

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

Parish Sunday Bulletin 28 April 2024

Weekly Celebrations Schedule: 28 April – 05 May 2024

DAY & DATE	TIME	CHURCH	ACTIVITY	FEAST
Sun. 28 April	9:30	St Anthony's Balfron	Sunday Mass	5th Sunday of Easter B
	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield		
Mon. 29 April	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Mass of the Day	St Catherine of Siena
Tue. 30 April	7:00pm	St Kessog's Blanefield	Prayer Group Meeting	
Wed. 01 May	9:20 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Eucharistic Adoration	
	10:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	Mass of the Day	
Thu. 02 May	No Mass			St Athanasius
Fri. 03 May		St Anthony's Balfron	Eucharistic Adoration	First Friday of the month St Philip and St James
	10:00 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Mass of the Day	
Sat. 04 May	11:00 am	St Kessog's Blanefield	1st Holy Communion	
Sun. 05 May	9:30 am	St Anthony's Balfron	Sunday Mass	6th Sunday of Easter B
	11:00am	St Kessog's Blanefield		

Parish Prayer Group

The next meeting will take place in St Kessog's Blanefield, on Tuesday 23 April at 7pm, to which all are encouraged to attend. Personal petitions can be left in the basket labelled as such at the back of the church. These will be brought to the Tabernacle during prayer meeting and prayers will be offered for those specific intentions. All petitions should be placed in the envelopes provided and sealed so as to ensure privacy.

Sacraments Celebration 2024

Next Saturday, 4 May 2024, at St. Kessog's in Blanefield at 11:00am six of our children will receive their **First Holy Communion**. We congratulate Belle Young, Luke Johnstone, Michael Johnstone and Luke McGovern for the sacrament of **Confirmation** conferred to them by the Archbishop Leo Cushley, last Monday (22nd April) at St Machan's in Lennoxtown. Many thanks to our catechists, Louise Olney and Anne Friel, for their dedication in preparing our children to receive these sacraments.

Parish Fabric & Ground Team

We need Volunteers for the Parish Fabric and ground committee. John Browne has volunteered to lead the Fabric and Ground Team in St Kessog's Blanefield. This team has to look after the church and House buildings, and the ground around them. Now, we need other Volunteers to come forward so as to take this very important task with John in St Kessog's Blanefield. If you would like to help our Parish in this sector, what will be *highly appreciated*, please directly contact **John** for Blanefield at **07990923534**.

Christine Mullen RIP

Christine Mullen's Funeral mass will take place at St Kessog's church in Blanefield on Thursday 9th May at 10:00am. Your comforting presence will be highly appreciated by Jane Victor and her family.

Assisted Suicide – Called to Care, Not to Kill

Please contact your MSP today to stop assisted suicide becoming legal in Scotland. Guidance on contacting your MSPs is available at www.rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide or email office@rcpolitics.org for more information.

Marriage Counselling

If you are concerned about your relationship and feel as a couple that you are unable to reach a conclusion alone, it is likely that you will benefit from marriage counselling. The Archdiocese has an arrangement with a qualified Catholic marriage counsellor who may be able to help you. For information or advice or to arrange counselling sessions please email in confidence marriage.counsellor@staned.org.uk or phone 07511928621 (Please note that counselling fees apply).

Salamanca

St Mary's Parish in Stirling invites people from across the Archdiocese to join them on pilgrimage to Salamanca, Spain, from 12-19 October 2024. Includes trips to Avilla and Segovia, staying at the Royal Scots College (twin rooms only). Contact: admin.stmarystirling@staned.org.uk or 01786 473749.

Funding to Study Theology

SAAS funding is available from April for all Scottish students taking the MA in Applied Catholic Theology course 2024/25. The course is offered by St Mary's University in partnership with the Archdiocese at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. To register/enquire visit <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/applied-catholic-theology> A webinar will be hosted by the Archdiocese on **Wednesday 29 May** (6-7pm) for prospective students. Details to follow soon.

Synod

The Archdiocesan Synodal Team invites you to *Spiritual Conversation*, an event at Ss John Cantius & Nicholas in Broxburn, on Saturday **4 May** at **10:30am**. Registration and details at <https://bit.ly/archsynod>

Mass for Married & Engaged couples

The **annual Mass for Married and Engaged Couples** is at **7:15pm** on **Wednesday 29 May 2024** at **St Mary's Cathedral**, Edinburgh. Come and celebrate the gift of marriage, renew your commitment and receive God's blessing upon your love. Requests for special invitations for couples celebrating significant anniversaries can be made at vemarriage@staned.org.uk or by calling 0131 334 1693.

Events in the Archdiocese

For a full list of forthcoming events in the Archdiocese visit <https://archedinburgh.org/news-events/>

Last Sunday's Ordinary Collection: Total: £257.50. Special Collection Total: £154.

Many thanks to all of you for your generosity at Christmas. 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 .

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