



St. Anthony's Parish, Belfast

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PUBLIC MASS TIMES IN THE COVID-19 ERA
(will be under assessment and review)

Saturday Evening at 6.30pm. (English Parish Mass)
Sunday Morning (in Polish): 9am, & 7pm. (English Parish Mass): 11.30am
Weekdays: Tues & Thurs at 9.30am. Fri at 7.00pm. **All Public English Masses on Facebook.**
Polish Weekday Masses: Tues & Thurs 7pm, Sat 9am

Private Mass (on Facebook Mon 9:30am) Confessions: By Arrangement. **Baptisms:** By Appointment



27th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME DAY FOR LIFE "CHOOSE LIFE"

*Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones,
but they treated them in the same way.*

Often you send us as workers to your vineyard.

*Make us not loose weights, but cornerstones unmoved by
rejection, suspicion, contempt, or even death.*

*Send us to sow and nurture whatever is just, whatever is true,
whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,
whatever is gracious, whatever is honourable, on our
magnificent planet, and in the human family that lives here.*

Anne Osdieck

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Frances Swift, Claire Caldwell, Sr Mairead Bradley CP, Joe Mulligan (father of Fr Declan), Maureen McCann (aunt of Fr Henry), Tony Richardson

Anniversaries: John & Brigid Rooney, Denis Carr, Kitty Gibney, Frances Matthews, James Curran (Sun 4th Oct at 11:30am), Catherine Patricia Lord (Sun 11th Oct at 11:30am),

Any further inclusions for Anniversaries in the parish Bulletin can be made via 07740 603643 or stanthonys@downandconnor.org

COLLECTIONS: New boxes of envelopes are available. Many thanks for your generosity to last weekend's collections: Weekly Collection £431.26, Shrines £115.43 DONATE £20

IN THE MEANTIME the diocese has set up a DONATE button for each parish, where you may wish to donate using a credit/debit card. See link at www.saintanthony.co.uk

Use of Standing Orders for Collections. Forms for diocesan, non-diocesan, weekly and monthly collections are available in the sacristy.

Diocesan Masses and Services A list of webcams can be found on our Diocesan Website: www.downandconnor.org including link to **Parish of St Anthony, Belfast** Facebook page for Live broadcasting of Mass.

Times of Masses at St Anthony's Church: The public Mass times for Weekend and Weekday are: **English: Sat vigil 6:30pm, Sun 11:30am, Tues & Thurs 9:30am, Friday 7pm (Facebook Live)**
Polish: Sun 9am & 7pm, Tues & Thurs 7pm, Sat 9am

Monday Mass in English at 9:30am will still be celebrated in private (also broadcast on Facebook).

Some General Points on the Update of Diocesan Guidelines for attending Masses in the Church: The guidelines published on 26th June: <https://www.downandconnor.org/blog/2020/06/26/26-june-2020-guidance-on-re-opening-of-churches-for-public-worship/>, were updated on 3rd September in an email to clergy.

- We have done much in preparation for the opening of the churches to parishioners to attend Public Celebration of Masses. We have marked out the church with signs and floor markings, cordoned off seats to allow social distancing between people, and provided more stations for Alcohol Gel Sanitiser, and we have volunteer stewards and cleaners who are working to make sure that the church is clean and safe for parishioners to attend. And we must thank all who have given of their time to ensure the church can remain open for Public Mass. If you'd like to join the group of volunteers please let parish know.
- Of course if someone has an underlying vulnerable disability, as the obligation to attend mass is still suspended, they should be encouraged not to attend and/or view mass online. If they are showing symptoms of a temperature, and/or a new persistent cough, and/or loss of taste or smell, they should also stay at home and book a test using the NHS Number 111 or contact their GP clinic by phone to organise this.
- Updated guidelines, which fulfil Diocesan Insurers can stand by the protocols in place, include:
- USE OF FACE-COVERINGS (Obligatory). As per previous guidance the wearing of face coverings is recommended and encouraged at all Masses and all

other liturgical celebrations in church, along with the ongoing maintenance of 2 metre physical distancing. Some people are exempted from the wearing of face coverings, as outlined at <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-face-coverings>.

- **CHOIRS, INSTRUMENTS AND CONGREGATIONAL SINGING (Obligatory).** The current recommendation of "one cantor and one instrumentalist" included in the Irish Episcopal Conference Framework Document issued on 9th June 2020 remains unchanged for now. Parts of the Mass which may ordinarily be sung by members of a congregation should be recited. Until advised otherwise congregations are not permitted to sing.
- **StopCOVID-19 NI APP (Highly recommended).** HSC has developed the StopCOVID NI App (<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/stopcovid-ni-app-explainer-leaflet>) to help stop the spread of the Coronavirus. At present, the app does not link to the contact tracing service directly. Once someone has a positive test, manual contact tracing will be initiated. It will operate in parallel, encouraging 'high risk' contacts that might have been missed otherwise, to get tested. The app is one way of helping to control the spread of COVID-19.
- In our Pastoral Area, the local agreement is to remain seated throughout the Mass, and to receive Holy Communion on the Hand. But if a parishioner insists on receiving on the tongue, then the priest/eucharist minister must sanitize his hand with alcohol gel before continuing.
- Please follow directions from our Stewards to assign you to your place, and guide you for Holy Communion. At weekend masses, congregation for Holy Communion starts from the back and moves forward row by row.

First Holy Communion Polish Community: Saturday 17th October at 10am.

Haircut For Habitat After over six months Fr Raymond McCullagh (Chaplain at Ulster University, Coleraine) is shedding his lockdown locks to unlock the door to a better future for families in Ethiopia. All funds raised will help build houses as part of a special Habitat for Humanity Global Village partnership with Ethiopia. If you would like to support this appeal, please use the link below. Your donations will help build hope and safe homes for those most vulnerable in our Covid-19 world. <https://habitatni.enthouse.com/pt/ramond-haircut-for-habitat>

Mary's Meals—10th October is World Porridge Day. Vitamin enriched porridge plays a vital role in Marh's Meals feeding programmes in many African countries. £15.90 is a it takes to provide a years meals for one child. This year we are asking you to donate the cost of your breakfast that morning. Collection at weekend masses. Thanks for your support.

Rosary for the Month of October. Archbishop Eamonn Martin is asking families to pray the Rosary together for the month of October in what is called the Family Rosary Crusade against the effects of Covid-19.

Conference on Radio Maria Ireland. On Saturday October 10th, the Hail Holy Queen Conference will be Live & Exclusive on Radio Maria Ireland, beginning with the Rosary from 12.30pm. Guest speakers include Dana, Marino Restrepo, Fr Damian Polly, Fr Ruairi O'Domhnaill, Fr Marius O'Reilly and more. radiomaria.ie

Rosary on the Coast for Life & Faith in Ireland will take place on Sunday October 11th the This year we will again join in with many other countries from around the world. We will gather on our coasts, at our grottos, our churches, our river banks, our homes, or wherever we can..... to pray the Rosary safely together, at 2.30pm. Please do remember to observe Covid-19 guidelines. See www.coastalrosaryireland.ie to see locations near you or to register a location.

Safeguarding Sunday This year, as Bishop of the Diocese, I have designated Sunday 25th October as 'Safeguarding Sunday'. This will be an opportunity for all the parishes to pray together and acknowledge the dedication of hundreds of Volunteers in our parishes who serve in the ministry of Safeguarding across the Diocese. During the celebration of the Sunday liturgy we will also renew our commitment to the pastoral care of victims of abuse of every kind as well as young people and adults in our parishes. **On Sunday 25th October, 7pm, parishioners are invited to join online the celebration of Evening Prayer, led by Bishop Noel Treanor, from St. Peter's Cathedral, Belfast.** To join, kindly follow the links to the Cathedral webcam: <http://www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral>

Mission Sunday 18th October 2020. Mission Sunday is a day set aside for the Catholic Church throughout the world to publicly renew its commitment to the missionary movement. The world has changed, and so much is unclear. Who would have thought that this time last year we would be forced to stop shaking hands, hugging, and visiting some of those we love most. But, the mission to love one another continues. This October, World Mission Sunday will take place over the weekend of 18th. Worryingly it is in jeopardy. The pandemic will mean fewer offerings for this vital collection. The implications for overseas missionaries and communities in the months ahead will be devastating. Please, if you are in a position to help, do so right now. Support overseas missionaries in the Collection.

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.