



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



26th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

He said in reply, 'I will not,'

but afterwards changed his mind and went. (Matthew 21:28-32)

At times we refuse your asking. We say no to what you bid, but later we actually do as you ask.

And at other times we say yes, but alas, our lives spell out a big no.

Jesus, please change our hearts, change our minds to always say yes.

Let feet follow words.

Anne Osdieck

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Theresa Schulz-Baumgarth, Stacy Shinn, Frances Swift, Claire Caldwell, Sr Mairead Bradley CP, Joe Mulligan (father of Fr Declan)

Anniversaries: Kathleen & Jim Laverty, John & Brigid Rooney, Denis Carr, Kitty Gibney, Frances Matthews (Sun 27th Sep at 11:30am), James Curran (Sun 4th 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: Autumn Collection £436.10, Weekly Collection £185.60 DONATE £200

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.

- In response to the update of guidelines the Covid-19 Team for St Anthony's met last Tuesday 16th September to discuss the information it contained and seek how to apply it to the ever-changing circumstances of this current Pandemic.
- 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.
- 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 Congratulations to children from Loughview who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday morning. Details posted on Parish of St Anthony Belfast Facebook page.
Polish Community: Saturday 17th October at 10am.

Day for Life Sunday (4th October) Please find flyers in Church Porch

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.enthuse.com/pf/raymond-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.

Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans) Zoom Celebrations. 2nd October, the Feast Day of our founder Claude Poullart des Places, is a significant day in our annual calendar. This year we are privileged to be able to pray with Spiritans and Associates across the world.

Our celebrations, on Friday of next week, will be online and in two parts:

- In the morning Fr. Paddy Moran will lead us, and the students and staff of all Spiritan schools in Ireland, in prayer and reflection for 15 minutes (School specific):
- The afternoon, targeting a broader audience of all Irish Spiritans worldwide, our associates and partners, will focus on Irish Spiritan mission at home and overseas, and the website launch.

We will advise you next week of the Zoom link for the afternoon session, and you are invited to log on virtually, and kindly asked to share the flyer in the church porch with others who may be interested with a view to promoting the Spiritan mission and increasing awareness of its impact. If you have any queries, please contact Anthony Doyle (anthony.doyle@spiritan.ie or 086 7399 679).

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.