

24 August 2025

SAINT KESOG'S

ONE PARISH – TWO CHURCHES

MASS

SAINT
ANTHONY'S
SUN | 9.30AM

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KESOG'S
SUN | 11.00AM

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C
REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL LUKE KE 13:22-30

Strive to Enter by the Narrow Door

As Jesus journeys toward Jerusalem, He speaks of the Kingdom not as a distant ideal, but as a present invitation. When asked, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" He does not offer statistics but a summons: "Strive to enter through the narrow door."

This theme of striving reminds us that grace is not passive. The narrow door is not closed, it is open, but it requires effort, humility, and conversion. Jesus warns that mere familiarity with Him: "We ate and drank with you" is not enough. What matters is whether our hearts are truly conformed to His.

The Gospel also offers hope: people will come from every direction to recline at the table in the Kingdom. The door may be narrow, but the invitation is wide. The last will be first, and the first last; God's mercy overturns our assumptions.

So let us ask ourselves today: Are we striving daily to live the Gospel? Are we responding to grace with urgency, or settling for comfort and routine?

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK/HOMEBOUND:

Mercia Murray, Eva Miller, John Convery, Margaret Sharp,
John Cushley



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YOU

Last Sunday's cash collection

ST ANTHONY'S

£107.63

ST KESSOG'S

£113.50

TOTAL

£221.13

We also thank those who donate by direct debit.

Monthly Bible Study

We are excited to announce the launch of our Monthly Bible Study sessions, beginning Tuesday, **23rd September** 2025. The venue will alternate between both parish churches, allowing everyone to participate more easily.

These sessions will offer a rich opportunity to explore the deeper meaning of Scripture, reflect on selected passages, and ask questions in a welcoming, faith-filled environment.

All interested parishioners are kindly asked to indicate their interest using the sign-up form, so that adequate arrangements can be made for space and materials.



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PARISH COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Parish Pastoral Council

Tuesday **9 September** 2025 at St Kessog's 7.00pm

Fabrics/Maintenance Committee

Thursday **18 September** 2025 at St Anthony's 7.00pm

Finance Council

To be announced

We kindly ask all committee members to take note of these dates and save them in their calendars.



Carlo Acutis relics

The relics of Carlo Acutis visit the Archdiocese from 13-15 September 2025, by which time he will be a saint of the Church! Schedule for St Mary's Cathedral: Sat **13 Sep** - 6:00pm Vigil Mass (Cathedral open until 8:00pm for veneration); Sun **14 Sep** - Midday Mass; Mon **15 Sep** - 12:45pm Mass for Schools

Altar Servers' Day

The Archdiocesan Day for Altar Servers, our Guild of St Cuthbert, is on Saturday **13 September** 2025, 11:00am-3:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. This year we will be in the presence of a saint – the relics of Carlo Acutis will be there! This is a day of faith, formation and fun, and concludes with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Leo. Register with Fr John.

Catholic Conversations for Women

Women who are recent converts, those considering Catholicism, and those desirous of faith-focused discussion all warmly welcome to this event. It takes place at St Andrew's Parish rooms, 77 Belford Rd, EH4 3DS, on Saturday **30 August**, 3:45pm-4:45pm. Optional Holy Hour with Adoration and chanted Vespers from 5:10pm with the Religious Sisters of Mercy. Register at edinburgh@almamercy.org or call 0131 343 3380.

Season of Creation Conference

The Bishops' Office for Care of Creation invites you to its National Season of Creation Conference on Sat **6 September** 2025 in St. Margaret's, Raploch, 10:00am – 3:00pm. Special guest is Lorna Gold, the Executive Director of the global Laudato Si Movement. Registration and details at www.bcos.org.uk/scc25

Fife Pilgrim Way

Walk in the footsteps of medieval pilgrims on the Fife Pilgrim Way over six stages each Saturday, beginning **30 August**. Meet at 11:00am at the Fife Pilgrim Way information board, Battery Rd, North Queensferry, walking to St Margaret's, Dunfermline. A great way to mark the Jubilee Year. No registration required. Queries to Deacon Pat Carrigan at obl.columba@gmail.com

National Pilgrimage to Whithorn

The National Pilgrimage to Whithorn in honour of St Ninian will take place on Sunday **31 August**. Mass at St Ninian's Cave will be celebrated at 4:00pm by Bishop Frank Dougan. Event information is in the news section at <https://rcdg.org.uk/>

Holy Year Talk – Dysart Carmel

A series of Holy Year talks take place on the last Sunday of each month at 4:30pm at the Carmelite Convent, Hot Pot Wynd, Dysart, KY1 2TF. The one-hour event includes evening prayer, Eucharistic Adoration and has been organised by the Fife Deanery. Next one is Sunday **31 August**. All welcome.

Study Catholic Theology in Edinburgh

Registration is open for MA in Applied Catholic Theology at St Mary's University Scottish campus in Edinburgh. Details at bit.ly/catholictheology Queries: stephen.dolan@stmarys.ac.uk

National Pilgrimage to Carfin

At Carfin Grotto on Sunday **7 September** at 3:00pm. Archbishop Leo will be the principal celebrant. Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, will be canonised so it is an ideal day to come together to celebrate.

WEEK AHEAD

SERVICES

24-31 August 2025

	Sun 24	Mon 25	Tue 26	Wed 27	Thu 28	Fri 29	Sat 30	Sun 31
Saint Anthony's	9.30am	10am						9.30am
Saint Kessog's	11am			10am	10am	10am	10am	11am
Feast/Event	21st Sun 'C'			St Monica	Memorial of St Augustine	St John the Baptist		22nd Sun 'C'


Please join us with your family and friends for Mass

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'.

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 email stkessogparish@gmail.com