

14 September 2025

SAINT KESOG'S

ONE PARISH – TWO CHURCHES

MASS

SAINT
ANTHONY'S
SUN | 9.30AM

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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C
FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

REFLECTION ON THE FEAST

The Cross: Throne of Mercy, Sign of Victory

This Sunday, we celebrate the Cross—not as a symbol of defeat, but as the throne of Christ's victory. The Cross, once an instrument of shame, has become the sign of salvation, mercy, and love poured out.

In the Gospel, Jesus declares: "When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself." (John 12:32) The lifting up of Christ is not only about His crucifixion—it is about His triumph over sin and death, and His invitation to each of us to follow Him in love and sacrifice.

To exalt the Cross is to embrace its meaning:

- That suffering can be redemptive
- That humility leads to glory
- That love is stronger than death

The Church Fathers saw in the Cross the paradox of divine strength revealed through human weakness. As St. John Chrysostom preached: "The Cross is the trophy of Christ's victory, the altar of His sacrifice, the cause of our salvation, and the source of innumerable blessings." It is through the Cross that Christ emptied Himself, what the early Church called kenosis, and in that self-emptying, He revealed the fullness of divine love.

St. Paul's hymn in Philippians (2:6–11), often cited by the Fathers, captures this mystery: "He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross." The Cross, then, is not merely a historical event but a living invitation to imitate Christ's humility and to participate in His glory.

Let us not merely gaze upon the Cross, but allow it to shape our lives. May we carry our own crosses with courage, and help others bear theirs with compassion.

This feast reminds us: the Cross is not the end, it is the beginning of resurrection.

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Last Sunday's cash collection

ST ANTHONY'S	ST KESSOG'S	TOTAL
£85	£130	£215

We also thank those who donate by direct debit.

New Midweek Mass at St Anthony's, Balfron

To support parishioners who may find it difficult to attend weekday Mass due to work commitments, we are pleased to introduce an additional Mass on Wednesdays at 6.30pm, beginning in October. Masses at St Anthony's will now be celebrated on:

Mondays at 10.00am & Wednesdays at 6.30pm

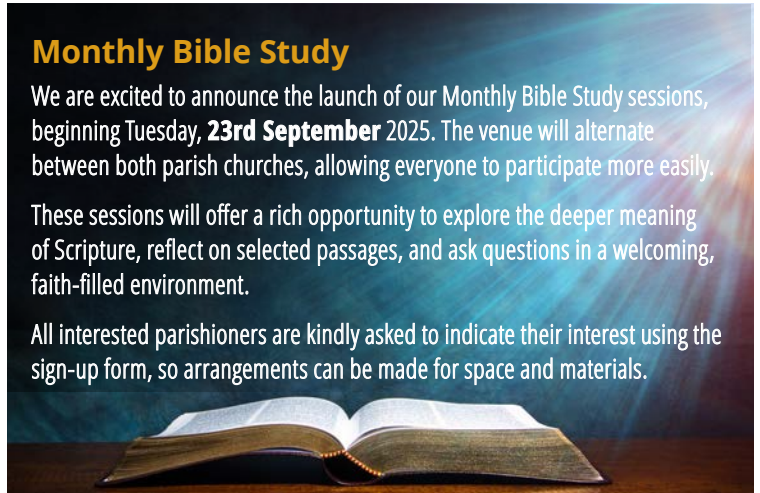
We hope this new schedule provides greater opportunity for spiritual nourishment during the week. All are warmly welcome.

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 arrangements can be made for space and materials.



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PARISH COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Fabrics/Maintenance Committee

Thursday 18 Sep 2025 at St Anthony's 7.00pm

Finance Council To be confirmed

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

Stop assisted suicide – further action needed!

As the assisted suicide Bill progresses through the Lords, Peers have made it clear that receiving physical letters will have the most influence at this stage of the process. Right To Life UK has launched a new EasyAction tool that creates a personalized letter to be sent in the post to a Peer highlighting a key concern with the Bill, selects a Peer to receive it, and customizes the letter so that it is addressed from you.

Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeersletter to send a letter to Peers asking them to oppose assisted suicide.



ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Carlo Acutis relics

The relics visit the Archdiocese from **13-15 Sep**, 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.

Vocations Awareness Week Prayer

This week we pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the Archdiocese.

If you feel called, explore it! Contact Monsignor Patrick Burke, Archdiocesan Vocations Director, at vocations@staned.org.uk or Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO, Director for Religious Vocations, at religiousvocations@staned.org.uk A prayer for vocations: Heavenly Father, in your mercy you give to your people every good gift. We turn to you in faith, asking that you bless our Archdiocese with vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Inspire us with your Holy Spirit to help young men and women hear your call and respond with joyful hearts. Bless our young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Ninian Declaration

This declaration of friendship between the Catholic Church in Scotland and the Scottish Episcopal

Church will be signed at St Mary's Catholic Cathedral, Edinburgh, at 4:00pm on Tuesday **16 Sep** by Archbishop Cushley and the Most Rev Mark Strange, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church. It follows a symposium on the history of the relationship between the two churches at 2:00pm in the Cathedral.

Venerable Margaret Sinclair

The Centenary Pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of Venerable Margaret Sinclair will take place on Sunday **21 Sep** from 12:30pm-5:30pm at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1NA. 12:30pm-1:30pm. Refreshments & sale of candles/goods; 1:30pm-2:30pm Holy Hour; 3:00pm-4:00pm Reflection; 4:30pm Holy Mass concelebrated with Archbishop Leo. Confessions available all day.



National Youth Pilgrimage to Perth

This takes place on Saturday **20 Sep**, meeting at South Inch Park (PH2 8AN) at 12:30pm A full day of activities includes historic site visits, talks, and Holy Mass with Archbishop Cushley. If you wish to join fellow pilgrims (18+) from the Archdiocese travelling by train to Perth from Stirling, Falkirk and Edinburgh please contact Sr Isabelle Dufaux FSO at youth.office@staned.org.uk

WEEK AHEAD

SERVICES

14-21 September 2025

	Sun 14	Mon 15	Tue 16	Wed 17	Thu 18	Fri 19	Sat 20	Sun 21
Saint Anthony's	9.30am	10am						9.30am
Saint Kessog's	11am			10am	10am	10am	10am	11am
Feast/Event	24th Sun 'C'	Our Lady of Sorrows		St. Nicholas of Tolentino		St. Januarius		25th 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

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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