

St. Anthony's Parish, Belfast

Pastoral Area of South & East Belfast

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PUBLIC MASS TIMES—COVID-19 ERA (will be under assessment/review)

Saturday Evening at 6.30pm. (English Parish Mass)

Sunday Morning (in Polish): 9am, & 6:30pm. (English Parish Mass): 11.30am

Weekdays: (Mon Private 9:30am), Tues & Thurs at 9.30am. Fri at 7.00pm.

All English Masses on Facebook. Polish Weekday Masses: Tues & Thurs 7pm, Sat 9am

Confessions: By Arrangement. **Baptisms:** By Appointment

Local SVP Conference contact details: 028 90351561



PALM SUNDAY

*They blindfolded him and questioned him, saying,
"Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?" [Luke 22:14-23:56]*

This is my body, which will be given for you.

*He did not shield his face from pounding and spitting,
nor cry out when they covered his eyes.*

They jeered, "who struck you?"

*But instead he quickly emptied himself
for he so loved his Abba and the world.*

Christ, teach us to empty everything but you.

Anne Osdieck

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Brendan Doran

Anniversaries: Terence McCann, John & Florrie Guinness, Theresa McCann, Thomas Luck

COLLECTIONS: Many thanks for your support. Monthly Stipend £554.30. **Online Donate Button on Website £255**

We would appreciate that if you send in a cheque to pay for a number of different donations, that you itemise what amount should go to each collection. Also include all empty envelopes in the one envelope

NEW BOXES OF ENVELOPES FOR 2022/2023 are available for collection. If you wish to have a box please contact Fr Henry.

Relaxation of Covid-19 Related Regulations & Restrictions. The pandemic is not over, and we will continue to live with the risks and effects of COVID-19 for some time. As a result, it is important that, in a spirit of Christian solidarity, we all do what we can to care for each other. Therefore, the Diocese continues to strongly recommend a number of protective measures to ensure the safety and well-being of all.

- 1. Face Coverings:** the Diocese strongly recommends that face coverings continue to be worn at all times in the church.
- 2. Hand Sanitizers:** will continue to be provided at the entrances. Hand sanitizing when entering the church is strongly recommended.
- 3. Social Distancing:** While we no longer have to observe social distancing in the church, we need to be distance aware, especially for the vulnerable present.
- 4. Those administering Holy Communion** should continue to **sanitize their hands before & after distribution, & wear face coverings.**
- 5. Communion in the hand** should remain the norm.
- 6. Here in St Anthony's** we are to **return to the liturgical gestures of standing, sitting and kneeling,** as marked in the missalette.
- 7. At the Spring 2022 general meeting of the Irish Episcopal Conference,** it has been decided that **"from Easter Sunday, the obligation on the Faithful to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation is restored."**

Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2022. To return your donation we would ask that you convert any coins to notes, (you can do so e.g. by taking the coinage to Tesco at Newtownbreda and place coins into the coin counting machine, and redeeming the voucher amount at customer services) and place into the envelope provided and return on Holy Thursday or as soon as after.

Trócaire Gala Concert at Clonard Monastery in Belfast at 7.30pm on Friday 20th May 2022 (doors will open at 6.30pm). Performers: Margaret Keys, The Priests and St Dominic's Girls School Choir and MC, Gerry Kelly. This event will support Trócaire's work in countries around the world, including projects in Zimbabwe which is the focus of this year's Lenten Appeal. Tickets will be available at a later date on a first come, first served basis and we will contact you again to let you know how to book them. Tickets will be free but there will be an option to make a donation on the night with all donations being matched as part of UK Aid Match funding in support of the Lent Appeal.

Easter Raffle And Cake Fair in Aid of Mary's Meals. Palm Sunday before and after the 11:30am Mass. Raffle tickets £1 for a strip of 5 available for sale this weekend. All welcome.

Cappella Caeciliana Concert For Palm Sunday. Cappella Caeciliana presents a concert of Lenten music (including Allegri's Miserere) in Clonard Monastery at 7pm on Palm Sunday, 10th April. Tickets (£12) from www.caeciliana.org. Clonard reception and Matchetts, Wellington Place. Students and under 25s free.

The Synodal Pathway. If you have not yet returned your answers to the questions on the synodal card you can do so online at www.downandconnor.org/synod. Also take home the **Synodal Prayer Card** available in the porch.

Loughview Integrated Primary and Nursery School

Confirmation congratulations to the 11 children received the Sacrament on Thurs 24th March. **First Confession** congratulations to the 17 children who received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Thurs 31st March. **First Holy Communion** will take place Sat 7th May at 10.30am. Please keep these children in your prayers.

Dromantine Retreat and Conference Centre New Workshops 2022 - Bookings Now Open.

NO VISIBLE SCAR Comfort for those bereaved during the pandemic, Friday, 20 May (5pm) - Sunday, 22 May (2pm)

ALONE TOGETHER. Finding our way back to connection, Saturday, 18 June (9.30am - 4.30pm)

Workshop Facilitator: Father Hugh Lagan SMA, a priest with the Society of African Missions and a chartered clinical psychologist. He has led retreats, workshops and trainings internationally on psychological and spiritual well-being, positive change, trauma, mental health and resilience. Please contact Jacinta or Louisa to reserve your place: TEL: 028 3082 1964 EMAIL: admin@dromantineconference.com

Irish Men's Rosary of reparation, repentance and conversion for our nation.

This is all done through proper protocol, that is, cooperation and consent from PSNI. We are very privileged to have Archbishop Eamon Martin attend the Newry public rosary. We are having posters printed to distribute to all Diocesan churches for the future dates. See Poster in Porch. Any enquiries please call Owen 0044 7525 166090

Rosary at the Grottos. The Rosary will be prayed each day during the month of May at hundreds of grottos around the island of Ireland. To see a list of locations, or to register a grotto (or other suitable location) simply visit www.coastalrosaryireland.ie. You can also register by texting 087 278 6552. (ROI) We are praying for Ireland and for peace in the world.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima 2022: Full board in hotel: 7 nights (8-15 September) from £689 per person sharing. For further enquiries and bookings contact Joe Catney 02890714001/0776425631

Easter Triduum—Times of Services (need Volunteers for Liturgies of Word) See page on table in porch

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper—Polish 6pm, English 8pm
[Please return your Trócaire Donation at the Holy Thursday Mass or as soon as possible afterwards]

Good Friday: Service of the Passion— English 3pm, Polish 7pm
[Please remember the annual Good Friday collection for Christians in the Holy Land]

Holy Saturday: Polish Blessing of Food—9am—11:30am

Easter Vigil: The Resurrection— English 9pm, Polish 11pm

Easter Sunday: As Normal: Polish 9am & 6:30pm, English 11:30am

Easter Monday: Mass— Polish, 9am & 12 noon, English 11am.

Palm Sunday and Easter Triduum Booklets are available for the English liturgies. As a precaution and to minimise the risk of possible transmission of the Covid-19 virus, please take these booklets home and bring them with you to each of the ceremonies.

The Knights of St Columbanus - Commemorating the Centenary Anniversary of the death of its founder, local clergyman Canon James O'Neill (May 6th & 7th 2022), Marine Hotel Ballycastle. You are invited to join our event to mark this anniversary with guest speakers:

Friday 6th May 2pm: Bishop Noel Treanor Down & Connor

Followed by Dr. Eamon Phoenix-a talk on The Social, Political and Economic Times in Ireland of Canon O'Neill 100 years ago

Saturday 7th May 2pm: Mickey Harte, All Ireland Winning Manager-My Faith Journey. Please do come along to either event that are free to drop in and attend.

Young Adult Catholic Conference (18 - 40) - St Patrick's College, Drumcondra, Saturday April 30th, 10am - 5pm. Hear great speakers, meet new friends and discover more about your Catholic faith. Cost €25, includes lunch. Search: Young Adult Catholic Conference on www.eventbrite.ie for more information and to book. See you there!

Parish Safeguarding. Can you please ensure that all Children and Vulnerable Adults are accompanied at all times when entering the Sacristy / Toilet facilities. If you have any queries regarding the Safeguarding Policy please contact a member of the Parish Safeguarding Committee. Many Thanks. Fr Henry McCann PP.