



# St. Anthony's Parish, Belfast

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**PUBLIC MASS TIMES IN THE COVID-19 ERA**

*(will be under assessment and review)*

**Saturday Evening** at 6.30pm. (English Parish Mass)

**Sunday Morning** (in Polish): 9am, & 7pm. (English Parish Mass): 11.30am

**Weekdays:** Tues & Thurs at 9.30am. Fri at 7.00pm. **All Public English Masses on Facebook.**

Polish Weekday Masses: Tues & Thurs 7pm

**Private Mass (on Facebook Mon 9:30am) Confessions:** By Arrangement. **Baptisms:** By Appointment



## 21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

*Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living." (Matthew 16:13-20)*

**In a flash, Simon Peter saw who Jesus is:**

*one as fast as lightning, slow as a breeze as it caresses a field.*

*Spirit, show us too.*

*Our Christ. Our Jesus.*

*Anne Osdieck*

### WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

**Recently Deceased:** Arthur Matthews, John Ferguson, Marie Therese Richards (Mullan Mews), Joseph Crawford (father of Paula McKeown, director of Living Church), Bill Murray (brother of Fr Michael), Fr Stephen Rooney

**Anniversaries:** Loretta Murray, Dan Gallagher, Fr Dan Meenagh, Vincent Crilly, Phil Green, Brenda Gunn (Sun 23rd Aug at 11:30am), Kathleen & Jim Laverty (Sun 30th Aug at 11:30am), John & Brigid Rooney

Any further inclusions for Anniversaries in the parish Bulletin can be made via 07740 603643 or [stanthonys@downandconnor.org](mailto:stanthonys@downandconnor.org)

**COLLECTIONS:** New boxes of envelopes are available  
Last Weekend's collections: Cathedral Collection £314, Weekly Collection 209.60, DONATE £350

**IN THE MEANTIME the diocese has set up a DONATE button for each parish, where you may wish to donate using a credit/debit card. See link at [www.saintanthony.co.uk](http://www.saintanthony.co.uk)**

**Use of Standing Orders for Collections** The diocese has given information for parishioners to use Standing Orders for Monthly Stipend, Weekly Collections and Diocesan and Non-Diocesan collections. If this interests you then contact Fr Henry 07740 603643

**Rota for Ministers of the Word.** A new rota for Readers is available in the Church Porch

**Diocesan Masses and Services** A list of webcams can be found on our Diocesan Website: [www.downandconnor.org](http://www.downandconnor.org) and click on Parish Webcams in the menu, or on **Parish of St Anthony, Belfast** Facebook page for Live broadcasting of Mass.

**Volunteers** In order that the church can be opened, a list of volunteers are needed to act as stewards and to help clean after each mass, otherwise the church cannot be opened for public mass. A number of volunteers have agreed to be involved in the support of opening. If anyone else is interested, please contact Fr McCann at [h.mccann@downandconnor.org](mailto:h.mccann@downandconnor.org)

**Times of Masses at St Anthony's Church:** The public Mass times for Weekend and Weekday are: **English: Sat vigil 6:30pm, Sun 11:30am, Tues & Thurs 9:30am, Friday 7pm (Facebook Live) Polish: Sun 9am & 7pm, Tues & Thurs 7pm.**

Mon Mass in English at 9:30am will still be celebrated in private (also broadcast on Facebook).

**Confessions:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment only and socially distanced within the Church building. Please contact Fr McCann 07740 603643 if needed.

### Some General Points of Guidance for attending Masses in the Church:

Before leaving the house please consider

- 1) Are you unwell? Do not come to Mass if you are displaying one or more symptoms of Coronavirus Covid-19, i.e. a new persistent cough, or a temperature, or loss of you sense of taste or smell
- 2) Are you able to attend Mass on the weekday instead? The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is still suspended. We would encourage those people who are available to attend Mass during the weekday to join with us on the Facebook Page and leave space for those who can only come to a public Mass at the weekend.
- 3) People will be admitted to the church on a first come first served basis. There are 68 spaces for family, couple or single parishioner. Once the church is full we will close the doors.
- 4) In accordance with PHA and Diocesan Guidelines, the wearing of face coverings is greatly encouraged
- 5) The toilets will only be available in an emergency basis.
- 6) Please follow the guidance of the Stewards.
- 7) Please remain seated throughout the service.
- 8) Use the hand gel sanitiser and guide you to where you will be seated. There are other foot-powered alcohol hand gel dispensers available throughout the church, of which we advise you to make ample use. Place hand under nozzle and depress the foot pedal.
- 9) We ask you not to join in the singing of hymns, a cantor may lead music and singing. Following the direction of the Stewards please come forward to Holy Communion, which should be received on the hand. If you are not mobile, please let steward know and Holy Communion can be brought down to you.
- 10) If you wish to light candles, you can place money in the shrines in the wall, and place a candle on the candelabra without lighting. They will be lit after the mass.
- 11) If you develop any of the symptoms, you will be asked by stewards to follow them into the front porch for isolation.

**Keeping Safe during Mass.** In line with PHA guidelines and the NI Executive the Diocese has recommended that you should use face coverings in particular, in enclosed spaces. Therefore we advise wearing masks in the church while attending Mass. The guidelines take effect from Sunday 30th August onwards.

**Protecting All** We would respectfully ask that if you have attended Mass at the Church and have been diagnosed as having Covid-19 afterwards, could you please advise the date and time of your attendance to the Parish Office to allow safety protocols to be instigated to protect our community. Thank you for your understanding.

**Growth in Prayer & Reflective Living course** After the success of last year's event, this course is being offered via Zoom (online) initially and eventually, in-house Drumalis when it re-opens. The course is for one year and starts 14th of September 2020. For more detail please contact: 028 282 76455/72196 during office hours 9am-5pm or email [maura@drumalis.co.uk](mailto:maura@drumalis.co.uk)

**RETURN TO SCHOOL** As our children, youth and young adults return back to school, we pray....

- Prayer of thanksgiving — "Lord, thank you for the energy and joy of our children."  
Prayer for protection — "Lord, keep a watchful eye on them and keep them safe."  
Prayer for guidance — "Lord, guide them to make wise decisions and follow sound advice."  
Prayer for peace — "Lord, keep our children calm in the midst of a noisy and uncertain world."  
Prayer for wisdom — "Lord, give me the wisdom to raise them with love and integrity."  
Prayer for purpose — "Lord, let your will and purpose be fulfilled in their lives."  
Prayer for learning — "Lord, may they have an open mind and spirit to grow in knowledge."