

St. Anthony's Parish, Belfast

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MASS TIMES & SERVICES (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)

Saturday Evening at 6.30pm. (English Parish Mass)

Sunday Morning (in Polish): 9.30am, 1pm & 7pm. (English Parish Mass): 11.30am

Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday at 9.30am - Friday at 10.00am

Wednesday: Communion Service discontinued until further notice (Day off)

Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Mass at 7.00pm & Morning of Feast Day 09.30am

Confessions: Before each Mass and By Arrangement.

Baptisms: Saturdays at 4pm (3 weeks notice required)

Suspended because of Covid-19 until further notice



14TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me. (Matthew 11:25-30)

O Lord! We are burdened indeed. We have poisoned the air, neglected the inequities, and there is this virus.

Augustine told us you came so that "The Bread might hunger, that The Fountain might thirst, that The Way might be tired on his journey, that The Truth might be accused of false witness, and that The Healer might be wounded."

You know our humanity so well, and the suffering we can cause. So, Jesus, we come to you.

Please show us your heavenly Father, who loves every hair on our head. Let us learn from you, and follow you, and find rest.

Anne Osdieck

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Joanne McCloskey, (sister of Fr Gerry), Pat Hill (former chair of the diocesan laity commission), Pauline O'Kane (sister of Fr Sean McCartney), Fr John O'Sullivan, Noah Donohoe, Michael McGlynn (brother of Fr Thomas)

Anniversaries: Mairead Hughes, Robert Dunn Jnr, Robert Dunn Snr, Hugh Crilly, Rebecca Crilly, Charlotte Hopkins, Stuart Wright,

Any further inclusions for Anniversaries in the parish Bulletin can be made via 07740 603643 or stanthonys@downandconnor.org

COLLECTIONS: New boxes of envelopes are prepared. Given that there are no public masses, and also given the uncertainty of whether parishioners will have income depending on the effects of the Coronavirus Crisis, we will leave it to yourselves to decide if you can give money towards the upkeep of St Anthony's Church and other Diocesan Collections. If envelope boxes can be distributed then you can keep envelopes aside until provision can be made for their collection.

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

Donations for 10th week since the introduction of the Donate button: week period 25th June- 3rd July £140. There also has been cheques received £ 425, Cash £70. Many thanks for your support

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 07740603643

The Irish Catholic Newspaper. For the time being, a digital PDF version of the newspaper is available every Thursday. If you would like a copy sent to you by email, please contact h.mccann@downandconnor.org

Masses and Services via Webcams or Youtube or TV or Facebook Live etc: A list of webcams can be found on our Diocesan Website: 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.

Mass Times: Mon-Thur 9:30am, Fri 7pm, Sat 6:30pm (vigil).

As the church gears up for public celebrations, these public mass times and days will be limited, and the use of Facebook will be continued during public and private mass times.

Confessions: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment only and socially distanced within the Church building. Please contact Fr McCann 07740603643 if needed.

Framework Document for a Return to the Public Celebration of Mass and the Sacraments (9 June 2020) was published from the Irish Episcopal Conference. (www.catholicbishops.ie). This document is intended to support dioceses and parishes in their own preparations for a return to the public celebration of Mass and the sacraments and may be supplemented at diocesan level. The Northern Ireland Executive has indicated that churches can open by 29th June, so long as they are compliant with Public Health Agency and Government guidelines which include social distancing, hand hygiene and the use of volunteers to help keep surfaces clean and in order. Diocesan Authorities are starting to give direction about the possibilities of opening of Churches. The Priests of the Pastoral Area have been meeting remotely to discuss the implications involved. The guidance from the Diocese can be found on www.downandconnor.org

A letter for Parishioners as to what to expect when the church opens for the Mass and the Sacraments is available on the Facebook Page and Parish Website. **The Church will open the week of Monday 13th July for limited weekday and Sunday Masses.** More information for the exact times will be published next weekend.

Volunteers/Deep cleaning. Many thanks to all who attended and helped out in the deep cleaning of the church in preparation for re-opening and who have registered to be volunteer steward and/or cleaner. An email with on-line training resources will be forwarded. If anyone else is interested, please contact Fr McCann at h.mccann@downandconnor.org

Help Contacts During COVID-19 PANDEMIC:

Support Line for Older People. ALONE has launched a support line to help older people facing difficulties regarding COVID-19. Professional staff are available to offer advice. The contact number is 0818 222 024

SVP Belfast: info@svpni.co.uk or 02890351561. If you need food because you are unable to afford it please contact a referral agency

East Belfast Foodbank. Tel 07902 099840.

Email: info@northbelfast.foodbank.org.uk. East Belfast Food Bank Unit 20 Colvin House, Carrowreagh Road, BT16 1QT Tel: 07514 213900

COVID-19 Belfast Community Helpline: 0808 802 0020. covid19@belfastcity.gov.uk

Next door App: <https://nextdoor.co.uk/> also available to download as an App (Community based app to keep up to date with happenings your local area or offer assistance to those in need).

Abiding Memories: Mary Magdalene. A Short Online Course by Zoom led by Sr Pam Thimmes OSC, hosted by Drumalis over 2 sessions, Sat, 1 & Sat, 8 August (10:00 am - 12:30 pm). For further information or to book a place (£25 per person or £40 per household), please contact 028 28276455/28272196 during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am - 5 pm). Details are also available on the Drumalis website - <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

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.