

# St. Anthony's Parish, Belfast

Pastoral Area of South & East Belfast

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Sunday Morning (in Polish): 9am, & 6:30pm. (English Parish Mass): 11.30am

Weekdays: Mon, Tues & Thurs at 9.30am. Fri at 7pm. (Nov, Dec & Jan at 9:30am)

All English Masses on Facebook. Polish Weekday Masses: Tues & Thurs 7pm, Sat 9am

Confessions: By Arrangement. Baptisms: By Appointment

St Bernadette's SVP Conference. If you require assistance, please telephone SVP Regional Office at 028 90351561.  
donate locally at [svpni.co.uk](http://svpni.co.uk)



## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

*This is the final week of the Easter Season.*

*We are guided all week by the story of Paul's journey,  
all the way to Rome.*

*The final words of Jesus to his apostles, and to us,  
fill this week. They are comforting.*

*His deep desire for unity among us is powerful.*

*They prepare us to hear him praying to the Father for us.*

*It is a week in which we can intensify and deepen our prayer  
for the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.*

*We can ask for the grace all week to be open  
to the Spirit's coming and work in our lives.*

*Come, Holy Spirit. Fill the hearts of your faithful.*

*Enkindle within us the fire of your love.*

*Allow us to join you in renewing the face of the earth.*

### WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Eileen Clifford, Mary O'Hare, Fr Brendan Beagon

Anniversaries: Jack McPhillips, Maria Rose McPhillips, Frank McPhillips, Mairead Hughes, Robert Dunn Snr, Robert Dunn Jr, Henrique de Larragoiti Garcez (Sun 12 May—1st Anniversary), Hugh Crilly (Sun 19th May)

COLLECTIONS: Many thanks for your support. Stipend £384.47, Trócaire £668.72, **Dona DCP\*** £30.

Envelopes/Payments. If you would like a box, please contact Fr McCann in the sacristy and a box can be provided. If your details are incorrect then contact Fr McCann and the details can be updated. You may even think of setting up a

Standing Order using forms in the sacristy. And you may also consider filling in a gift aid form. **Dona Digital Collection Plate (DCP\*)** available in the Side Porch with options to contribute to weekly, monthly and diocesan collections. \*For online Dona donation see <https://donate.mydona.com/st-anthonys-parish-belfast>. The use of the reader can also tie in with the envelope number for this reason. (THOUGH GIFT AID NEEDS TO BE APPLIED IN THE PROCESS TO LINK WITH ENVELOPE NUMBER)

NB. If you miss an Envelope collection please give at the next attendance. But give only for the Sunday you attend. Do not try to catch up collections, say, with a cheque, as the previous collections have already been accounted. You can catch up by giving by cash in the one envelope of that Sunday.

**Don't Forget: the Saturday Vigil Mass has been cancelled.**

**MASSES FOR NEXT 9 WEEKS: Mon 9:30am, Fri 7pm**

Craft, Chat & Craic, Continues on Wednesdays at 7:30-9pm, in St Vincent de Paul/ John Paul II Room. Donation £2. All welcome.

Living Church Office: Join us on pilgrimage to Knock Shrine Sun 9th June, as we participate in the Down and Connor Diocesan pilgrimage. The price £40 per person includes luxury coach and refreshments. Early booking is advised. To book contact Claire Tel: 028 90690920 Email: [livingchurch@downandconnor.org](mailto:livingchurch@downandconnor.org)

Big Band for a Big Cause - In aid of Marie Curie charity, you're invited to an evening with Dana and the PM Big Band on Friday May 31st at The Theatre at the Mill at 7:45pm. Vocalists Ceara Grehan and David Hamilton will feature in a night of music featuring songs of Sinatra, Glen Miller, Michael Buble, Tom Jones and Amy Winehouse. Tickets £25 from theatre box office 0300 123 7788.

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass - Training session for Parish Leaders. The Mass is nothing short of amazing. The words, the gestures, and the rituals of the Mass are rich in meaning. Everything we say and do in the Liturgy is steeped in biblical language. A Biblical Walk Through the Mass (Edward Sri), explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and reflect on their profound significance. The Living Church Office will be holding a training session for parish leaders who would like to deliver this programme in their parish. There is a choice of two sessions to attend: Thursday 30th May 7-9pm (in person) Venue: Living Church Office 120 Cliftonville Road, Belfast or Monday 3rd June 7-9pm online via zoom. To book your place please contact Aishling Steen email: [a.steen@downandconnor.org](mailto:a.steen@downandconnor.org) or telephone 02890690920. We have also provided an online booking link: <https://forms.office.com/e/54ArRs9xby>

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.

The Pray for Life Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Thursday 23rd May to the Feast of the Visitation on Friday 31st May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit [www.prayforlife.ie](http://www.prayforlife.ie) for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders. The prayers will also be posted on [@PrayforLife\\_ie](https://facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena) on X and [@prayforlifenovena](https://instagram.com/prayforlifenovena) on Instagram. Let us know if you are praying the novena together as a parish, family or other group via [www.prayforlife.ie/#home-events](https://www.prayforlife.ie/#home-events) This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

Parish of Dunsford and Ardglass. Visit of Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis, 13th 14th May, 2024, St Nicholas' Church, Ardglass, Monday 13th May 9.30am - 10pm. St Mary's Church Chapeltown, Dunsford. Tuesday 14th May: 9.30am - 1pm. "To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan". Programme (as on the flyers in the porch)

#### Monday 13th May

9.30am Arrival of Relic to St.Nicholas' followed by Rosary  
10.00am Mass with Monsignor Anthony Figueiredo  
11.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament  
3.00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet  
7.00pm Rosary  
7.30pm Mass with Bishop Alan McGuckian  
9.40pm Night Prayer and Benediction

#### Tuesday 14th May

9.30am Arrival of Relic to St. Mary's Church Chapeltown followed by Rosary  
10.00am Mass with Monsignor Anthony Figueiredo  
11.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Confessions available throughout...Everybody welcome, especially schools!  
[dunsfordandardglassparish.com](http://dunsfordandardglassparish.com) (or Facebook). Volunteers needed to help steward the visit: Phone Meave 07742 820018)

Diocesan Novena to the Sacred Heart 30th May - 7th June 2024. A time of prayer for Renewal in the Diocese. Bishop Alan is asking parishes to participate in this Novena and a Booklet is being prepared. More information soon.

Ballyhackamore Golf Society. This cross-community golf society was set up by the late Paddy Macauley in the early 1990's. We golf once per month from March to September usually on a Sunday afternoon at "local" golf courses. We invite new members of all abilities to join us for some golfing fun and craic. Lasting friendships start here. Our first outing is a 9 hole event at Helen's Bay Golf Club on Sunday 19th May 2024 at 10:30am. Contact our Captain Maria Murphy on 07511636219 for more information.

#### Belfast Jesuit Centre, 193-195 Donegall Street, Belfast BT1 2FL

Celebrating the Gifts of the Breath of Christ A Pentecost Retreat with Tom Cashman A non-residential retreat to deepen your awareness of your own gifts in the Spirit. Embracing them and renewing your will to use them in the service of Christ. Through guided prayer, reflection and spiritual exercises. Fri 17 May, Sat 18 May, Sun 19 May concluding with Mass of Pentecost at 12noon. For all events: Book via [www.belfastjesuitcentre.org](http://www.belfastjesuitcentre.org) Or email [belfastjesuitcentre@gmail.com](mailto:belfastjesuitcentre@gmail.com) Or call 0770 631 6319

Annual Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help. We will celebrate this year with our neighbouring Parishes and our theme will be "Creating a Culture of Care" the Novena will reflect on the love of our compassionate God; a love that knows no bounds. Holy Family Parish Church, Limestone Road, Mon 13th May to Fri 17th May, 9:30 and 19:30, Mon 20th May and Tue 21st May 9:30 and 19:30. St Gerard's Parish Church, Antrim Road; Sat 18th 9:30 and 18:30; Sun 19th 9:30, 11:30 and 19:30. All welcome.

Anam Cara Belfast, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Monday 13th May at 7:30pm in the Balmoral Hotel, Belfast, BT10 ND. 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 which takes place 2nd Thursday To join please contact us on 028 95213120

QUB Chaplaincy choir Canticle in Summer Concert, Sun 2nd June at 7pm, in Fitzroy Presbyterian Church, featuring performances from traditional musicians, string quartet, and celebrated soprano Eilis Fox. Tickets £10 via Fixr: <https://fixr.co/event/canticle-summer-concert-tickets-82467491>.

#### First Holy Communion.

Lough View Integrated Primary & Nursery school. Congratulations to the children will be making First Holy Communion on Sat 11th May. Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School children will receive First Holy Communion on Sat 1st June at 1pm. Please keep these children in your prayers.