

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



27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Then he embraced them and blessed them,
placing his hands on them. [Mark 10:2-16]*

*At the end of hard days we who are ragged and bothered,
come running like children, to you, Lord,
We take shelter in your warm embrace.*

*Your hands are on our heads and on our whole weary world.
Bring all the works of your hands and all of your children
into your kingdom, together, and hold us all there, safe.*

Anne Osdieck

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Paul Owens, Therese Devlin, Mary Luthes Falome
Anniversaries: Enda McCann, Catherine Patricia Lord, Denis Carr (Sun 6th Oct), James Curran (Sun 13th Oct)

COLLECTIONS: Many thanks for your support. Monthly Stipend £390,
Dona DCP* £35, DONATE £2.50

Envelopes/Payments. We are beginning to prepare to order the next
round of envelopes for April 2025/26. If you would like to be included,
please give your details to Fr McCann ASAP. 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>.

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.

Masses this week: Mon, Tues & Thur at 9:30am, Fri at 7pm

Feasts this week

Mon 7th: Our Lady of the Rosary
Tues 8th: Tuesday of 27th week in Ordinary Time
Wed 9th: St John Henry Newman
Thur 10th: Thursday of 27th week in Ordinary Time
Fri 11th: St John XXIII, pope, or St Canice
Sat 12th: Saturday of 27th week in Ordinary Time

Rotas for Ministers of the Word and Eucharist are available for those involved.

Belfast Rosary Festival, 5th-13th October, organised by the Knights of St Columbanus, Youth 2000 and the Legion of Mary. Events in different venues, including a Ceili (with traditional Irish Music and Dance), St Michael's Camino visiting 9 churches, a holy hour with confessions night, a Talk about Sports & Faith, a Blessed Carlo Acutis youth retreat, a Catholic Organisations' Fair, and much more. The Festival ends with the 21st Annual Rosary Procession from St John's to St Peter's Cathedral commencing at 2:30pm. A member of the Legion of Mary will speak at masses this weekend, and hand out a flyer. We ask you to support this worthy event. See belfastrosaryfestival.com, or contact 07955386288

Dominican Jubilee Pilgrimage to Knock to celebrate 800 years of Dominican presence in Ireland. Sunday 13th October Bus leaves Kennedy Shopping Centre @ 7.30am Returning at 10.00pm - Cost £25 For further details please contact Tina @ 07517151978

Prisons Week: 13th to 19th October 2024 aims to gather the Church in prayer for the needs of all those affected by prisons: prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities, those working in the criminal justice system and the many people caring for those affected by crime inside and outside of our prisons. The theme for this year is – Jesus looked at him and love him. This year we invite you to remember that he looks at you and loves you, as he looks at them and loves them. Fr Stephen would ask that you take a few minutes out of your day to pray the prison week prayer.

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 PRISONS WEEK PRAYER Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in his strength and in his Spirit, now and every day. Amen

Visit of Relics of St Bernadette Soubirous. The relics will visit cathedrals and churches in every diocese, north and south in Sept & Oct. In our diocese, the Relics will visit St Mary's, Chapel Lane, Belfast on 15th-16th October. We look forward to this historic visit and pray that God may pour out abundant graces on our diocese and local church. For more information see <https://stbernadette.ie/>

Lay Funeral Minister Training. Enrolment for the next Lay Funeral Minister Training is now open. There are 24 training places available allocated on a first come basis. We invite you to select candidates from your parish who would like to be trained for this ministry. It is important when selecting candidates for the training that they would be of suitable disposition in regard to this ministry. This entails an openness and willingness to work with others under the supervision of their Parish Priest. During the training period it is imperative that every opportunity should be given to shadow their priest, deacon or existing Lay Funeral Minister as they carry out the various funeral rites to enhance their training and experience. The closing date for applications is Friday 18th October at 12 Noon. Completed applications (available from the sacristy) can be returned by: Email to: pathwaystothefuture@downandconnor.org or Post to: Funeral Ministry, Living Church Office, 120 Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT14 6LA.

The training will take place at the Diocesan Offices, 120 Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT14 6LA. Candidates must be available for all training sessions.

Training Dates and Times:

Session One: Thursday 7th November 6.30pm – 8.30pm
Session Two: Saturday 16th November 10.00am – 4.00pm

Session Three: Thursday 21st November 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Session Four: Thursday 28th November 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Session Five: Saturday 7th December 10.00am – 4.00pm

A prompt application response is encouraged to secure a place as they are limited to 24. If interested please contact Fr McCann ASAP

Cutting of Grass—Volunteers needed. The proposed date of cutting the church grass is Sat 12th October. We will need as many volunteers committed as possible to help with lifting of the grass and bagging it. Ideally we could do with one or two people with petrol strimmers to help cut the meadow. This will be weather dependent and volunteer dependent. If anyone is available to do a small area on any date before let us know ASAP.

ABIDE in His Love Women's Conference. 15th-17th November 2024. The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal. Join us for an inspiring weekend with guest speakers including Lisa Cotter (Denver, Colorado), the Nashville Dominican Sisters, Fr. Barry Braum (London), Kathleen Nichols & Celine Kelly (Magdala, Israel), Bishop Kevin Doran (Elphin), Catherine DiNuzzo (Kansas), and Fr. Joseph Mary Deane, CFR, among others. This conference will celebrate the beauty and dignity of women in the Church and the world today. It offers a wonderful opportunity to come together, form new friendships, be uplifted by powerful talks, and experience the transformative presence of Christ in the Eucharist. We encourage you to invite a family member or friend to join you. To register, visit Eventbrite.ie and search for "Abide in His Love." Further information, including accommodation details, will be sent via email upon registration. Cathy Thompson +447746448300

Aquinas Diocesan Grammar School proudly presents "The Sound of Music". 7pm, Wednesday, 23, October, Thursday, 24, October & Friday, 25, October, 2024 (Tickets available from the School Office). 028 90643939

St Joseph's College Production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" on Wednesday 23rd October 2024, show starts at 7pm. Tickets available 028 90491280

In Concert Belfast Philharmonic Choir, Saturday 19th October 7:45pm in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Carryduff. There is a Retiring Collection for the Belfast Philharmonic Choir so no ticket is required. Info: BelfastPhilharmonic.org.uk. The concert will last approximately 75mins with no interval.

Handel's Messiah, by Merry Opera's Dramatic Staging, in the Great Hall, Stormont, Fri 6th December 2024 at 7:30pm, Tickets £25, or £15 under 16s. Box Office www.merryopera.co.uk, or 03336664466. Other dates on poster in Porch.

Polish Family Fun Day in St Vincent's Centre on Sunday 13th October from 10:30am-2pm. Competitions, Auctions, games and activities for children, dance, foods and pea soup. All are most welcome.