

St. Anthony's Parish, Belfast

Pastoral Area of South & East Belfast

PARISH PRIEST: Fr. Henry McCann (and Chaplain to the Ulster Hospital, Dundonald), 3 Willowfield Crescent, Belfast. BT6 8HP.
Tel. 028 9045 8158. Mobile 07740603643 (preferred)

Email: h.mccann@downandconnor.org, stanthonys@downandconnor.org.

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/stanthonysbelfast>.

Website: www.saintanthony.co.uk

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



23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" — And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. [Mark 7:31-37]

*Jesus, please, open our ears so we can hear you
in the pleading of the poor, in the cry of earth's resources,
in the cry of the war-torn, the immigrant, the hungry.*

*Open our ears so we can hear you in the crash of the waves,
the sound of children laughing, in the call of a friend, in favored music.
We want to know you well; wherever you are—in all things.*

*Open our deaf ears and loosen our tongues.
Let us hear and speak your love to all the world.*

Anne Osdieck

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Mary Sugrue, Archbishop Noel Treanor month's mind Sun 5th Sept at 5pm, Cathedral), , George Foster, Paul Owens
Anniversaries: Brenda Gunn, Vincent Crilly, Enda McCann

COLLECTIONS: Many thanks for your support. Monthly Stipend £169.50, Weekly Collection £233, **Dona DCP*** £25, DONATE £75

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

Dona 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>. 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 9th:	St Peter Claver
Tues 10th:	Tues of 23rd week in Ordinary Time
Wed 11th:	Wed of 23rd week in Ordinary Time
Thur 12th:	Most Holy Name of Mary
Fri 13th:	St John Chrysostom, bishop
Sat 14th:	Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Mary's Meals screening of In a World of Plenty—Zero Hunger. Filmed in Tigray, Ethiopia and in London, and featuring in-depth interview of Bob Geldof—Zero Hunger powerfully explores the question of 'can there be a solution to world hunger?' This special documentary shows how a deadly combination of war, poverty and drought has resulted in the threat of a new famine. Shown in the Agape Centre, 236-266 Lisburn Road, Belfast, BT9 6GF, on Mon 9th Sept from 7-8.30pm. Visit marysmeals.org.uk/events to register for the screening.

Visit of Columban Father McNaughton. Any donation envelopes to be placed in collection baskets and given in by next 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

LOST SWAROWSKI BRACELET outside Church Gates last Sunday 11th August just before 11:30am Mass. Of sentimental value. Reward paid. Contact 07791 494591

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.

Suicide Alertness Training (Free course). safeTALK is 3 ½ 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

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:

- Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne - Sat 07 Sept
 - Holy Rosary Parish Centre, Belfast - Sat 14 Sept
 - 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.

Corrymeela: Peace, Justice & Care Of The Earth, Climate Justice Conference.

We are writing on behalf of the Corrymeela Climate Justice Group to invite you to join us for our one-day conference at the Corrymeela Centre, Ballycastle on Thursday 19th September 2024. The conference will commence at 9.30 am and conclude at 5.00, lunch will be provided. Prior registration is essential, there is no charge involved. Further details and registration are available on the Corrymeela website. <https://www.corrymeela.org/events/247/climateconference-19-sept-2024>

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/>

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.

West Belfast Historical Society next meeting Friday 13th Sept at 7:30pm in St Michael's Parish Centre, Finaghy Road North. AGM at 7pm, followed by September talk "The Life of a Vatican Diplomat" given by Mr Jerome Mullen. Refreshments after, all welcome to attend.