



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



17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

(Matthew 13:44-52) Jesus said to his disciples:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field."

Lord, what is the pearl of great price?

A Mercedes, a portfolio, oil wells, honor and praise and awards, kingship over everything we survey?

Or could it be no walls: all peoples brothers and sisters, clean air, water and food for everyone?

Neighbor serving neighbor? Dinner with friends? A kind word? Finding you in all things?

Give us wisdom to know real treasure.

Anne Osdieck

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Michael McGlynn (brother of Fr Thomas), Michael McQuillan, Fr John Fitzpatrick, Arthur Matthews, Marie Therese Richards (Mullan Mews—Funeral Thurs at 10:30am)

Anniversaries: Charlotte Hopkins, Stuart Wright, Jean O'Connor, Loretta Murray (Sun 26th July at 11:30am), Dan Gallagher (Sun 2nd Aug at 11:30am), Fr Dan Meenagh (Sun 9th Aug at 11:30am), Phil Green (Sun)

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 available
Last Weekend's collections: Monthly stipend £841.90, Weekly £713, Peter's Pence £83, Pastoral Needs £123.50, Needy Parishes £65, Holy Land £62, Education of Diocesan Students £67, DONATE £250

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

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

Diocesan Masses and Services 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.

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

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). In order to help you prepare for these Masses we have drawn up the information below:

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) Have you been asked to shield? We ask you to please follow the advice of your medical professional. Please avoid attending

Mass if you have been specifically advised to "Shield".

3) 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.

4) 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.

5) The toilets will only be available in an emergency basis.

If you have considered the information above and are coming to Mass here is what to expect:

Entering the church

- As you approach the doors please be mindful of social distancing and keep 2 metres away from others who are not in your household or social bubble

- There will be stewards/ushers at the door who will advise you to 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, which we advise you to make ample use of.

Seating

- Seating is available on every other pew. Each available pew is divided into two sections. You can enter the pew from either side. Either a small family and single or couple can occupy a pew, staying 2 metres apart.

- You should remain seated throughout the Mass. Do not leave your seat until instructed by the steward. This includes Holy Communion and at the end of Mass.

- We ask you not to join in the singing of hymns, a cantor may lead music and singing.

- Pews, kneelers and doors will be cleaned after each Mass.

Holy Communion

- If you are not planning to join the Communion procession, please sit in the middle section of the pew.

- The steward will guide you when to leave your seat and in what direction to process towards Holy Communion, which will be received on the hand. If you are not mobile, please let steward know and Holy Communion can be brought down to you.

Offertory Procession/Envelopes.

- There will be no offertory procession

- Baskets will be available at the church porch after Mass and any offerings can be placed into this when you leave.

General Reminder

- We ask that you follow the guidance of stewards and maintain social distances and the use of good hand hygiene using the sanitisers available. Holy Communion should be on the hand.

- If you develop any of the symptoms, you will be asked by stewards to follow them into the front porch for isolation.

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

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>