

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



25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all
and the servant of all. [Mark 9:30-37]*

Who is greatest? Who is first?

*Jesus, you were born in a stable needing everything, having only love.
Then you were on the cross, needing everything, having no life.*

Yet you are greatest of all.

You taught the disciples as you journeyed through Galilee.

Teach us too. To love you.

*To care for your children, to serve your poor,
to welcome the immigrant, to free the prisoner.*

Lord, we ask you, give us only your grace.

Anne Osdieck

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: George Foster, Paul Owens, Therese Devlin

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

COLLECTIONS: Many thanks for your support. Weekly Collection £246.91, Autumn Collection £107.20, Shrines £284.68, **Dona DCP*** £60, 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 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 & Thurs at 9:30am Fri 7pm

Feasts this week

Mon 23rd: St Pius of Pietralcina, priest
Tues 24th: Tuesday of 25th week in Ordinary Time
Wed 25th: Wed of 25th week in Ordinary Time
Thur 26th: Sts Cosmas and Damian, martyrs
Fri 20th: St Vincent de Paul, priest
Sat 21st: Sat of 25th week in Ordinary Time

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

RCIA What is RCIA? RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a process to introduce the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church to individuals who wish to learn more about Catholicism, including the opportunity, if they wish, to become Catholic through the Sacraments of Initiation. RCIA is a time of teaching, formation and conversion to come to know, love and develop a relationship with God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. How do I sign up for RCIA? The first step is to request a registration form by emailing rcia@downandconnor.org.

When and where does RCIA meet together? We meet Monday nights from 6.30 - 8.00 pm at St Mary's Hall, Chapel Lane, Belfast BT1 1HH from October to May. The start date for the programme is Monday 7th October 2024. What is the format of the sessions? The sessions begin with prayer,

followed by teaching, question and answer and small group discussion and concludes with prayer. May I bring my spouse/fiancé to the sessions? Yes, you may. We encourage your spouse/fiancé to attend the sessions with you. If I have been baptized in another church, do I need to be baptized again? In most cases, you do not need to be baptized again. The Catholic Church requires that you were baptized with water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We will need a copy of your baptismal certificate or other proof of baptism from the church where you were baptized. Proof of baptism may include a letter from the church, a copy of the membership record indicating that you were baptized, etc. I was told I need a sponsor who is a baptized and confirmed Catholic, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church. What if I don't know anyone who could do that? Don't worry about it. We have people who volunteer to fulfil the sponsor role. Do I have to attend every session? Our desire is to have you attend all sessions. RCIA is certainly a place where you will learn about what the Catholic Church believes and teaches; however, it is much more than that. It is a process of getting to know Jesus Christ and growing together in community. RCIA is a process of conversion to a life with Christ. This process takes time and commitment on your part.

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/>

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 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.