



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



24th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

*Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?
(Matt 18:21-35)*

To receive forgiveness can be cheerful for us. We can feel great peace and joy, like walking out of jail! But forgiving others, not so easy.

*Jesus, please help us break those bonds of our refusal to forgive!
Grant us your strength to remove our shackles.*

Teach us to forgive others in the way that you forgive us.

Forgive, and then forget. No strings attached.

Anne Osdieck

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Fr Stephen Rooney, Teresa Close, Theresa Schulz-Baumgarth, Stacy Shinn

Anniversaries: Vincent Crilly, Phil Green, Brenda Gunn, Kathleen & Jim Laverty, John & Brigid Rooney, Kitty Gibney (Sun 20th Sep at 11:30am), Frances Matthews (Sun 27th Sep 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: Monthly Stipend £829.53, DONATE £40

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 The diocese has given information for parishioners to use Standing Orders for Monthly Stipend, Weekly Collections and Diocesan and Non-Diocesan collections. If this interests you then contact Fr Henry 07740 603643

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.

Volunteers In order that the church can be opened, a list of volunteers are needed to act as stewards and to help clean after each mass, otherwise the church cannot be opened for public mass. A number of volunteers have agreed to be involved in the support of opening. If anyone else is interested, please contact Fr McCann at h.mccann@downandconnor.org. A Meeting of the Covid-19 Team will take place on Tuesday 15th September at 8pm.

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**

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

Some General Points of Guidance for attending Masses in the Church: (Summarised)

Before leaving the house please consider:

- 1) Are you unwell? Do not come to Mass if you are displaying one or more symptoms of Coronavirus Covid-19, i.e. a new persistent cough, or a temperature, or loss of your sense of taste or smell
- 2) Are you able to attend Mass on the weekday instead? The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is still suspended. We would encourage those people who are available to attend Mass during the

weekday to join with us on the Facebook Page and leave space for those who can only come to a public Mass at the weekend.

- 3) People will be admitted to the church on a first come first served basis. There are 68 spaces for family, couple or single parishioner. Once the church is full we will close the doors.
- 4) In accordance with PHA and Diocesan Guidelines, the wearing of face-coverings is greatly encouraged.
- 5) The toilets will only be available in an emergency basis.
- 6) Please follow the guidance of the Stewards.
- 7) Please remain seated throughout the service.
- 8) Use the hand gel sanitiser and guide you to where you will be seated. There are other foot-powered alcohol hand gel dispensers available throughout the church, of which we advise you to make ample use. Place hand under nozzle and depress the foot pedal.

Keeping Safe during Mass. In line with PHA guidelines and the NI Executive the Diocese has recommended that you should use face coverings in particular, in enclosed spaces. Therefore we advise wearing masks in the church while attending Mass.

Protecting All We would respectfully ask that if you have attended Mass at the Church and have been diagnosed as having Covid-19 afterwards, could you please advise the date and time of your attendance to the Parish Office to allow safety protocols to be instigated to protect our community. Thank you for your understanding.

Test Trace Protect - A Step-by-Step Guide (Copies in the porch)

1. Spot the Symptoms	4. Get Tested	7. PHA Informs your contacts
2. Request a Test now	5. Get Results	8. Close Contacts asked to isolate
3. Isolate	6. Provide Details - if positive	9. Household of Close Contacts - instructed if symptoms occur, to start at step one.

StopCOVIDNI App. Download the app on: <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-stopcovid-niproximity-app>

Mary's Meals. Many thanks to all who supported the recent Step-By-Step walk for Mary's Meals. The total raised was £1632.

Grandparents National Pilgrimage 2020. taking place virtually at 3pm, Sunday 13th September at Knock Basilica. Please join us online at www.knockshrine.ie/watch.

Season of Creation. During the Season of Creation each year, Christians around the world unite to renew our love for each other and the home we share. We cannot but think of the threats and challenges that exist now for all humanity, not least our brothers and sisters living in the communities where Trócaire works. Resources for parish groups who would like to take action locally and globally during the Season of Creation can be found at the following links; (1) <https://www.trocaire.org/resources/parishes/laudato-si> (2) <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2020/07/15/season-of-creation-2020/>

Growth in Prayer & Reflective Living course After the success of last year's event, this course is being offered via Zoom (online) initially and eventually, in-house Drumalis when it re-opens. The course is for one year and starts 14th of September 2020. For more detail please contact: 028 282 76455/72196 during office hours 9am-5pm or email maura@drumalis.co.uk

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Encounter the presence of the Spirit of God in our weekly meetings. Spend an hour and half each Thursday evening exploring the Catholic Faith. Programme commences 15th October 2020, St Mary's 25 Marquis Street, Belfast BT1 1JJ. Secure your place! Email: rcia@downandconnor.org or contact Fionnuala Tel 07702073895

First Holy Communion
Loughview Integrated Primary and Nursery School: Saturday 26th September at 10am
Polish Community: Saturday 17th October at 10am.

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.