



SAINT KESSOG'S

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY, C

Weekly celebrations: 8 - 15 June 2025								
	Sun 8	Mon 9	Tue 10	Wed 11	Thu 12	Fri 13	Sat 14	Sun 15
Saint Anthony's	9.30 am							9.30 am
Saint Kessog's	11.00am							11.00 am
Mass	Sunday							Sunday
Feast/Event	Pentecost, C							The Most Holy Trinity, C



Last Sunday's
Cash Collection

BLANEFIELD
£753

BALFRON
£100

TOTAL
£853

We also thank those who donate by direct debit.

Reflection on Pentecost

The Fire of the Spirit

The celebration of Pentecost is one of the most significant celebrations in the Church's liturgical calendar. It marks the moment when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles, transforming them from uncertain followers into bold witnesses of Christ's mission. The coming of the Spirit was accompanied by wind and fire, symbols of renewal and divine empowerment. As Acts 2 tells us, the disciples began speaking in different tongues, signifying the breaking of barriers and the birth of a unified Church that transcends nations and cultures.

Pentecost reminds us that Christian unity is not uniformity – just as the apostles spoke different languages yet proclaimed the same Gospel, our diversity as believers is meant to enrich, not divide, the Body of Christ. This moment in history reveals that God's Spirit is poured out on all people, calling us beyond our differences into a deeper communion with one another. Augustine himself reflected on unity in his writings, emphasizing that the Holy Spirit is the bond of peace that reconciles believers into one faith.

As we reflect on today's celebration let us ask ourselves: **How is the Holy Spirit working in our lives today? Where do we see division in our communities, and how can we be agents of unity? Are we open to the Spirit's prompting, leading us beyond fear and into bold witness?**

Just as the apostles went from fear to courage, Pentecost challenges us to move beyond hesitation and embrace our calling as missionaries of love, reconciliation, and truth. May this Sunday inspire us to welcome the Spirit's fire, allowing it to refine us, strengthen us, and send us forth as bearers of unity in Christ.

Fr. John

Mass Intention: Tom Mullen (2nd anniversary)

Parish News

Message for St Anthony's Garden maintenance day

Garden maintenance at St Anthony's after Mass on Sunday 1st June had to be cancelled due to the weather conditions **The new date is Sunday 8th June after Mass.** Weather permitting.

Please join us in caring for St. Anthony's Garden and Orchard! Volunteers are needed for:

🌳 **Orchard Maintenance:** Dismantling a shed, strimming, cutting branches, sorting compost, and bagging waste.

✂️ **Front Garden Work:** Edging grass, weeding, and trimming overgrown shrubbery.

🍹 **Refreshments:** Volunteers to provide refreshments if possible.

🔧 **Please bring your own garden tools!** If you have a strimmer or tools to unscrew the old shed, that would be very helpful.

📞 For queries, contact: Jo Noblett at 07792573495

Transitioning to a Unified Parish Bank Account

We wish to inform you that the Bank of Scotland account of St. Anthony's, Balfour will be closed shortly. In light of this, we kindly request that all future payments be made to the Parish RBS account. Additionally, we appeal to those who currently make direct payments to the Bank of Scotland account to cease further transactions to that account and instead redirect payments to RBS. The relevant account details are as follows:



Royal Bank
of Scotland

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Archdiocese of St. Andrews & Edinburgh St Kessog's Blanefield

Account Number: 10423646

Sort code: 83-06-08

We greatly appreciate your cooperation and generosity. Should you require any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Fr. John or Eddie Friel, the Chair of the Finance Committee.

Archdiocesan News

St Margaret's Pilgrimage - Sunday 8 June

Join Archbishop Leo, clergy, and people from across Scotland for the procession through Dunfermline town centre with the relic of St Margaret at 2:00pm, followed by Holy Mass at 3:00pm in St Margaret's Church. Full schedule in the news-events section at archedinburgh.org

Day for Life: Special Collection next Sunday

The Day for Life is when we celebrate the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. **It takes place on Sunday 15 June and a collection will be taken up at Mass for the work of the apostolate of life.** This year's theme is *Hope Does Not Disappoint – Finding Meaning in Suffering* and we are invited to pray for those who suffer and to remain with them, bearing witness to their unique and unrepeatable value.

Study Catholic Theology in Edinburgh

Interested in finding out more about the MA in Applied Catholic Theology at St Mary's University Scottish campus in Edinburgh? An online information event takes place at 6:00pm on Tuesday 17 June where you can hear from staff and current students. Register at bit.ly/stmarysuni or email stephen.dolan@stmarys.ac.uk

Corpus Christi Procession - Sunday 22 June

Archbishop Leo will lead the Archdiocesan Corpus Christi Procession from St Patrick's Church in Kilsyth at 3:00pm on Sunday 22 June. This is a joyous occasion with the Blessed Sacrament being carried through the streets. First Holy Communicants in the Archdiocese are invited to take a special place in the procession wearing their formal clothes. Parking available at the Church. Contact St Patrick's to reserve disabled/minibus parking or to book a space on the free shuttle buses from Croy train station to the Church. priest.stpatrickskilsyth@staned.org.uk or 01236 822136.

Urgent: Oppose the Assisted Suicide Bill

The Assisted Suicide Bill is set for a final debate and vote at Westminster on Friday 13 June. Please pray for wisdom and compassion in our society and to contact your MP to express your opposition to the bill. Your personal stories and concerns matter. Find your MP at <https://writetothem.com>

Jubilee Year Picnic for families

Join families from across the Archdiocese for a Jubilee Year picnic on Saturday 28 June, 11:00am – 4:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. There will be spiritual talks on the theme of Hope and talks and games for children. Includes Rosary at The Grotto and concludes with Holy Mass in St Margaret's Chapel. At 4:00pm there is the chance to walk to the Jubilee Cross at St Mary's Cathedral (optional). Childcare provided.

Parish communicators

The Archdiocese is hosting a webinar for those who are involved with parish communications (such as Facebook, newsletters). It takes place on Saturday 19 July at 10:00am-11:00am. The session will give tips and guidance on parish social media, newsletters and more. Register at bit.ly/parishcomms

Save the Date

The Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage Day is on Saturday 21 September 2025 at St Patricks in The Cowgate, Edinburgh. More details coming soon.

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