



St. Anthony's Parish, Belfast

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St Colmcille's, (Holywood)

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MASSSES:

Sunday Morning:

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

Weekdays:

Mon, Tues & Thurs at 9.30am, Fri 7pm.

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 www.svpni.co.uk

Parish Collections

Many thanks for your support. If you require envelopes, or if your address details have changed please contact Fr McCann. Dona Digital QR Code:

Weekly	£610.80
Maintenance	£216.00
American group	£16
Shrines	£260.34
Dona Digital	£46
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New Boxes of Envelopes are available for collection. If you would like a box please give details to Fr McCann. It will be assumed that you consent to use of your details. And you may fill in a gift-aid consent form in order that the parish can claim 20% back on your donations. **NEW ENVELOPES BEGIN ON EASTER SUNDAY**

Privacy Policy. The Parish of St Anthony is part of the Diocese of Down and Connor and operates in accordance with the Diocesan Privacy Notice, copies of which are available on request.

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. Thanks. Fr Henry McCann PP.

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Maureen Magee (mother of Fr Aelred Gerard OSCO), Patricia McAleavey (sister of Margaret Woods), Barney Burns, Seamus Hindman
Anniversaries: Sean Kelso, Robert Dunn jnr, Daniel Szczepanski

[PLEASE NOTE: If you would like your loved-one's name to be included in the Deceased Lists for Recently Deceased or Anniversary, and mentioned in the Prayer of the Faithful, or a mass be celebrated, please let Fr McCann know]

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Mon 4th: St Conleth, bishop

Tue 5th: Blessed Edmund Rice, religious

PLEASE NOTE: THE BELFAST MARATHON WILL TAKE PLACE SUNDAY 3RD MAY. THE ROUTE AS BEFORE WILL TRAVEL DOWN THE CREGAGH ROAD. THIS MAY AFFECT THE ABILITY TO TRAVEL TO MASS. PLEASE TAKE THIS UNDER CONSIDERATION

St Anthony's Music Ministry. Freely received, now freely give. If God has blessed you with a musical skill, then St Anthony's Music Ministry is the place for you! We are looking for musicians of all instruments to support our singing group. Please contact our musical director Liam after mass.

Communications Officer. St Anthony's Parish Pastoral Council is seeking to appoint a Communications Officer. This is a unique opportunity for a young person to gain valuable experience in becoming the main media/community contact for St Anthony's. Duties will involve working closely with the Parish Priest on matters relating to the website and social media aspects of St Anthony's. Please contact Fr Henry after mass.

Cregagh Presbyterian Woman's group are having their Friendship Night on Wednesday 6th May at 7:30pm featuring Stormont Community Choir followed by Supper. In order to help them for numbers, if interested contact Suzanne Hopkins

Belfast Jesuit Centre screening of Season 1 of The Chosen. Friday mornings (May & June). The Belfast Jesuit Centre will host weekly screenings of The Chosen (season 1) on Fridays at 10:45am, beginning 8th May. Tea/Coffee at 10:45. Episode begins at 11am, followed by a short Examen and discussion. Mass at 12:30pm for those wishing to remain. All are welcome. To register visit www.belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk or email bic@jesuit.ie

Encounter Weekend Donegal, Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. 6.00pm - 10.30pm Friday 5th June. 9.00am - 10.30pm. Saturday 6th June. Expect to experience the presence of God through the celebration of the Sacraments, Spirit-led worship, inspiring talks, healing service, and fellowship. Come and be refreshed and empowered by the Holy Spirit and learn from the Saints how to live the lifestyle God intended you to live. Keynote Speakers: Patrick Reis: co-founder and Executive Director

of Encounter Ministries USA & Fr. Patrick Gonyeau who serves with the U.S. Province of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in Ohio. Bookings at <https://encounterschoolofministrydonegal.com/encounter-conference-donegal> For more info, email donegal@encounterschool.org.

Medical Missionaries of Mary visit. The Medical Missionaries of Mary have been invited to visit us in Down and Connor this year. Sr Mary Coffey will speak of their work, mainly in Africa and South America, and their mission to bring Christ's healing love to those most in need. Originally they had planned to visit St Anthony's the weekend of Sunday 10th May. They have had to reconsider a more appropriate date and will confirm that in the near future.

Milltown Cemetery. Blessing of the Graves at Milltown Cemetery will take place on Sunday, 10th May at 3:00 pm.

Down & Connor Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lough Derg: 19th—21st. Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ and Jim Deeds will lead the Three-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg. June, £100 incl. Transport & island admission. Contact Claire at 02890690920, or email pathwaystothefuture@downandconnor.org. Also visit www.loughderg.org, for details of the 1 & 3 day retreats in the 2026 pilgrimage season.

Annual Parish Census 2026. PLEASE NOTE BECAUSE OF THE MARATHON THE CENSUS HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO SUNDAY 10TH MAY A count of attendance will take place at all masses across the Diocese next weekend Sunday 3rd May. The annual parish census captures valuable information about the numbers, ages, and gender of people attending Mass. This information helps the Diocese and parishes to identify pastoral priorities, make plans to address them, and provide support to our faith communities.

When you arrive at Mass, you will be given a small counter for yourself and for each person in your family group and will be asked to place the counters in baskets labelled according to age. There will be red counters for females and blue counters for males. The baskets will be labelled with age bands and the number of counters for each age band will be recorded after each Mass.

We look forward to seeing you at Mass next weekend and thank you for your patience and co-operation.

Annual Novena To Our Mother Of Perpetual Help. In St Gerard's church, 11th -19th May, with the theme of "Living Our Baptism". For Mass times and information, please visit www.stgerardsparish.org.

1-Day Retreat, Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre, Crossgar, Sat. 6th June 2026 10.00 AM – 4.00 PM Let go, let God, "Surrender to Jesus". By Fr John Verghese. Tobar Mhuire, 16a Downpatrick Road, Crossgar, Downpatrick BT30 9EQ E: secretary@tobarmhuire.com. Telephone 02844830242

Students Sitting Examinations. Many students are on study leave, to prepare to sitting their examinations. Please keep these students in your prayers at this moment.

Standing in the Breach – Catholic Men's Retreat. A powerful half-day retreat for men centred on our call to holiness: "Be holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16). Join other men for a morning of straight-talking teaching, prayer, and real-life testimonies, led by Fr Andrew Black (Belfast). This is a call to step up, take responsibility, and live the faith with courage in today's world. Sat 9th May 2026, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Portglenone Monastery. Includes prayer, teaching, testimonies, and tea & coffee with time to connect. For more information or to attend: Thomas Carey – [07967 620435](tel:07967620435) sean@catholicminute.co.uk

100th Anniversary of The Cregagh Branch of the Royal British Legion (RBL), founded on 16 May 1926, is commemorating its 100th anniversary with a special celebration. We wish to engage with our community so to mark this milestone, a free family day will be held on Saturday, 16 May 2026. The event will take place in the grounds of the Met college, conveniently located beside the RBL building on Montgomery Road, Belfast. Free parking is available in the college grounds. • Free family fun day running from 11:15 to 14:00. • Live entertainment (family friendly) inside the RBL building from 14:00 to 17:00. Within the Met college grounds, there will be complimentary rides for children, face painting, a variety of children's games, stalls, and much more to enjoy. We extend a warm invitation to all parishioners, especially the pupils of St Joseph's, to join us for this memorable occasion. A poster has been attached for display on the parish notice board, helping to spread the word and encourage participation in the centenary celebration. See poster in porch.

Knock Pilgrimage to Pray for Peace in the Holy Land. People from all over Ireland are invited to Knock Shrine on Saturday May 16, for a special pilgrimage to pray for peace in the Holy Land. The pilgrimage – organised by the papal charity Aid to the Church in Need – will be led by Bishop William Shomali from Bethlehem. Bishop Shomali will offer a message of hope at 11am and celebrate Mass at 3pm. All are welcome. More information at www.acnireland.org

The McCosh Lecture: Science, Faith & Climate Action. Join world-renowned scientist Professor Katharine Hayhoe at Queen's University Belfast for a landmark talk on bridging the gap between science and spirituality. Prof Hayhoe, Chief Scientist for The Nature Conservancy and one of TIME's 100 Most Influential People, believes the most powerful tool for climate action is conversation. Wednesday, 6th May 2026, 2:30-4.30 pm in Canada Room, Lanyon Building, QUB. Tickets: Free on Eventbrite, <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-mccosh-lecture-professor-katharine-hayhoe-tickets-1987397424195?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Monday 11th May at 7.30pm in the Crowne Plaza, Shaws Bridge, Belfast. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 003531 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie