



# SAINT KESSOG'S

ONE PARISH – TWO CHURCHES  
St Anthony's Balfron & St Kessog's Blanefield

## Weekly celebrations: 16 – 23 June 2024

	Sun   16	Mon   17	Wed   19	Thurs   20	Fri   21	Sat   22	Sun   23
<b>Saint Anthony's</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>10.00am</b>					<b>9.30am</b>
<b>Saint Kessog's</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>		<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>*9.20 am 10.00 am</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>*9.30 am 10.00 am</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>
Mass	Sunday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday		Sunday
Feast/event	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday B</b>			<b>*Eucharistic Adoration</b>	St Aloysius of Gonzaga	<b>*Holy Rosary</b>	<b>12th Sunday B</b>

## CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday after 10 o'clock mass or any day by arrangement with Father Jacob.



Last Sunday's  
Cash Collection

BLANEFIELD  
£157

BALFRON  
£81

TOTAL  
£238

*We also thank those who donate by direct debit.*

## Reflection this Sunday's Gospel (Mark 4:26-34)

On this 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, our Lord Jesus Christ uses parables to explain the mystery of the Kingdom of God. He compares it to the smallness of a mustard seed and its discreet growth, which comes from God. The growth of a tiny seed thrown on the ground symbolises the word of God sown in human hearts, meant to produce the good fruits of love, goodness, mercy, generosity, justice and peace in the world. The smallness of the mustard seed highlights the seemingly small acts of goodness we perform, which can grow into a large plant, with branches that provide shelter for the homeless, the needy and the poor in spirit.

Fr Jacob

## Pray for Life – Pastoral Letter (attached)

This Sunday is Day for Life, a special occasion dedicated by the Church to **raising awareness about the inherent meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition**. Attached, is a **pastoral letter** from Bishop John Keenan, who oversees Life Issues in Scotland. **Printed copies are also available at the back of the Church**. Additionally, there will be a **second collection to support the Apostolate of Life**.



## Parish Fabric and Grounds Team

Our Fabrics & Grounds team at St. Kessog's now consists of three dedicated members: John Browne, Peter Barker, and Stephen Gorham. The inaugural meeting took place Wednesday 5 June, and the minutes are available for review on the bulletin board in the porch. We warmly welcome additional volunteers —many hands make light work. Join us in maintaining and beautifying our parish grounds!

## Special Celebrations in the Parish

If you have a special event to celebrate and would like to share it with other parishioners, such as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, or memorials for departed loved ones, please contact Fiona Radif ([fionaradif@hotmail.com](mailto:fionaradif@hotmail.com)), France Douglas ([fmdouglas61@icloud.com](mailto:fmdouglas61@icloud.com)) or Fr. Jacob ([office.stkessogblanefield@staned.org.uk](mailto:office.stkessogblanefield@staned.org.uk)) to have it included in the parish bulletin.



## Blessed Carlo Acutis Relics & Exhibition in Kilsyth

This Sunday, June 16th, the relics of Carlo Acutis will be available for veneration at St. Patrick's in Kilsyth from after the morning Mass until 3:00 PM. You are welcome to visit for a short prayer after Mass in our parish.

## Workshop on Assisted Suicide

The Assisted Dying Bill could come into law in Scotland in soon. The Archdiocese is hosting a workshop in the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh on Tuesday 18 June at 7:30pm to show you how to engage with, and inform others, about concerns arising from this proposed law. Free event. Register at <https://bit.ly/calledtocarenotkill>

## St Margaret's Pilgrimage – Sunday 23 June

Gather in faith and thanksgiving to celebrate one of Scotland's patron saints in Dunfermline on **Sunday 23 June 2024**. The procession to St Margaret's Church takes place from the Glen Gates in Bridge Street to the Church starting at **2:00pm**, followed by Mass at 3:00pm. Ecumenical Prayer at the tomb of St Margaret at Dunfermline Abbey is at 12:30pm. All welcome. No registration required.

## Schola Cantorum

An evening of summer music takes place at **St Mary's Cathedral** in **Edinburgh** at **7pm** on **Wednesday 26 June**. The event features Vivaldi Gloria in D with Chamber Orchestra, followed by a drinks reception. Tickets £10. Visit <https://bit.ly/CathedralSummerMusic2024>

## Dominican Conference

The Second Conference in Edinburgh of the Dominican Family, with the theme of Mercy, takes place **Friday 28/Saturday 29 June** at the Assembly Hall and New College, Edinburgh. This is a public event and there is no charge. If you wish to have a meal on Friday or Saturday, please book using the following link (donation welcome): [bit.ly/godsmercyandyours](http://bit.ly/godsmercyandyours)

## Events in the Archdiocese

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



**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:

**[www.parihofstkessog.org](http://www.parihofstkessog.org)**  
see the 'Connect' section, under 'Welcome'.

**Thank You**

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**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). You can find this Bulletin and previous ones at **[www.parihofstkessog.org](http://www.parihofstkessog.org)**

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