

# 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, 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



## 13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

But he answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead.

But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.

Jesus, you say to us,

"Follow me. Go, proclaim the kingdom of God."

Deepen our trust. Loosen our attachments, so many they may be,  
and whatever fastens us also to our safe spots.

Allow us to go where you call us today:

fields of war and bias, whatever

destroys our climate, wherever there is hunger and violence.

Let us take your kingdom everywhere in our day.

And let us lay our heads where you lay yours.

Anne Osdieck

## WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Joan McGiffin, Norma Loder, May McCaffrey  
Anniversaries: Patricia McDonald-Nwoga, Hugh & Rebecca Crilly,  
Peggy Mackin, Stuart Wright (Sat 2nd July at 6:30pm), Fr Noel  
Fitzpatrick (50th Anniv Bishop Treanor will celebrate Mass at 11am on  
Sunday 3rd July at St Peter's Cathedral & 8th July in St MacNissi's  
Church, Magherahoney (parish of Loughguile) at 7:30pm, followed by  
refreshments in parish hall

COLLECTIONS: Many thanks for your support. Peter's Pence £276.50,  
Weekly Collection £179. **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. Also include all empty envelopes in the one envelope

Relaxation of Covid-19 Related Regulations & Restrictions. 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. **Communion in the hand** should remain the norm.
5. 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." Though for anyone who is sick or vulnerable, the obligation does not apply

Confirmation. The Polish Community will celebrate Confirmation Sun  
26th June at 9am. Keep them in your prayers.

Safeguarding Notice. The Safeguarding Office have been in contact with  
your Parish and Safeguarding Committee in relation to identifying training  
needs within your Parish. If you are a leader or volunteer involved any  
activity involving children, please make contact with your Parish  
Safeguarding Committee to agree any training requirements. See Fr  
McCann for details.

A Journey Of Faith, Hope And Joy With St Patrick...Come and be  
refreshed on ancient paths in the cradle of Christianity in Ireland. Poor  
Clares Sr Martina Purdy and Sr Elaine Kelly will lead you on an amazing  
five day pilgrimage that includes guided walks to sites associated with St  
Patrick in County Down. Stay in Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre, visit with  
monks along St Patrick's Way, and capture the joy of the first Christians in  
Ireland. July 25th-29th, August 22nd-26th. From £798 all incl meals,  
transport, activities. Details [www.saintpatrickcentre.com](http://www.saintpatrickcentre.com) or call centre  
Downpatrick 02844 619000

Lough Derg Re-Opens. Lough Derg welcomes pilgrims again with a full  
pilgrimage programme this summer. Three Day Pilgrimage: 1st June - 15th August.  
Booking advised. Concessions available for students, seniors and groups. One Day  
Retreats and guided Pilgrim Path experience: dates in May and late August through  
September. Booking essential. All booking information at [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org),  
email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518. Lough Derg, Pettigo,  
Co Donegal, F94 N289.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima 2022, 8-15 Sept (7 nights), led by Bishop  
Treanor. Pilgrimage directors Fr G. McCloskey PP & Fr Sean Gilmore  
PP. From £689 per person sharing. For bookings Joe Catney 028 9071  
4001 / 07776 425631. See poster in porch

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Full board in hotel. 5 nights (13-18  
July) from £685 per person sharing. 028 9077 0162. Email  
[lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org), or visit [www.downandconnor.org/Lourdes](http://www.downandconnor.org/Lourdes)

Precious Life - All-Ireland Rally for Life takes place in Dublin on  
Saturday 2nd July. Make a stand to protect Ireland's unborn babies.  
Coaches travelling from towns across Northern Ireland. Book your seat  
today. Contact 02890278484/ 07592280522 or email  
[info@preciouslife.com](mailto:info@preciouslife.com)

A Prayer by Telephone. The Sisters of Mercy "Bethany" 34 Point Road,  
Dundalk. Welcome any person who may wish to request prayer. All  
requests are confidential. Tel:00353429331602

Volunteering. As the disruption caused by the pandemic subsides and  
parish life returns to some level of normality, it is a good time for  
parishioners to consider how they might place their gifts and experience at  
the service of the parish community.

We are always in need of singers and musicians, Ministers of the Word to  
proclaim God's Word at Mass, Ministers of Holy Communion, people who  
will commit to praying for the needs of our community, etc. Why not  
begin that conversation with the parish priest or a member of the Pastoral  
Council? There are all kinds of service to be done.

An Irish Pilgrimage Guide to the Holy Land. An Irish Pilgrimage  
Guide to the Holy Land is a new book by Michael Kelly, Editor of The  
Irish Catholic newspaper which explores the places associated with the life  
of Christ. Michael, who has led many pilgrimages to the Holy Land, says  
he hopes the book can also act as an 'armchair retreat' for people who  
cannot travel to the Holy Land bringing the Gospel to life for them. It is  
available now from all good bookshops, [www.columbbooks.com](http://www.columbbooks.com) or by  
calling 00353.1.687.4096. Price £14.99

Youth 2000 Summer Festival. 11th -14th August 2022 (ages 16-35).  
The Youth 2000 summer festival is a 4 day Catholic event run by young  
people for young people from all across Ireland. Visit [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)  
for more information.

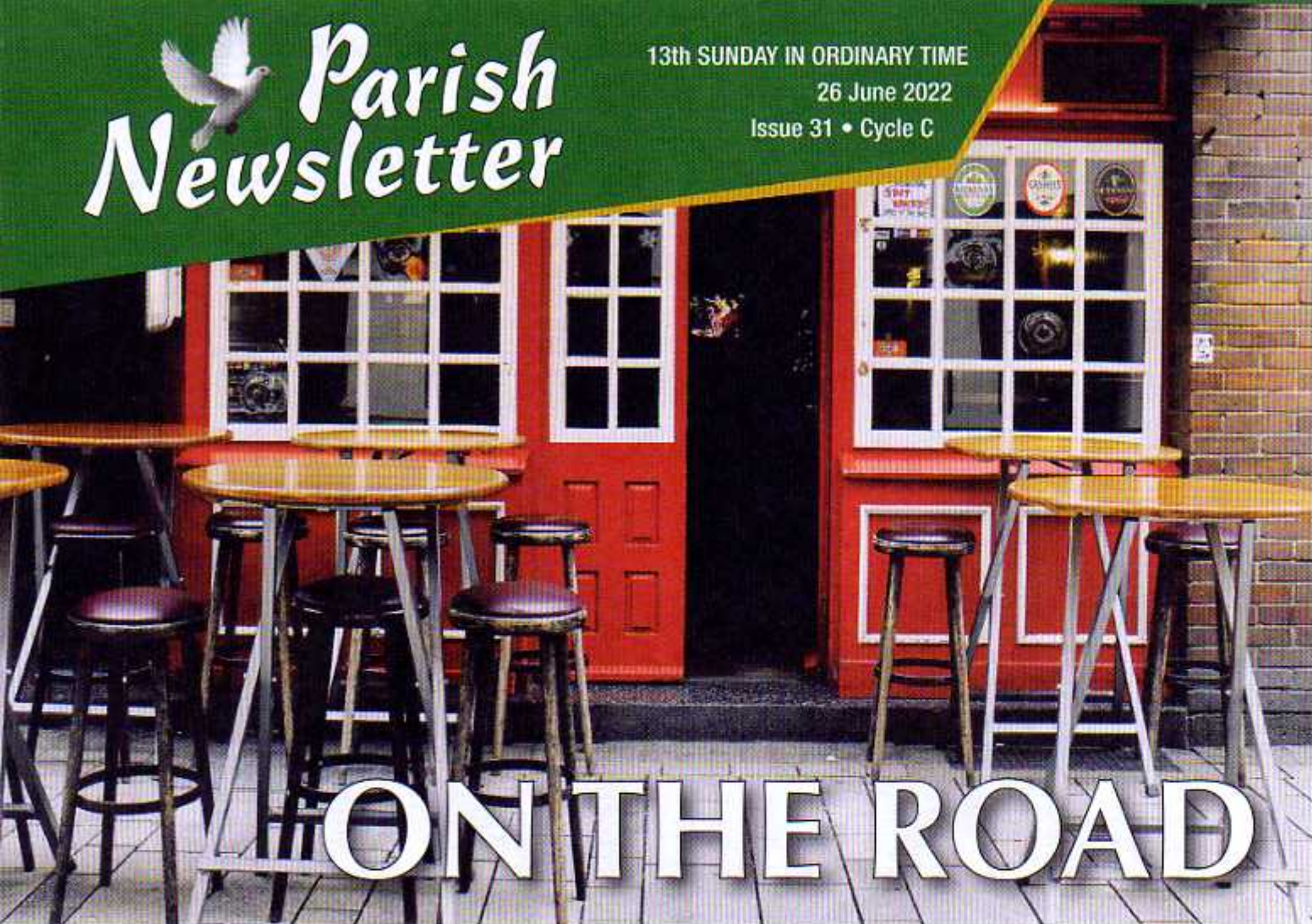
St Peter's Schola Cantorum—Singing for Boys 2022. Monday 8th  
August - Friday 12th August, St Dominic's Grammar School, 135 Falls  
Road, Belfast BT12 6AE. Applications available from St Peter's Cathedral  
House, or by emailing [schola@downandconnor.org](mailto:schola@downandconnor.org).

Paying Attention To God: A Way Of Listening. 8 Saturdays. Sept '22-  
April '23. Slow down. Enjoy a day to yourself once a month. Learn how  
to listen differently and completely change your relationship with God and  
others. See the value of doubts and questions as you grow in love with  
God. Join experienced facilitators, skilled in Ignatian and Celtic  
approaches in a group of Christians of all denominations. North Belfast.  
Practical down to earth experiences. Plain English. No study. Listening.  
Laughing. Interested? For further info/application see  
[www.firststepwell.com](http://www.firststepwell.com) or contact James McClure at Edgehill 028  
90767950. Closing date for applications: 7 August, 2022

Please Note Mass with Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Friday  
1st July will be at 9:30am.

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.





## ON THE ROAD

**T**wo scenes from childhood floated into my memory on reading the Gospel. I grew up in a traditional rural business of a pub/grocery/undertaking and a travelling shop. In our pub, there was a familiar routine. Every Sunday night was 'singing pub' night. My mother would coax reluctant locals to sing their song. Each had a particular party piece which they delighted in (eventually) singing. The wrap up for the night and closing time would sometimes involve

a song with the line 'we're on the one road.' The second childhood memory was of occasional visits to a coffin manufacturer with our undertaker father to purchase stock. I always liked the scent of sawdust and wood shavings. There was a newness about it all. Ironic, then, that in later years I worked with concrete on summer jobs! Concrete speaks of permanence, whereas with wood there was a hint of flexibility and openness.

### Next Sunday's Readings



Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalm 65:1-7.16.20

Galatians 6:14-18

Luke 10:1-12.17-20

I suspect we are all going to have to do a bit of stretching and adjusting as the old and familiar way of doing things gives way to the new. The call is urgent and will not brook delay: 'Your



duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Famed theologian Henri de Lubac was often quoted as saying that 'the church is a perpetual construction site.' In some ways, I think in Church we adopted a concrete mindset. Everything had to be done in a particular way. But as with any building, re-building or retrofit program there is always the unexpected. Nothing is predictable. Our earthly building programmes take time; the one that the global church is embarked upon will take much longer. Some may feel this is more of a wrecking-ball effect than a reconstruction task in the church. There are varying levels of anxiety about it. Some are more

confident than others, but I sense there is a readiness, if not an eagerness, to go with the flow of the Spirit on this one. We can't afford not to. The call to love and change is urgent and cannot be delayed.

The wood shavings and sawdust scent will give way to the odour of prayer in time. For a time the church at large will still be working its way in a partial building site with the mists of sawdust rising from construction projects all over the world. It is a troubling time and still the best of times. We have our hopes, our plans forming (or formed), a path to walk, the companionship of the Holy Spirit - the master architect. Let us at least have each other and not squabble aimlessly. Let us not shy away, as we are, as the song puts it, 'on the one road.'

- Tom Cox



## Reflection

*What type of disciple are you? What demands does authentic discipleship place on you?*



## Lesson

*An authentic disciple must not look back but keep going forward, as Jesus did, making the heralding of the kingdom of God his or her most important task.*



## Prayer

*Lord, bring me to true freedom in works of love. Let me stand firm against all that opposes me. Teach me to love others and build up my community.*



## This Week (27 June - 3 July)

- 27 M** St Cyril of Alexandria, bishop and doctor
- 28 T** St Irenaeus, Bishop and martyr
- 29 W** **SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES**
- 30 T** First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
- 1 F** St Oliver Plunkett, bishop and martyr
- 2 S** St Otto, bishop
- 3 S** **14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

