

27 July 2025

SAINT KESOG'S

ONE PARISH – TWO CHURCHES

MASS

SAINT
ANTHONY'S
SUN | 9.30AM

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SUN | 11.00AM

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C
REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL LUKE 11:1-13

Lord, Teach Us to Pray

In today's Gospel, the disciples of Jesus make a simple yet profound request: "Lord, teach us to pray." What follows is not just a formula, but an invitation into relationship. The Our Father is a prayer of trust, dependence, and surrender – a way of aligning our hearts with the will of the Father.

Jesus then tells a parable about persistence: a friend knocking at midnight, a father giving good gifts. The message is clear, God is not distant or reluctant. He is near, attentive, and generous. "Ask... seek... knock..." These are not passive gestures but bold movements of faith.

This Gospel reminds us that prayer is not about eloquence or perfection, it is about honesty, persistence, and trust. Like children approaching a loving parent, we are invited to speak, to listen, and to remain.

Having learned from the Master, we are also called to become teachers of prayer, especially to our children, and to those who have lost the desire or confidence to pray. In a world that often drowns out silence and discourages vulnerability, we must gently rekindle the flame of prayer in others. Whether through simple words, shared moments of quiet, or guiding someone through the Our Father, we become instruments of grace. Let us not only pray, but also form others in prayer, so that every heart may rediscover its voice before God. By so doing, Prayer then becomes not just a personal act, but a communal echo of Christ's own voice within the Church.

Let us renew our commitment to prayer, not as duty, but as dialogue. And may we, like the disciples, ask again and everyday: "Lord, teach us to pray."

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK
OR HOMEBOUND:**

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



Our Father

Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come,
Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day, our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Amen

THANK
YOU

Last Sunday's cash collection

ST ANTHONY'S
£79

ST KESSOG'S
£176.50

TOTAL
£255.5

We also thank those who donate by direct debit.

Home Visitation & Blessing

Visitation and blessing of homes will begin after the summer holidays. A text message will be sent to confirm your availability on the proposed date. Alternatively, parishioners may send their preferred day to the parish mobile number so Fr. John can schedule accordingly.

Census Forms

Families yet to collect the parish census form are kindly encouraged to do so at their earliest convenience.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!

Just scan the QR code with your phone's camera, tap the three dots, and select "Follow".





Save the date

- 1** A RELIC OF CARLO ACUTIS, SOON TO BE CANONISED BY POPE LEO, visits the Archdiocese from **13-15 September** 2025, by which time he will be a saint of the Church. Details to follow.
- 2** THE ARCHDIOCESAN DAY FOR ALTAR SERVERS is on Saturday **13 September** 2025 at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. Details to follow.

Archbishop's Anniversary

Archbishop Leo will mark his 40th anniversary of priestly ordination at midday Mass on Sunday **20 July** in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. All are welcome.

Are you a catechist?

Learn about events and resources and collaborate with the Archdiocesan Catechetics Commission by registering for the catechist contact list. Go to bit.ly/archcatechists. This is for anyone involved in teaching the faith – such as RCIA, Children's Liturgy, First Holy Communion, Marriage prep, SPRED etc.

World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

To celebrate this day, the National Marriage, Family and Life Commission of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland invites everyone to St Francis Xavier's in Carfin for Mass with Bishop John Keenan at 3:00pm on Sunday **27 July**.



Christian peace vigil against nuclear weapons

This Justice & Peace Scotland event takes place at 10:30am on Saturday **2 August** at HM Naval Base Clyde and will be led by Archbishop William Nolan of Glasgow. Free bus from Edinburgh at Waterloo Place (beside Waverley Station), departing 7:45am. To book your seat email: office@justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk

Faith in the Footlights: Tuesday 12 August at 7:30pm

Join renowned author Ian Bradley and the Cathedral's Schola Cantorum for a concert exploring the spiritual resonances of musical theatre. Professor Bradley will uncover the spiritual implications of much-loved musical shows, and the Schola Cantorum will bring the music to life! With music from The Sound of Music, South Pacific, Fiddler on the Roof, Phantom of the Opera, Les Misérables and more. Book here: <https://bit.ly/FaithFootlights>

National Pilgrimage to Carfin

The National Pilgrimage takes place at Carfin Grotto on Sunday **7 September** at 3:00pm. Archbishop Leo will be the principal Celebrant and Preacher. On this day Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, will be canonised so it is an ideal day for the Scottish Catholics to come together to celebrate.

WEEK AHEAD

SERVICES

27 July - 3 August 2025

	Sun 27	Mon 28	Tue 29	Wed 30	Thu 31	Fri 1	Sat 2	Sun 3
Saint Anthony's	9.30am	10am						9.30am
Saint Kessog's	11am			10am	10am	10am	10am	11am
Feast/Event	17th Sun 'C'				St. Ignatius of Loyola		St. Peter Julian Eymard	18th 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