

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



FEAST OF PENTECOST

And when he has said this, he breathed on them and said to them
"Receive the Holy Spirit."

*Viens, Esprit Saint; Come, Holy Spirit; Heiliger Geist, Komm;
Vieni Spirito Santo; Ven, Espiritus; Fiery Spirit of Love,
O Father of the Poor, Warmth in a Land of Chill,
Comforter of us all: rich, poor; prisoners, immigrants;
breathe your life into us.*

*We beg you to give us your wisdom, understanding, and courage
to change all that needs to be changed*

In our climate catastrophe, our Ukraine war and our racial bias.

Breathe your life into us and send us out to the whole earth.

Aloud we cry, Veni Sancte Spiritus.

Anne Osdieck

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Canon Robert Fullerton PE (Month's Mind Holy Rosary, Tues 7th June at 7pm), Sr Paschal McMeel (Poor Clare, aunt of Bishop McKeown), Paddy Feeney (father of Fr Ciaran), Joan McGiffin, Norma Loder

Anniversaries: Robert Dunn Jnr, Robert Dunn Snr, Patricia McDonald-Nwoga, Hugh & Rebecca Crilly (Sat 11th June 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. Weekly Collection £486.92, Shrines £164.60. **DONATE** £50

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**

QUB Chaplaincy Golden Jubilee Ball. The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University will celebrate its Golden Jubilee with a Gala Ball in Belfast City Hall, to take place on Friday 10 June at 7pm. A drinks reception will be followed by a four-course dinner with wine, and dancing to live band MOJO. The evening promises to be the highlight of this year's social calendar, giving Queen's Chaplaincy alumni, across generations, a wonderful opportunity to catch up and share memories with old friends. Tickets are priced at £80 (plus online booking fee) and can be secured by following this link:
<https://fixr.co/event/catholic-chaplaincy-qub-golden-gala-tickets-384378624>

There is a limited number of tickets available for current students at the subsidised rate of £50 and these can be reserved by contacting Chaplaincy directly at catholicchaplaincy@qub.ac.uk. Dress Code: Black Tie

Holy Communion/Confirmation. Congratulations to the Polish Community celebrated First Holy Communion on Sat 4th June. Harding Memorial Integrated PS will celebrate First Holy Communion on Sat 11th June at 1pm. The Polish will celebrate Confirmation Sun 26th June at 9am. Keep them all in your prayers.

National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock, on Saturday 18th June (Corpus Christi weekend) leaving Belfast City Centre at 6.15 am. Cost £22, bring a packed lunch. Contact Harriet 07812098991 or Maureen 07745093530 to inquire or book a seat. For more information click on the link below.
www.eucharisticadoration.ie

ACCORD Facilitators Training Programme. We are now recruiting volunteer facilitators, supporting couples as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage and future family life. Formal training provided in presenting and facilitating our Marriage Preparation Courses. If interested please contact Brenda on 028 90233002 or email info@accordni.com, www.accordni.com

Trócaire are very pleased to announce that a total of £12,886 was kindly donated to their Lenten Appeal at the "Hope Springs Eternal" concert at Clonard Monastery, Belfast on Friday 20th May. These funds will be doubled by the UK government and will support Trócaire's work in Zimbabwe. Trócaire would like to thank everyone who attended and donated on the night, the clergy and staff at Clonard, the performers: Margaret Keys, The Priests and St Dominic's Grammar School Choir, and the volunteers who kindly helped on the night.

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.

Dromantine Sunday, SMA Open Day and Family Fun Day Sunday 12th June 2022. Society African Missions, Dromantine, Newry, BT34 1RH, 1pm - 5.30pm. There is a £5.00 admission for each car (it doesn't matter how many are in the car). Tel: 02830821964 for more information. Everyone welcome.

Colmille Lecture Linda Ervine, who leads the Irish Language Turas project in the Skainos Centre, Newtownards Road, Belfast will speak on the theme of Reconciliation and the Irish Language (referencing our parish patron St. Colmille), in the church, on Friday, 10th June at 7.30pm. There will be opportunity for questions and discussion. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Parochial Hall. Please come along on 10th June to support this new venture. Everyone is welcome. For further information on the Turas Project visit: <https://www.chm.org.uk/turas/>

Higher Diploma / Diploma in Pastoral Liturgy, from St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth. For those interested in an accredited foundation programme in Pastoral Liturgy, training to be involved with Liturgy at a Diocesan and parish level, better understanding the liturgical life of the Church, which is the highest expression of Theology in the Catholic tradition. Contact cmadmissions@spcm.ie or neilxavier.odonoghue@spcm.ie, or contact +353 (0) 17084772, or see flyers in the porch.

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 Coney 028 9071 4001 / 07776 425631. See poster in porch.

Matt Talbot Prayer Society. Do you or somebody you know suffer from addiction? Addiction to Alcohol, Drugs, Gambling, Pornography, Food, Internet etc. steals life from so many people. Please come to the shrine of Matt Talbot in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean Mc Dermot street, Dublin, on Sunday 12th June at 2pm, and join our annual national pilgrimage to pray for the miracle of freedom from all these addictions. For more information, visit www.mattalbotprayersociety.com or contact (028) 71262894

Clonard Novena in honour of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, 15-23 June, with theme "Let us Dream" (Pope Francis). All welcome in church, or online. New Novena Times: Mon-Sat 7am, 9:30am, 4pm, 6pm, 8pm, Sat 7am, 11:30am, 1pm, 4pm, 6pm, 8pm. For more information visit www.clonard.com or find us on Facebook - Clonard Monastery. Twitter @clonardmbelfast. See poster in porch.

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. From £798 all incl meals, transport, activities. Details www.saintpatrickcentre.com or call centre Downpatrick 02844 619000

Anam Cara Belfast, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Monday 13th June at 7:30pm in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Belfast. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online meeting taking place Monday 20th June at 7pm. To join please contact us on 028 95213120.

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.



PENTECOST IN AN IN-BETWEEN TIME

I was thinking a little about our online experiences in recent times. Some argue that we should now stop the streaming and cajole people back to embodied faith. The pandemic is over, the endemic is here and we get on with things: that kind of approach. After all, gathering is what we are about. Others say 'not so fast' and feel that online streaming is a necessary evil at worst and a very useful ally at best. Friends of

mine in the Evangelical world said that very often online comments would run along the lines of 'miss you guys' and 'can't wait to get back together.' Feedback from RC Mass streaming was a little more restrained and private ['thank you Father!'] Certainly, no reference to missing the gathering of the people. Without sounding harsh, does that not speak volumes? Have we privatised things so much? Maybe so.

Next Sunday's Readings



Proverbs 8:22-31
Psalm 8:4-9
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

I feel we are mistaken to think the church building will be the centre of ministry. Gatherings (I have a hunch) might be more about small groups

and more widely distributed. When you think of it in a time of much talk about Synods and Synodality (walking together), the whole idea of being seated in rows doesn't really lend itself to dialogue and mutual listening.

It is not so much that people have left faith, but the Spirit is perhaps reminding us that there are many ways of living our faith. Faith is a very resilient thing. Pentecost, as related in the readings, drew people together, but it also sent people out. Much like our lives at present, things were turned upside down. It is amazing for me to sit in our parish amidst the ruins of Clonmacnois in West Offaly and realise Celtic Christianity sent out scholars like Alcuin from Clonmacnois and others

like Boniface and Willibrod to a darkened Europe of the time. Then we have the spread of Christianity across Africa in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. What next?

What comes next is practicing a prayerful discernment, with some awkward silences and long listening, gradually coming to awareness of what God is asking us to cast off or take up. It is, as I have often said, a confusing time. Each person, parish, priest and diocese is in their own Pentecost moment. Its almost like the strident pre-symphony warm up. Each instrument vying for attention and gradually quietening to reveal a beautiful harmonious composition. Let us live well in this in-between time!

- Tom Cox



Reflection

Feel the fear and paralysis of the disciples and then the peace and joy Jesus brings.



Lesson

The sending of the Holy Spirit is the completion of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.



Prayer

Dear Jesus, pour out your Spirit as a divine power to create new life, forgiving sin and cleansing from evil.



This Week (6-12 June)

- 6 M** The Blessed Virgin, Mary, Mother of the Church
- 7 T** St Colman of Dromore, bishop
- 8 W** St William of York, bishop
- 9 T** Saint Columba (Colum Cille), abbot
- 10 F** Saint Ephraem, deacon and doctor
- 11 S** St Barnabas, Apostle
- 12 S** THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

