



## St. Anthony's Parish, Belfast

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of  
St Malachy's, St Matthew's,  
St Colmcille's, St Anthony's, &  
St Colmcille's, (Holywood)

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### MASSES:

#### 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](http://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 £533.46  
Monthly £145  
Dona Digital £57  
DONATE (website)£



**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.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

### WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

**Recently Deceased:** James (Jim) Murray (father of Suzanne Hopkins), Brigid Donohue

**Anniversaries:** Marie Kane, Eileen Clifford, Daniel Szczepanski (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Fri 1<sup>st</sup> 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

Tue 21<sup>st</sup>: St Anselm of Canterbury, bishop & doctor  
Thur 23<sup>rd</sup>: St George, martyr; St Adalbert of Prague, bishop  
Fri 24<sup>th</sup>: St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest & martyr  
Sat 25<sup>th</sup>: St Mark, evangelist

**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.

**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.shalomworld.org/lent)

**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> April (weekend after Divine Mercy). Details on [www.eucharisticadoration.ie](http://www.eucharisticadoration.ie). Ring Una for the bus leaving Toome, at 07743 575969, Belfast Bus ring Patricia 07972 103130, or Patrick 07963 581543

**Cregagh Presbyterian Woman's group** are having their Friendship Night on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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://encounterschoolofministrydonegal.org/encounter-conference-donegal> For more info, email [donegal@encounterschool.org](mailto: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.

Booklets available in the church porch. Or visit <https://www.churchservices.tv/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Vocations-Novena-Digital-Version.pdf>

**Diocesan Vocations Prayer.** God our Father, at the very beginning of your Church, your Son Jesus chose twelve apostles to continue the work he had begun. But the power of your Holy Spirit, they continued to bring the Good News of your love to our world. Send that same Holy Spirit into the hearts of those you are calling to serve as priests for your people in our diocese. Fill them with your gifts of wisdom, understanding, piety and knowledge as they discern your will. Give them the gifts of right judgement and courage in following their call. Through the outpouring of your grace may many come to the joy of knowing and responding to the invitation of Jesus to "Come, Follow Me!" Amen.

**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](http://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 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm, St Patrick's Church, Lisburn. Suggested donations £15/10. For more information 00447979868152, [www.thesanctuariesingers.org](http://www.thesanctuariesingers.org), [loreto@thesanctuariesingers.org](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Medical Missionaries of Mary visit.** The Medical Missionaries of Mary have been invited to visit us in Down and Connor this year and will be with us on the weekend of Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Sr Mary Coffey will speak of their work, mainly in Africa and South America, and their mission to bring Christ's healing love to those most in need.

**St Matthew's Parish Vacancy "Housekeeper".** Part time Housekeeper within St Matthew's Parish, Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> Closing date: 12.00 noon on Monday 27 April 2026

**Precious Life** -Invites young people to a Pro-Life Apologetics Day on Saturday, 25 April from 2-4pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Chapel Lane, Belfast. This session will help equip youth to respond confidently and compassionately to pro-life questions. Free pizza will be provided afterwards. For more info, contact 07956 451655

**Celebration of Mass and Blessing with the Holy Relic Of Saint Padre Pio** on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7pm In St Matthew's Church, Belfast. All welcome.

**Earth Day Conference** – All Welcome This Earth Day (22nd April), Queen's University Belfast and Join the Dots Together will host: An Economy of Enough in a Time of Crisis and Opportunity". "Raising Hope" attended by Pope Leo in Rome last November. Contact: 0790792960

**First Anniversary of the death of Pope Francis.** Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ will celebrate the First Anniversary of the death of Pope Francis on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April in St Peter's Cathedral at 7pm. All are welcome.

**Belfast Jesuit Centre,** in partnership with Christians 4 Palestine, welcomes Dr Yousef M. Aljamal, Gazan Palestinian writer and academic, and editor of If I Must Die, the new collection of writings by the late Renata Alareer. Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm. Attendance is available in person or by Zoom. To register for either option, visit [www.belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk/an-evening-with-dr-yousef-aljamal/](http://www.belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk/an-evening-with-dr-yousef-aljamal/). ALSO, as part of the Faith & Life Series, A Hidden Life (2019) will be shown at the BJC, on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm. This is the true story of an Austrian farmer, whose quiet conscience leads him into a costly, luminous resistance during WWII. Booking not required, small donation welcome

**Human Life** - Prostrate Ourselves Before The Lord, Hosted by Patrick McCrystal, Executive Director of Human Life International (Ireland), Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm at the Drummond Hotel, Limavady, Co Derry BT49 9HP, an evening of Encouragement, Proclamation, Repentance, Seeking God's mercy for our Nation and Prayer for Healing. ALL WELCOME!

**Catholic Mothers Ireland-** An Evening of Peace, Encouragement & Faith for Women and Mothers Join Catherine DiNuzzio for a gentle, faith-filled evening offering hope and practical guidance for navigating anxiety with the peace of Christ. Wed 22nd April 7.30pm St Peter's Lurgan. Co. Armagh