

# SAINT KESSOG'S



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ONE PARISH - TWO CHURCHES

MASS

SAINT  
ANTHONY'S

SUN | 9.30AM

SAINT  
KESSOG'S

SUN | 11.00AM

2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY (YEAR A)  
REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL (JOHN 1:29-34)

## Behold the Lamb of God

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist makes a profound declaration as he sees Jesus approaching: "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." With these words, John reveals Jesus' identity and mission. He is the Lamb, the One who offers Himself in love, the One who restores, heals, and reconciles.

John's witness is striking in its humility. He does not point to himself or his own ministry. Instead, he directs all attention to Christ. His entire purpose is to help others recognize the presence of God in their midst. This is the heart of Christian discipleship: to lead others to Jesus by the way we speak, act, and live.

The Gospel also reminds us that faith grows through recognition. John says, "I did not know him," until the Spirit revealed Jesus to him. In the same way, we come to know Christ more deeply when we allow the Holy Spirit to open our eyes, through prayer, Scripture, the sacraments, and the quiet movements of grace in daily life.

As we enter Ordinary Time, this Gospel invites us to slow down and look again at Jesus with fresh eyes. Where is the Lamb of God passing by in our lives? Where is He calling us to recognize Him, follow Him, and point others toward Him?

May our hearts echo John's simple but powerful witness:  
**"Behold the Lamb of God."**

**Fr. John Adesotu**



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK/HOMEBOUND:**

Eva Miller, Margaret Sharp and John Cushley



## Christmas and Sunday collection

ST ANTHONY'S

**£208.91**

ST KESSOG'S

**£346.50**

TOTAL

**£555.41**

We also thank those who donate by direct debit.

**THANK  
YOU**



### Parish Fabrics Committee Meeting

Members of the Parish Fabric Committee are reminded the upcoming meeting is on Monday, **19 January, 7pm in St Kessog's.**

### Revised Mass Times – First Sunday of Each Month

Beginning on the First Sunday of February as agreed at the last Parish meeting, Mass times for St Kessog's and St Anthony's will be reversed on the first Sunday of every month. This adjustment will support Fr John in spending more time with the parishioners of St Anthony's and strengthening our shared parish life.

**St Anthony's: 11.00am | St Kessog's: 9.30am**

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we continue to grow together as one community of faith.

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES 2026

Classes will begin next month. 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. John or one of our Parish Catechists – Anne & Louise [louise.young1979@outlook](mailto:louise.young1979@outlook)

### Parish Website Upgrade – Now Live

Visit the new website here: <https://parishofstkessog.org>

The site is now more interactive, easier to navigate, and designed to help us communicate better and faster as a parish family. We encourage you to explore it, make use of its features, and share the link with your family and friends.

The Parish Bulletin will now be shared through the website rather than email, helping reduce digital clutter and supporting a more environmentally mindful approach.



## Parish Calendar for the Year Now Available

The Parish Calendar for the Year, highlighting the key celebrations and events of our parish, is now available on our parish website and social media platforms. Parishioners are encouraged to consult the calendar regularly and to seek any clarification directly from Fr John.



## White Flower Appeal

The white flower appeal this year will take place in our parish churches on **18 Jan**.



## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

**18-25 JANUARY**

This Sunday marks the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Archbishop Cushley is Bishop President for Ecumenism in Scotland and shares the following message:

“In Scotland we are blessed to share friendships with Christians of other traditions, friendships rooted not in convenience but in a genuine desire to follow Christ more faithfully. The Catholic Church in Scotland has officially acknowledged friendship with the Scottish Episcopal Church; The St Ninian Declaration reminds us of our shared witness, charity and service. The St Margaret Declaration, meanwhile, encourages honest and warm dialogue grounded in truth with our friends in the Church of Scotland. These commitments do not gloss over sincerely held differences of the past or the present. Rather, we endeavour to see in each other a fellow disciple of Jesus of Nazareth, and to grow together in charity as brothers and sisters in Christ. We acknowledge real differences between our Churches, and we do so without fear, because friendship among Christians is not a threat to faith but a fruit of it. So we pray for unity by placing ourselves before Christ, asking that He deepen our love for His Church, strengthen our respect for one another, and lead us, in His time and by His grace, closer to the unity He desires.”

### JOB VACANCY

The Archdiocese is seeking to appoint an Administrator to provide support to the Property Director and general administrative support within the Archdiocesan offices. Job description at [bit.ly/adminarchdiocese](http://bit.ly/adminarchdiocese). To apply, please send your CV and a cover letter detailing how your skills and experience make you suitable for this role to [recruitment@staned.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@staned.org.uk) by Friday **23 Jan** 2026.

### EXPLORE

Thinking about a vocation to the religious life? Join other young Catholic women to chat and explore God's will for you. Monthly gatherings will be hosted by the Archdiocese at St Columba's Church, 9 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh, EH9 1SN. The first one takes place from 4pm to 7pm on Sunday **25 Jan** 2026. To register, email Sr Mirjam Hugens FSO at [religiousvocations@staned.org.uk](mailto:religiousvocations@staned.org.uk)

### CATHOLIC CONVERSATIONS FOR WOMEN

All women are welcome to this event with the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma on Saturday **31 Jan**, 3:45pm-4:45pm in St Andrew's Parish rooms (77 Belford Rd, Edinburgh, EH4 3DS) for refreshments and faith-focused discussion on preparing for Lent. A Holy Hour will follow with Adoration & Vespers from 5:10pm. Register at [edinburgh@almamercy.org](mailto:edinburgh@almamercy.org) or call 0131 343 3380.

# WEEK AHEAD

18-25 January 2026

	Sun   18	Mon   19	Tue   20	Wed   21	Thu   22	Fri   23	Sat   24	Sun   25
Saint Anthony's	9.30am	10am		6.30pm				9.30am
Saint Kessog's	11am			10am	10am	10am	10am	11am
Feast/Event	2nd Sun							3rd Sun

*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 [stkessogsparish@gmail.com](mailto:stkessogsparish@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:

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see 'Census' on the footer of each page.

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