



**St. Anthony's Parish,
Belfast**

part of the Family of Parishes
of
**St Malachy's, St Matthew's,
St Colmcille's, St Anthony's, &
St Colmcille's, (Holywood)**

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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	£1327.12	
Easter	£328.37	
Holy Land	£445.00	
Dona Digital	£410	
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.

OCTAVE OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

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

Anniversaries: 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]

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Mon 13th: St Martin, pope & martyr

Sat 18th: St Laserian (Molaise), bishop

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. Amount raised was £149.

The Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2026. Traditionally the Trócaire 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 Trócaire 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. Please Note: cheques should be made to "St Anthony's Parish"

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 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

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

Cregagh Presbyterian Woman's group are having their Friendship Night on Wednesday 6th May at 7:30pm featuring Stormont Community Choir followed by Supper. In order to help them for numbers, if interested contact Suzanne Hopkins

Encounter Weekend Donegal, Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. 6.00pm - 10.30pm Friday 5th June. 9.00am - 10.30pm. Saturday 6th June. Expect to experience the presence of God through the celebration of the Sacraments, Spirit-led worship, inspiring talks, healing service, and fellowship. Come and be refreshed and empowered by the Holy Spirit and learn from the Saints how to live the lifestyle God intended you to live. Keynote Speakers: Patrick Reis: co-founder and Executive Director of Encounter Ministries USA & Fr. Patrick Gonyeau who serves with the U.S. Province of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in Ohio. Bookings at <https://encounterschoolofministrydonegalregfox.com/encounter-conference-donegal> For more info, email donegal@encounterschool.org.

Diocesan Vocations Novena. Pray For Vocations. "The harvest is rich, but the laborers are few; so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest." A Nine-Day Journey of Prayer. Join us in prayer online or in your parish as we prepare for Good Shepherd Sunday, asking the Lord to bless our diocese with vocations to the priesthood. 18th-26th April.

Instagram: [downandconnor_vocations](https://www.instagram.com/downandconnor_vocations).

Facebook: Down & Connor - Vocations.

Priory Institute Tallaght Theology Open Day, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Visit our website prioryinstitute.com to find out more about our Open Day on Saturday 18 April.

This is the link to register for the Online Open Day <https://prioryinstitute.com/events/open-day-on-saturday-18-april>

Sanctuary Singers - The Sound of the Celtic Soul. In aid of the charity, Cancer Fund for Children. Piano-Fraser Hickland, Fiddle-Bronagh McClean, Conductor-Loreto McAuley, Uilleann Pipes-Seamus McClean, Sunday 26th April at 7:30pm, St Patrick's Church, Lisburn. Suggested donations £15/10. For more information 00447979868152, www.thesanctuariesingers.org, loreto@thesanctuariesingers.org

The Gospel According to Narnia. An evening exploring faith, story, and meaning through C.S. Lewis' Narnia. St John's Parish Hall, Sunday 19th April at 7pm. Step into the world of Narnia and discover the deeper message behind the story. This one-hour presentation brings together live music and dramatised readings from those stories. It offers children and adults a gentle way to reflect on themes of goodness, sacrifice, courage and faith. It is suitable for children of primary school age and upwards, and is designed to be both engaging and thought-provoking. Admission is free. Everyone is welcome.

DIVINE MERCY

Today we are celebrating the Second Sunday of Easter, also known as "Divine Mercy Sunday". What a beautiful truth of faith this is for our lives: the mercy of God! God's love for us is so great, so deep; it is an unfailing love, one which always takes us by the hand and supports us, lifts us up and leads us on.

In today's Gospel, the Apostle Thomas personally experiences this mercy of God, which has a concrete face, the face of Jesus, the risen Jesus. Thomas does not believe it when the other Apostles tell him: "We have seen the Lord". It isn't enough for him that Jesus had foretold it, promised it: "On the third day I will rise". He wants to see, he wants to put his hand in the place of the nails and in Jesus' side. And how does Jesus react?

With patience: Jesus does not abandon Thomas in his stubborn unbelief; he gives him a week's time, he does not close the door, he waits. And Thomas acknowledges his own poverty, his little faith. "My Lord and my God!": with this simple yet faith-filled invocation, he responds to Jesus' patience. He lets himself be enveloped by divine mercy; he sees it before his eyes, in the wounds of Christ's hands and feet and in his open side, and he discovers trust: he is a new man, no longer an unbeliever, but a believer.

I have so often seen God's merciful countenance, his patience; I have also seen so many people find the courage to enter the wounds of Jesus by saying to him: Lord, I am here, accept my poverty, hide my sin in your wounds, wash it away with your blood. And I have always seen that God did just this - he accepted them, consoled them, cleansed them, loved them.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us be enveloped by the mercy of God; let us trust in his patience, which always gives us more time. Let us find the courage to return to his house, to dwell in his loving wounds, allowing ourselves to be loved by him and to encounter his mercy in the sacraments. We will feel his wonderful tenderness, we will feel his embrace, and we too will become more capable of mercy, patience, forgiveness and love.

Pope Francis