



St. Anthony's Parish, Belfast

PARISH PRIEST: Fr. Henry McCann (and Chaplain to the Ulster Hospital, Dundonald) 3 Willowfield Crescent. BT6 8HP. Tel. 028 90458158. [Mobile 07740603643](tel:02890458158). (preferred)

Email: h.mccann@downandconnor.org, stanthonys@downandconnor.org, henrymccann@hotmail.com, **Website:** www.saintanthonyv.co.uk

PUBLIC MASS TIMES—COVID-19 ERA (will be under assessment/review)

Saturday Evening at 6.30pm. (English Parish Mass)

Sunday Morning (in Polish): 9am, & 7pm. (English Parish Mass): 11.30am

Weekdays: (Mon Private 9:30am), Tues & Thurs at 9.30am. Fri at 7.00pm. All Public

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

<https://www.svp.ie/stbernadettessouthandeastbelfastappeal>



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Remain in me as I remain in you (John 15:1-8)

The branches move and live and have their being—in the vine.

**The prayer of the spindly branches
is one with the prayer of the anchor vine.
Abba listens to the beseeching of the vine.**

**Lord, you tell us to ask for whatever
we want and it will be done for us.**

**We want: no greed, no hunger, no violence, no prejudice,
no pandemics, no global warming, no suffering children,
no suffering immigrants**

We want to learn to love. Abba, please hear our prayers.

Anne Osdieck

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Desmond Logan

Anniversaries: John & Bridget Rooney, Terry & Theresa McCann, Mairead Hughes, Robert Dunn Jnr

COLLECTIONS: Many thanks for your support. Weekly Collection £439.63, Trócaire £870. New boxes of envelopes are available for collection. DONATE £80. **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.

Safety Arrangements during the COVID-19 Health Emergency with the Resumption of Public Worship in the Churches

1. Masks MUST be worn (unless someone is exempt as outlined in public health agency guidance).
2. Use Hand Sanitizer (available at the Church doors and other positions).
3. As many can be infected without exhibiting any symptoms, please sign in the Track & Trace details, either on the sheet provided or using the QR code which can be scanned via smartphone, so that if anyone tests positive and who perhaps had attended the church, other attendees can be quickly contacted and asked to self-isolate for 10 days. Name and Telephone no, one per family/bubble.
3. Keep the 2m Social Distance in mind when sitting in the pews & approaching for Holy Communion. Follow directions from the stewards.
4. Whatever you bring with you into the Church, please take with you when you leave, including missalette and bulletin.

For a full statement by the Northern Bishops, see <https://www.downandconnor.org/blog/2021/03/17/17-march-2021-statement-northern-bishop-resumption-public-worship-friday-26th-march/>

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 Mass for Weekend and Weekday are: **English: Sat vigil 6:30pm, Sun 11:30am, Mon (Private), Tues & Thurs 9:30am, Friday 7pm (Facebook Live)**

Lectio Divina by Living Church Office. Journey with the Gospels through the Easter season to Pentecost! Over Lent people from across the Diocese joined in an online programme to learn the method of praying with scriptures known as Lectio Divina – Divine Reading. This Easter season, we invite you to join us online for a time of discussion and praying with Scripture through Lectio Divina. The groups are facilitated by Aisling and Louise from the Living Church team on Zoom. There are two groups available for you to chose from Monday or Thursday evenings at 7pm. The program will run for 6 weeks starting on Monday 12th April or Thursday 15th April. It will be great for us to connect with one another and to the Word of God. To take part email livingchurch@downandconnor.org and you will receive the log in details for the session. We look forward to welcoming you!

Database of Trade Backgrounds. The Property Office of the Diocese of Down and Connor would like to compile and centralise a list of people

with trade backgrounds within the local Parishes that they could call upon in the event that any repairs / refurbishments / renovations and when new builds are required. Any parishioners that would be interested in any future work with the Diocese, are asked to leave their details, giving their trade/expertise, at stanthonys@downandconnor.org

Mary's Meals

1) Support for Tigray in Ethiopia. Due to civil war, refugees are being fed and cared for with the help of Mary's Meals, working with other charities. Any donations can be given to any representative of Mary's Meals, and will be very welcome. See www.marysmeals.co.uk for more.

2) Prayer in May. The month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Virgin Mary and we invite you to consider joining with parishes across the country to pray for the work of Mary's Meals. Our mission is carried out in Our Lady's name to feed children a daily school meal in some of the world's poorest communities. Please support us in one or more of the following ways:

- Include a bidding prayer for Mary's Meals at Mass
- Pray the Rosary for our work
- Host a Holy Hour
- Ask parish prayer groups to organise a time of prayer for Mary's Meals

Willowfield Food Bank and Willowfield Church of Ireland Halls are open again. Hours are 10am—2pm on Thursdays. Help by donating any foods or toiletries for families finding times difficult, especially over this last year. Anything you can give is very welcome.

A Unique Opportunity to train to Level 6 (UK)/Level 8 (RoI) as a specialist Couples Counsellor qualified to practice in-person and online

Accord is recruiting experienced practitioners to train in the specialism of Couples and Relationships Counselling. Successful applicants will have an opportunity to follow a 16 day Level 6/Level 8 Certificate programme in Couples Counselling (in-person/blended learning) and a further 105 hours training in online and telephone counselling with individuals and couples with an external provider commissioned by Accord. Do you have:

- Minimum Level 5 (UK)/Level 7 (RoI) qualification in Counselling/Psychotherapy?
- Substantial experience of working in the Person-Centred style?
- Minimum 100 counselling hours post-graduation?
- A current supervised caseload?

If you can answer yes to all four questions above, please contact us for further information about this unique Couples Counselling training package. Final date for receipt of applications 07/06/2021 www.accord.ie

Marian Month of May Marathon of Prayer for an end to the Pandemic.

Pope Francis urges Catholics to pray in May for an end to Covid-19 pandemic. The pope invites Catholics and Marian Shrines around the world to dedicate the month of May to a marathon of prayer for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic. Catholics across the globe are encouraged to dedicate the Marian month of May to praying for an end to the pandemic. The initiative, behind which the Pope has thrown his support, involves 30 Marian Shrines from various parts of the world. The Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization announced the news with a press release on Wednesday afternoon. It takes place under the theme "The whole Church was fervently praying to God," which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5). See Booklet in the porch for details. The prayer initiative will involve all the Shrines of the world in a special way. We are encouraging parishioners to recite the Rosary and to pray for an end to the Pandemic. Pope Francis will open the Marian month of prayer on 1st May with a Rosary broadcast across Vatican Media's platforms. Each day will see Vatican News broadcast the recitation of the Rosary at 6pm Rome time from the various Shrines taking part in the initiative. The Pope will also close the initiative on 31st May with another specially-broadcast Rosary. Further details can be found on <https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>. The Pope and the Church around the world join together imploring God for an end to the suffering which so many people are forced to bear.