

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



FEAST OF PENTECOST

And when he has said this, he breathed on them and said to them,

"Receive the Holy Spirit." [John 20:19-23]

Fear locked the door. It always loves to do this.

But real love entered in anyway,

bringing (within its wounds) God's peace.

This peace went to all around; joy and peace!

He breathed upon them and sent them everywhere,

to all the earth, out of love, not out of fear.

God, remember us: Veni Sanctae Spiritus.

Come, Holy Spirit of life and love to us, and

send us out to all corners of creation.

Anne Osdieck

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Mary O'Hare, Fr Brendan Beagon, Una Crossey (mother of Fr Colin)

Anniversaries: Mairead Hughes, Robert Dunn Snr, Robert Dunn Jnr, Henrique de Larragoiti Garcez, Hugh Crilly (Sun 19th May)

COLLECTIONS: Many thanks for your support. Weekly £494.46, Shrines £193.02, **Dona DCP*** £43.

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 8 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

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 or telephone 02890690920. We have also provided an online booking link: <https://forms.office.com/e/54ARrs9xby>

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 for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders.

The prayers will also be posted on [@PrayforLife_ie](https://www.facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena) on X and [@prayforlifenovena](https://www.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 This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

All Ireland Rosary Rally - Knock - Saturday, June 1st. Join thousands of people from around Ireland and beyond for the All Ireland Rosary Rally on June 1st. The day begins at 9.30am with a Conference in St. John's Centre. Speakers include Fr Brendan Kilcoyne, Fr Joseph Mary Deane CFR, and Sr Ana Margarita Lanzas SCTJM. Then there is a chance to meet over 20 apostolates from around Ireland in St John Centre from 11.30am. The keynote speaker, Mother Adela Galindo, is coming from Miami, Florida, and she will speak in the Basilica at 1pm. The Stations of the Cross will be outside from 2pm, followed by the Rosary procession. Mass will commence at 3pm in the Basilica and will include the anointing of the sick. Bishop Phonsie Cullinan will be the Main Celebrant. Dana will join the choir to sing. There will also be rosary and scapular making workshops in the marquee. Over 50 buses are going from around Ireland. See www.allirelandrosaryrally.com for more details.

Down & Connor Diocesan Novena to The Sacred Heart: Renew Our Hearts, May 30th to June 7th, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. As Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ begins his time as bishop of the diocese he would love everyone in the diocese to join him in nine days of prayer, asking Jesus to give us a new heart. Many people among us are weary or wounded, hurting in one way or another. He wants us to make a novena for each other, aware that we are brothers and sisters in Christ. The prayers will be available in a booklet you can pick up at Mass or read online; it will also include a piece of scripture and a reflection for each day for those who wish to go a little deeper. Bishop Alan's hope is that this novena will be prayed either individually or together by parishes, groups, schools or families. Even young children can join in with the short prayers!

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.

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to St Patrick's Mountain, Saul (Saul Sunday) on 2nd June. Bishop Alan McGuckian will celebrate Mass on the mountain at 3pm. Everyone welcome.

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 Eilix Fox. Tickets £10 via Fixr: <https://fixr.co/event/canticle-summer-concert-tickets-82467491>.

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi in September 2025 to mark the Jubilee Year. (More on the tradition of Jubilee and what is planned for pilgrims in 2025 can be accessed here.) We are inviting alumni and friends* to register their interest by emailing catholicchaplaincy@qub.ac.uk We will be in touch with you soon to share details once we have finalised dates, itinerary and costs. We hope that you can join us on what promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime journey of faith and friendship.

First Holy Communion.

Lough View Integrated Primary & Nursery school. Congratulations to the children who received First Holy Communion on Sat 11th May.

Polish Community children will receive First Holy Communion on Sunday 26th May at 9am.

Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School children will receive First Holy Communion on Sat 1st June at 1pm. Please keep these children in your prayers.

Laudato Si' week - 'Responding to the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor' The week beginning Sunday 19 May 2024 has been set aside by Pope Francis to reflect on 'Care for Creation' with the theme 'Seeds of Hope'. It is an opportune time to remind ourselves of the messages contained within the encyclical Laudato Si' - here is one A/B/C selection..

A St Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life...(L.Si' para 1)

B ... other living Beings have a value of their own in God's eyes: 'by their mere existence they Bless him and give him glory. (L.Si' para 69)

C Society as a whole and the state in particular are obliged to defend and promote the Common good. (L.Si' para 157)

A summary leaflet in alphabetical form is available in the porch. For more information see <https://www.laudatosiweek.org>

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.