://www.opendoorsuk.org/news/standing-strong/)

### **Laudato Si' Week 2023**

**Laudato Si' Week** takes place from **May 21-28**. This global celebration marks the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on care for creation. There are a range of global events taking place that you can take part in. Visit <https://laudatosiweek.org/>. You can watch the Pope Francis film 'The Letter' for free online at <https://www.theletterfilm.org/watch/>

### **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, [vemarriage@staned.org.uk](mailto:vemarriage@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.

### **Hold the date**

Archbishop Cushley will lead a **Corpus Christi Procession** through **Falkirk** town centre to **St Francis Xavier's Church** on **Sunday 11 June**. Details to follow soon.

**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.

**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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