

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



26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

World Day for Migrants & Refugees

For whoever is not against us is for us. [Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48]

Who is for us? Those who give welcome to the refugee?

Who shelter the homeless, who care for the earth,

who feed the hungry, teach the ignorant,

stand for justice, who give a drop of water in his name?

Jesus, all we want is to be on your side.

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

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

Anne Osdieck

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Paul Owens, Therese Devlin, Mary Luthes Falome

Anniversaries: Enda McCann, Catherine Patricia Lord (Sun 28th Sept),
Denis Carr (Sun 6th Oct), James Curran (Sun 13th Oct)

COLLECTIONS: Many thanks for your support. Weekly Collection
£487, **Dona DCP*** £39, DONATE £0

Envelopes/Payments. We are beginning to prepare to order the next
round of envelopes for April 2025/26. If you would like to be included,
please give your details to Fr McCann ASAP. 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

PLEASE NOTE: NO MASS THIS FRIDAY 4TH OCT

Feasts this week

Mon 30th: St Jerome, priest & doctor of the Church
Tues 1st Oct: St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin & doctor of the Church
Wed 2nd: The Holy Guardian Angels
Thur 3rd: Thursday of 26th week in Ordinary Time
Fri 4th: St Francis of Assisi
Sat 5th: St Faustina Kowalska, religious

Rotas for Ministers of the Word and Eucharist are available for those involved.

Pastoral Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 2nd October at 8pm

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

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

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. 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

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.

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.

Visit of Relics of St Bernadette Soubirous. The relics will visit
cathedrals and churches in every diocese, north and south in Sept & Oct.
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 strimmers 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.

First Saturdays Conference. October 12th (10am to 4pm) in the Firgrove
Hotel in Mitchelstown. Sr Lucia of Fatima explained the importance of this
devotion by saying that whether there is peace or war in the world depends
on the practise of this devotion. We sure live in very turbulent and troubled
times. There will be Mass and four speakers: Dr Katrina Layden, Fr Jaimie
Twohig, Christine O'Hara and Fr Marius O'Reilly. We will also pray the
Rosary, and do the 15 minute meditation together. Bring your own lunch or
eat in the hotel carvery. For more details see firstsaturdays.ie

ABIDE in His Love Women's Conference. 15th-17th November
2024. The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal. Join us
for an inspiring weekend with guest speakers including Lisa Cotter
(Denver, Colorado), the Nashville Dominican Sisters, Fr. Barry
Braun (London), Kathleen Nichols & Celine Kelly (Magdala,
Israel), Bishop Kevin Doran (Elphin), Catherine DiNuzzo (Kansas),
and Fr. Joseph Mary Deane, CFR, among others. This conference
will celebrate the beauty and dignity of women in the Church and
the world today. It offers a wonderful opportunity to come together,
form new friendships, be uplifted by powerful talks, and experience
the transformative presence of Christ in the Eucharist. We
encourage you to invite a family member or friend to join you. To
register, visit Eventbrite.ie and search for "Abide in His Love."
Further information, including accommodation details, will be sent
via email upon registration. Cathy Thompson +447746448300