



St. Anthony's Parish, Belfast

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MASSSES:

Sunday Morning:

(in Polish): 9am, & 6:30pm.
(English Parish Mass): 11.30am

Weekdays:

Mon, Tues & Thurs at 9.30am. Fri 7pm.

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 www.svpni.co.uk

Parish Collections

Many thanks for your support. If you require envelopes, or if your address details have changed please contact Fr McCann. Dona Digital QR Code:

Weekly	£822.63
Shrines	£137.60
Candles	£247.72
Missalettes	£4.32
Dona Digital	£55
DONATE (website)	£220



New Boxes of Envelopes are available for collection. If you would like a box please give details to Fr McCann. It will be assumed that you consent to use of your details. And you may fill in a gift-aid consent form in order that the parish can claim 20% back on your donations. **NEW ENVELOPES BEGIN ON EASTER SUNDAY**

Privacy Policy. The Parish of St Anthony is part of the Diocese of Down and Connor and operates in accordance with the Diocesan Privacy Notice, copies of which are available on request.

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. Thanks. Fr Henry McCann PP.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Mary Higney, Elizabeth Campbell, John McLaverty (brother of Fr Tony), James (Jim) Murray (father of Suzanne Hopkins), Brigid Donohue

Anniversaries: Terry & Theresa McCann, Marie Kane, Eileen Clifford, Daniel Szczepanski (1st Anniversary Fri 1st May at 7pm)

[PLEASE NOTE: If you would like your loved-one's name to be included in the Deceased Lists for Recently Deceased or Anniversary, and mentioned in the Prayer of the Faithful, or a mass be celebrated, please let Fr McCann know]

Easter Blessings. Many thanks to all who helped and volunteered in the Easter Liturgies, readers, Eucharistic ministers, choir, cleaners, and others who helped clean and decorate the church for the liturgies. I wish you all a Blessed Easter in the joy and peace of the Risen Christ. **PLEASE NOTE:** Easter Monday No English mass; Polish 9am

St Anthony's Music Ministry. We are looking to expand our music ministry and are calling on all musicians and singers to lend your gift to praise God. Please leave your details with Liam at the organ after Mass.

Mary's Meals Easter Raffle. Many thanks to all who contributed to the Easter Raffle. Winners were Gus Hannigan, Jack Bell and Seamus Curran.

The Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2026. Traditionally the Trocaire boxes donations are gathered as part of the Holy Thursday Offertory Procession. Please count what you have saved, convert it into notes and place in the envelopes provided in the Trocaire Pack, sign Gift Aid, and place in the collection baskets ASAP but please note after April 19th you should send the money directly to Trócaire.

Sacred Secrets. Come closer to the suffering love of Christ. The Shroud of Turin, a profound journey into the Passion of Jesus. And many other hand-picked programs, including retreats, reflections, sacred stories, and prayerful songs to accompany you through Lent and Easter. www.shalomworld.org/lent

Pope Leo's Prayer for Priests. Bishop Alan has asked us to share the following with parishioners.

"I share with you the prayer that Pope Leo is offering for all priests, especially those in any kind of crisis or trouble.

I invite you to join with the Pope yourself in his prayer and share it with people on all the platforms, with the title 'Pope Leo's Prayer for Priests'

<https://youtu.be/zhfbgZpv8AA>

Blessings for the Triduum and the great feast of Easter.

+Alan"

A Life of Adoration, Prayer, Intercession for the World.

Vocation Discernment Weekends: continues:17-19th April 2026. Single Women, Age (18-35). Please contact: Sr Mairéad OP, Monastery of St Catherine of Siena, The Twenties, Drogheda, Co. Louth. A92 KR84. Tel: 041 9838524; E-mail: sienavoc@gmail.com, www.dominicannuns.ie

Feast of Divine Mercy, Sunday 12th April 2026. St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast (2:30pm), and Sacred Heart Church, North Belfast (2:15pm). Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Holy Mass.

St Agnes' Choral Society is delighted to invite you to a production of Cole Porter's timeless musical masterpiece, "Anything Goes" at the Grand Opera House Tuesday, April 14th – Saturday, April 18th, 2026 Evening performances at 7:30 PM; Matinee at 2:30 PM GOH.co.uk/whats-on/anything-goes

Recharge is a young adult group based in St Colmcille's church, Ballyhackamore, for 18-35 year olds. We meet twice a month to "recharge" our spiritual batteries through prayer, intellectual formation and friendship. All are welcome! Dates for your diary for April:

Tues 7th April @ 7:30pm. Holy Hour with Adoration followed by drinks in the Hearth Bar

Tues 21st April @ 7:30pm. Group Study course followed by social.

Eucharistic Adoration. Calling all adorers of the Blessed Sacrament in Down and Connor Diocese. National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock on Sun 19th April (weekend after Divine Mercy). Details on www.eucharisticadoration.ie. Ring Una for the bus leaving Toome, at 07743 575969, Belfast Bus ring Patricia 07972 103130, or Patrick 07963 581543

The West Belfast Historical Society. The April meeting will take place on Friday the 10th of April at 7.30pm in St. Michael's Parish Centre, Finaghy Road North (Access via Church Gateway on Finaghy Road North, just past the garage opposite the Church at the junction with Andersonstown Road). The April talk is entitled: "Terence O'Neill". The guest speaker will be Mr. Clive Scoular. Refreshments will be provided.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Monday 13th April at 7.30pm in the Crowne Plaza, Shaws Bridge, Belfast. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 003531 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

From an ancient homily for Holy Saturday - The Lord's descent into the underworld:

Something strange is happening – there is a great silence on earth today, a great silence and stillness. The whole earth keeps silence because the King is asleep. The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and he has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began. God has died in the flesh and hell

trembles with fear.

He has gone to search for our first parent, as for a lost sheep. Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, he has gone to free from sorrow the captives Adam and Eve, he who is both God and the son of Eve. The Lord approached them bearing the cross, the weapon that had won him the victory. At the sight of him Adam, the first man he had created, struck his breast in terror and cried out to everyone: "My Lord be with you all." Christ answered him: "And with your spirit." He took him by the hand and raised him up, saying: "Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

I am your God, who for your sake have become your son. Out of love for you and for your descendants I now by my own authority command all who are held in bondage to come forth, all who are in darkness to be enlightened, all who are sleeping to arise. I order you, O sleeper, to awake. I did not create you to be held a prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead, for I am the life of the dead. Rise up, work of my hands, you who were created in my image. Rise, let us leave this place, for you are in me and I am in you; together we form only one person and we cannot be separated. For your sake I, your God, became your son; I, the Lord, took the form of a slave; I, whose home is above the heavens, descended to the earth and beneath the earth. For your sake, for the sake of man, I became like a man without help, free among the dead. For the sake of you, who left a garden, I was betrayed to the Jews in a garden, and I was crucified in a garden.

See on my face the spittle I received in order to restore to you the life I once breathed into you. See there the marks of the blows I received in order to refashion your warped nature in my image. On my back see the marks of the scourging I endured to remove the burden of sin that weighs upon your back. See my hands, nailed firmly to a tree, for you who once wickedly stretched out your hand to a tree.

I slept on the cross and a sword pierced my side for you who slept in paradise and brought forth Eve from your side. My side has healed the pain in yours. My sleep will rouse you from your sleep in hell. The sword that pierced me has sheathed the sword that was turned against you.

Rise, let us leave this place. The enemy led you out of the earthly paradise. I will not restore you to that paradise, but I will enthrone you in heaven. I forbade you the tree that was only a symbol of life, but see, I who am life itself am now one with you. I appointed cherubim to guard you as slaves are guarded, but now I make them worship you as God. The throne formed by cherubim awaits you, its bearers swift and eager. The bridal chamber is adorned, the banquet is ready, the eternal dwelling places are prepared, the treasure houses of all good things lie open. The kingdom of heaven has been prepared for you from all eternity.

To all our Parishioners and their loved-ones a Happy and Holy Easter.