

Parish Sunday Bulletin 14 May 2023

Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 15 – 21 May 2023

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Monday 15 May	10:00 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Weekday Mass	Eastertide
Wednesday 17 May	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Weekday Mass	Eastertide
Thursday 18 May	9:20 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Eucharistic Adoration	The Ascension of the Lord
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Mass of Solemnity	
Friday 19 May	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Weekday Mass	Eastertide
Saturday 20 May	9:30 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Holy Rosary	Eastertide
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Weekday Mass	
Sunday 21 May	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Sunday Mass	7th 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.

Ascension of the Lord (18 May 2023): holy day of obligation

Thursday 18 May is the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and a **holy day of obligation**. Please, try your best to attend mass that day wherever and whenever you can. In our Parish, there will be one **mass at St Kessog's church in Blanefield at 10am**. From Friday 19th May, one might begin the **Novena to the Holy Spirit** in preparation to the solemnity of Pentecost on Sunday 28 May. Happy feast of the Ascension to all of you.

First Holy Communion Catechism Classes

Classes started 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.

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

Special Collection, 21 May

World Communications Day is on **Sunday 21 May**. Pope Francis has chosen the theme of speaking with the heart - "The truth in love" (Eph 4:15). There will be a special collection for the apostolate of communications. *We pray for*

all those in the Church who communicate to others, through multiple means, the saving truth of the Gospel, that they may be diligent servants of the Word and conscientious champions of the truth.

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, 0131 334 1693.

Corpus Christi Procession

Celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi with Archbishop Cushley who will lead a **Corpus Christi procession through Falkirk town centre at 2:30pm on Sunday 11 June**. The procession will head to St Francis Xavier's Church for Benediction followed by refreshments in the church hall. Altar Servers can wear their altar robes and those who have recently had their First Holy Communion can wear their dresses/suits. 40 hours from Friday through to Sunday evening.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2023

There's still time to book your place on the Archdiocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, which takes place from 7-14 July. For full details visit www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/ or email edinburghlourdes@gmail.com

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/>

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.

Last Sunday Collection: Total: £262.50.

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

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

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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