

10 November 2024

SAINT KESSOG'S

ONE PARISH - TWO CHURCHES

MASS

9:30 St Kessog's

Fr. Ninian from St Patrick's, Edinburgh

9:30 St Anthony's

Eucharistic service



Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel Mark (12:41-44)

This Sunday's Gospel is known as the story of the *Widow's Offering*. This passage offers profound insights into Jesus' teachings on generosity, faith, and the place the Lord assigns to the poor and marginalised in our societies. In this scene, Jesus watches people giving offerings at the Temple treasury. Wealthy individuals contribute substantial amounts, yet a poor widow places two small coins, worth only a few pence. Summoning his disciples, Jesus observes that the widow has given more than all the others; while they gave from their surplus, she, in her poverty, offered everything she had to live on.

The passage emphasises that true generosity is measured not by the amount given but by the spirit and sacrifice behind it. Reflecting on the example of this widow and the one mentioned in today's first reading, we learn that genuine generosity sometimes requires sacrifice and a deep trust in God's provision. These widows' actions reveal a profound reliance on God. By giving all they possessed, they placed themselves entirely in His care, demonstrating a faith that rests in God's provision and depends on His Providence. This stands in sharp contrast to the self-sufficient offerings of the wealthy, whose donations required no risk to their security or comfort.

Let us remember that "*on the mountain, the Lord always provides*" (cf. Gn 22:14) and seek to imitate our Lord Jesus Christ, whose divine generosity is revealed in His Gift of Himself, even to the point of death on the Cross, for our salvation (cf. today's 2nd reading).

Celebrations in the Parish

If you have a special event to celebrate, such as a birthday, wedding anniversary, or memorial for a departed loved one, and would like to share it with other parishioners by having it included in the bulletin, please contact Fiona Radif stkessogsparish@gmail.com

Fr. Jacob

THANK YOU

Last Sunday's cash collection

SAINT ANTHONY'S

£88.50

SAINT KESSOG'S

£160.85

TOTAL

£249.35

We also thank those who donate by direct debit.

Ceilidh Ball

The national Young Adults' Ceilidh Ball is at Central Hall, 2 West Tollcross, Edinburgh, EH3 9BP on **Saturday 16 November** at 7:00pm. Includes live band and buffet. Details and tickets (£40) at bit.ly/edinburghceilidh
Queries: Fr Robert Taylor frrobert.taylor@staned.org.uk

ADVENT ROSARY

The annual Archdiocesan Rosary takes place each **Monday at 7:45pm** through Advent, beginning on **2 December**. Join us to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions
Register at bit.ly/adventrosary



Defending Human Dignity

Pope Francis tells us that human dignity exists “beyond all circumstances.” He asks us all to defend human dignity in every cultural context and every moment of human existence, regardless of physical, psychological, social, or even moral deficiencies. “Safeguards” concerning assisted suicide don’t work, as shown in Canada and Holland. If you are worried that this may happen in Scotland, please contact your MP and MSPs: <https://writetothem.com>

Special collection to come

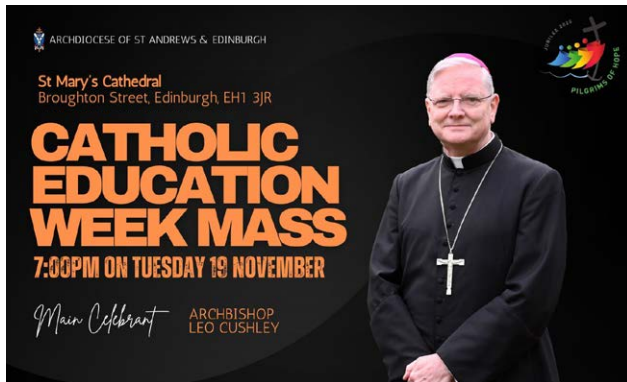
The special collection for Catholic Education Week will be taken at both masses on the weekend **23/24 November 2024**.

Youth Day – Wonder Woman St Margaret!

The Archdiocese is hosting a youth day for p4-p7 children at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB, on **Saturday 16 November, 11:00am to 3:00pm**, to coincide with the Feast of St Margaret. Includes games, talks and activities, concluding with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Leo. Register at bit.ly/youthdaymargaret

Zoom series on new Lectionary

The Archdiocese is hosting a series of 45 min talks on Zoom to take a closer look at the new Lectionary which is being introduced in Advent. Join Fr Jamie McMorrin at **7:00pm on Wednesday 4 December, Wed 11 Dec, and Wed 18 Dec.** The sessions are free to attend. Register at bit.ly/lectionaryadvent



COMMUNITY CORNER

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES 2025

Sacramental Preparation Classes will begin at the end of January. The normal age for receiving the sacraments is:

- **First Reconciliation** (P3 and upwards)
- **First Holy Communion** (P4 and upwards)
- **Confirmation** (P7 and upwards).

If you would like your child to join the classes and prepare to receive these sacraments, please contact Fr. Jacob or one of our Parish Catechists – Anne, Sara and Louise louise.young1979@outlook.com



ST KESSOGS PARISH WHATSAPP GROUP

Did you know we have a community WhatsApp Group?

Joining is easy! Simply scan the QR code with your WhatsApp camera, and you'll be added right away.

Note: You'll only be able to see messages from the time you join, so stay connected for future updates!



WEEK AHEAD

10 November – 17 November 2024

	Sun 10	Mon 11	Tue 12	Wed 13	Thu 14	Fri 15	Sat 16	Sun 17
Saint Anthony's	<p>Sunday 10th REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</p> <p>9.30am</p> <p>Mass at St Kessog's</p> <p>for those that cannot attend a Eucharistic service will be held at St Anthony's at 9:30 am</p> 							9.30am
Saint Kessog's								11am
Mass								Sunday
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For a full list of forthcoming events in the Archdiocese visit
<https://archedinburgh.org/news-events/>

PARISH BULLETIN

If you have any news you would like included in our Sunday Parish Bulletin, please email it to stkessogparish@gmail.com. You can find this Bulletin and previous ones at

www.parishofstkessog.org

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PARISH CENSUS

In order, 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.parishofstkessog.org

see the 'Connect' section, under 'Welcome'.

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