

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, Sat 9am

Private Mass (on Facebook Mon 9:30am)

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



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

*He saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove,
descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens,
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."*

John baptized Jesus with water.

*The Spirit broke through Earth's boundaries, rushed into the world of
time, and told our universe again that God is with us.*

*Spirit, tear open the heavens. Break through our set-in-stone
boundaries, and descend into the depths of our hearts.*

Pour rivers of grace on all of us.

Anne Osdieck

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Brian Cassidy (brother of Fr Gerry), Veronica Neeson (sister of Fr Paddy), Philip McAllister, Hilda Booth, Colette McAnee (mother of Stephen from HA Leslie & Co. Insurers), Betty McCaughan (mother of Fr Aidan), Sarah Matthews (Funeral Wed 13th at 3:30pm—max no 25 persons)

Anniversaries: Marie Matthews, Terence & Sarah McCartan, John O'Connor, Jim McCann (father of Fr Henry), Patrick Gunn (Sun 10th Jan at 11:30am)

COLLECTIONS: Monthly Stipend £560.05, DONATE £175 **Online Donate Button on Website**

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.

Diocesan Masses and Services on webcams/online. See list at: www.downandconnor.org including link to **Parish of St Anthony, Belfast Facebook page** for Live broadcasting of Mass.

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

[Coronavirus Regulations (Summary): The obligation to attend Mass is still suspended. Anyone with an underlying vulnerable disability should stay at home, or if showing symptoms of a temperature, and/or a new persistent cough, and/or loss of taste or smell should stay at home and book a test with NHS number 111. Face Coverings now mandatory when entering or exiting the church and while in the church. Track and trace. StopCOVID-19 NI APP (Highly recommended). Remain seated throughout the Mass, and to receive Holy Communion on the Hand. Follow directions from our Stewards. At weekend masses, congregation for Holy Communion starts from the back and moves forward row by row, following directions from stewards.] NB: NOT IN EFFECT DURING LOCKDOWN—see below

6 WEEK POST CHRISTMAS LOCKDOWN UNTIL SATURDAY 6TH FEBRUARY (UPDATE FROM THURSDAY 7TH JANUARY 2021) details see Facebook Page or Parish Website. Churches can remain open for private prayer (for those parishes where that is the normal)

- In light of the Bishops' announcement on Thursday 7th January that liturgy in the presence of a congregation be suspended until 6 February, we would like to offer the following advice and guidance.
- Funerals and Weddings continue to be permitted but are restricted by civil Health Regulations currently in place.

Numbers are limited to 25 persons, including the celebrant/officiant.

- While baptisms may continue to be celebrated, in keeping with the spirit of current restrictions and in light of the current situation, we would suggest that you discuss with families who have baptisms scheduled over the next 6 weeks whether or not it might be more appropriate to postpone these until February.
- Where baptisms do take place, we strongly recommend that those attending be limited to the absolute minimum required. As a useful 'rule of thumb' the Government general restrictions limit indoor gatherings in non-domestic settings to no more than 6 persons, therefore it may be appropriate to limit attendance to parents and godparents only. There should continue to be strict observance of social distancing, avoidance of household mixing, hand and respiratory hygiene and the existing adaptations to the ceremony as advised previously.
- A number of parishes have enquired about the presence of readers, sacristans etc during streamed Masses. The Government regulation and key message at this time is very clearly 'stay at home', therefore we should only be requiring those whose presence is absolutely necessary to attend.
- In the conversation between faith representatives and the Chief Medical and Scientific Officers, it was stressed that the current situation is so severe that ANY measure taken to reduce transmission will help.
- A useful summary of the current regulations, along with links to further detail and useful advice can be found at: <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-regulations-guidance-what-restrictions-mean-you>
- Please continue to pray for all involved in the provision of health, care and other essential services at this time.
- Many thanks once more for your support and cooperation under these difficult and frequently changing circumstances.

Mary's Meals – Double the Love. From 2nd November until 31st January 2021, any donations made to the Double The Love campaign will be matched by the UK government, up to £2 million. Each little act of love will provide double the support for families in Liberia and the hope of a better future for their children. More information can be found at www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove

Catholic Engaged Encounter. Preparing for Marriage? A 'Zoom' online Marriage Preparation course is planned for 27-28 March 2021. This 2-day course is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship. Information/Booking: marriageencounter.ie or 028276 38512

The Saint Vincent de Paul can be contacted by anyone who feels they need assistance, financially or otherwise, and we appreciate a lot of people need material assistance over the winter. The contact number is 02890351561, and the local conference will contact you. You can also contact us online at <https://www.svp.ie/get-help/request-help-online.aspx>. Donations can be given online to the region at <https://www.svp.ie/get-involved/donate/single-donation.aspx> and by phone on **028 9075 0161**.

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