

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



24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But who do you say that I am?" [Mark 8:27-35]

Jesus, you ask us over and over,

"Who do you say that I am?"

Show us who you are.

In every joy, hold us close.

In every sorrow, take our hands.

Then we will know you well,

love you well.

Bearing up your cross will not be so hard

if you are there with us, holding us close.

Anne Osdieck

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: George Foster, Paul Owens

Anniversaries: Brenda Gunn, Vincent Crilly, Enda McCann, Catherine Patricia Lord (Sun 28th Sept)

COLLECTIONS: Many thanks for your support. Weekly Collection £333.98. **Dona DCP*** £25, DONATE £0

Envelopes/Payments. If you would like a box, please contact Fr McCann in the sacristy and a box can be provided. If your details are incorrect then contact Fr McCann and the details can be updated. 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**

Dona Plate (DCP*) available in the Side Porch with options to contribute to weekly, monthly and diocesan collections.

*For online **Dona** donation see <https://donate.mvdona.com/st-anthonys-parish-belfast>. The use of the reader can also tie in with the envelope number for this reason. (THOUGH GIFT AID NEEDS TO BE APPLIED IN THE PROCESS TO LINK WITH ENVELOPE NUMBER)

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 & Thurs at 9:30am Fri 7pm

Feasts this week

Mon 16th: St. Cornelius & Cyprian

Tues 17th: St Robert Bellarmine

Wed 18th: Wed of 23rd week in Ordinary Time

Thur 19th: St Januarius

Fri 20th: Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Companions, martyrs

Sat 21st: St Matthew, evangelist

Visit of Columban Father McNaughton. Any donation envelopes to be placed in collection baskets and given in by this weekend. Many thanks.

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

Suicide Alertness Training (Free course). safeTALK is 3 1/2 hour Suicide alertness training that prepares anyone regardless of prior experience or training to become a suicide-alert helper. Venue is Bredagh GAC Hall, 341 Ravenhill Road, Belfast, BT6 0BT, on Tuesday 17th September 2024, from 6.30pm - 10pm. To Book A Place (booking essential), Text or call Margaret on 07510514979, or email: woodsm78@aol.com

Holy Hour For Priests. Please join us before the Blessed Sacrament, every Tuesday from 11.45-12.45, in St Mary's Church, Chapel Lane, Belfast, in a dedicated hour of prayer for priests. information/book a place.

Pathways to the Future Parish Leadership Training

The Pathways to the Future team will be rolling out a programme of leadership training to all parishes commencing in Sept 2024. This will comprise:

- training in facilitation skills and techniques; and,
- training to support the formation or reconstitution of Parish Pastoral Councils.

Facilitation Skills

Trained facilitators are key members of parish leadership teams and will play a vital role in supporting the process of renewal and change within the new Families of Parishes. Participants on this course will be provided with the skills and techniques to act as facilitators in a parish and Diocesan context, capable of supporting events such as parish conversations and meetings, and faith development and training courses.

The Facilitation course will be delivered on a Saturday from 10am to 4pm at three (3) venues. The final course will be in:

- Tobar Mhuire Retreat and Conference Centre, Crossgar - Sat 12 Oct

Parishes are asked to nominate individuals to attend who possess the attributes and potential to be effective facilitators. These could include people who are active in parish life, who are good at engaging with and bringing people together, who are good at organising and managing, who can encourage people and make them feel at ease, who are good communicators, and who have leadership potential.

Those nominated can register for the venue and date of their choice. Numbers will be limited to 30 participants per venue. Early booking is advised. If interested, please contact Fr McCann ASAP.

Recharge is a new young adult group starting in the parish of St Colmcille's, Ballyhackamore, for people aged 18 to 35. The group will meet twice monthly on the first and third Tuesday of each month to "recharge" the spiritual batteries through Adoration, intellectual formation and social gatherings. To keep updated and get involved, follow us on Facebook and Instagram or email rechargecatholic@gmail.com. Our first gathering will be for Adoration with guided meditation and confessions at 7.30pm on Tuesday the 1st of October!

Visit of Relics of St Bernadette Soubirous. During September and October the relics of Saint Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage - for the very first time - to each of the 26 dioceses on the island of Ireland. This very special, once-in-life-time, opportunity will enable people of all ages experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in their local diocese, and to share the grace of an encounter with Mary as Bernadette experienced it. By venerating the relics, people of faith can encounter peace and joy of heart and become credible and courageous witnesses of love. The relics will visit cathedrals and churches in every diocese, north and south. 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/>

St Padre Pio. Celebration of Mass and Blessing with Holy Relic of St Padre Pio, Sun 2nd Sept at 7pm, St Vincent de Paul Parish, 171 Ligoniel Road, Belfast, BT14 8DP. There will be a collection to support the Parish of St Vincent de Paul. All welcome.

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

Living in Hope. Clonard Monastery, 11am - 3.30pm, 21 September, 2024. Led by Breige O'Hare. A day of encouragement, a chance to renew a love of life and a sense of hope in a better future with God, caring for our children, caring for creation. Story and song, space for quiet prayer and space for conversation. Bring a packed lunch. Tea/coffee provided. Booking essential. To book, ring Clonard Reception 02890445950

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 trimmers 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.

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.