



## St. Anthony's Parish, Belfast

part of the Family of Parishes  
of  
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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 9:30am.

(Nov, Dec & Jan at 9:30am).

**PLEASE NOTE then that from November  
Fri Mass is 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 [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

Weekly £693.04

Monthly Stipend £109

Dona Digital £46

DONATE (website)£

**Privacy Policy.** The Parish of St Anthony's 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.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE / BAMBINELLI SUNDAY Jubilee for Prisoners

### WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

**Recently Deceased:** Malachy Connolly (brother of  
Monsignor Sean), Maureen Turnbull, Agata  
Szymńska

**Anniversaries:** Terence & Sarah McCartan, James  
Murray, Sally Watson, Peter Hughes

### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup>: St Flannan, bishop

Sat 20<sup>th</sup>: St Fachanan, bishop

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve: English 8pm; Polish 11pm

Christmas Day: Polish 9am; English 11:30am

St Stephen's Day: Polish 9am; No English Mass

**Parish Pastoral Council.** The current Parish Pastoral  
Council was commissioned in 2018, for a period of 4  
years, but because of the Covid Pandemic, it continued for  
another term. Each parish is highly encouraged to have a  
Pastoral Council in place, consisting of elected and  
appointed members.

New members of the council have been approached, and  
the new Council will be undergoing training in the next few  
weeks. Many thanks to all who have worked on or will be  
working on the Council. Parishioners will be encouraged  
to support the work of the Council with their own  
volunteering. May God bless the work.

**Bambinelli (Gaudete) Sunday.** All children and families  
are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their homes  
to be blessed during the 11:30am Mass. Please bring your  
Crib Figure of Jesus to be blessed, then wrap it and let it  
be the first gift you open on Christmas Day.

**Christmas Fair.** St Anthony's and the Polish Community  
are holding a Christmas Fair after the masses next Sunday  
14<sup>th</sup> December. Christmas Crafts and Decorations will  
be available for sale. Please come along and support us.

**Penitential Service,** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December, St Brigid's,  
Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast, 4pm.

### Trócaire:

**Christmas Gifts of Change.** Could you help share the true  
spirit of Christmas in your parish? Trócaire are appealing  
for volunteers to help sell their Gifts of Change to help  
make a real difference to families living in poverty around  
the world. For more information, please see the video  
below... Trócaire's Gifts of Change on "Vimeo"

**Schools Volunteers Notice.** Are you a retired teacher or  
someone who has experience presenting to groups of  
school children? Trocaire is looking for volunteers to  
support our Schools Talks Programme for Lent 2026 in the  
Down and Connor Diocese. If you think you have the right  
skills and experience and will have time to volunteer during  
Lent, there we would love to hear from you. Full training  
and support will be provided. For more information call  
Fionnuala on 028 9080 8033 or email [fionnuala.mcguinness@trocaire.org](mailto:fionnuala.mcguinness@trocaire.org)

**Misa de Gallo at St Vincent de Paul Parish.** We at  
St. Vincent De Paul Parish, Ligoniel are delighted to  
welcome you all to our annual, "Misa De Gallo," (Mass

of the Rooster) - Christmas Novena in 2025. The annual  
celebration is beloved by our Filipino Community far and  
wide, but all are welcome.

### Belfast Jesuit Centre - Upcoming Events

**Faith & Film: Christmas Screening.** We warmly invite  
you to a contemplative evening of cinema, prayer and  
conversation. Joyeux Noël, is a moving film based on the  
true story of Christmas Eve 1914, when soldiers from  
opposing sides laid down their arms and discovered one  
another's humanity. Through this powerful story, we'll  
reflect together on the mystery of Emmanuel - God with  
us, even in the darkest of nights. No need to register.  
Small donation suggested. Contact 077955282371,  
[bjc@jesuit.ie](mailto:bjc@jesuit.ie). [www.belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk](http://www.belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk)

**Discover the Enneagram – A Tool for Growth.** Join us  
at the Belfast Jesuit Centre for a gentle, insightful  
introduction to the Enneagram. Nuala Prince will lead us  
as we explore how the Enneagram can deepen self-  
understanding, strengthen relationships, and support  
spiritual and emotional wellbeing. Friday 23 Jan (7–  
9.30pm) & Saturday 24 Jan (10am–4pm) Suggested  
donation: £40–£55. Refreshments provided; bring lunch  
on Saturday. Registration essential. 07955282371 [www.belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk](http://www.belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk) [bjc@jesuit.ie](mailto:bjc@jesuit.ie)

**Explore Your Enneagram Subtype.** Already know your  
Enneagram type? Take the next step with this one-day  
workshop at the Belfast Jesuit Centre, exploring how  
instinctual drives shape your personality and  
relationships. Discover practical tools to support both  
emotional and spiritual wellbeing. Saturday 31 Jan  
9.30am–5.00pm. Suggested donation: £35–£50.  
Refreshments provided; bring lunch. Ideal for individuals,  
educators, and teams. Registration essential.  
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**Lenten Scripture Course with Fr Kieran O'Mahony:**  
**Learning from Matthew's Church.** Tuesdays at 7pm |  
Begins 3rd February 2026. This Lent, the Belfast Jesuit  
Centre invites you to a six-week journey into the Gospel of  
Matthew; our liturgical Gospel for 2026. Led by Fr Kieran  
O'Mahony OSA of Tarsus Scripture School, the course  
explores Matthew's unique vision of church: a community  
navigating challenge, change, and mission. Each session  
will offer fresh insight into the Gospel's themes, including  
forgiveness, prayer, parables, and the call to discipleship.  
Whether you're new to scripture study or seeking deeper  
understanding, all are welcome. Weekly sessions: Feb 3,  
10, 17, 24; Mar 3, 10. Suggested donation: £80–£120  
(sliding scale; subsidised places available). Belfast Jesuit  
Centre, 193–195 Donegall Street, BT1 2FL.  
07955282371. [www.belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk](http://www.belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk). [bjc@jesuit.ie](mailto:bjc@jesuit.ie)

**Stella Maris,** is a registered UK charity relying on  
voluntary donations to continue its work. Seafarers may  
spend up to a year at a time away from home, separated  
from their families and loved ones, often working in harsh  
conditions. Stella Maris' chaplains and ship visitors  
provide seafarers and fishers with pastoral and practical  
support, information and a listening ear. For more  
information visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk). those wishing to  
help this Christmas can make a donation at [www.stellamaris.org.uk/christmas](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/christmas). Every contribution makes a  
difference.

**Tuesday's Child** - Following Yonder Star Christmas  
Appeal helping children exhausted by war, famine, and  
extreme hardship in: Gaza, Uganda, Kenya, India,  
Pakistan, Brazil, Tanzania. All donations received go  
to catholic missionaries and diocesan priests caring for  
children. Visit [www.tuesdayschild.ie](http://www.tuesdayschild.ie)

**Sycamore Training Day,** Sat 10<sup>th</sup> January 2026, St  
Comgall's Centre (next to St Peter's Cathedral), 10-  
5pm. Called to Evangelise: Nurturing a Culture of  
Mission. Facilitated by Dr Susan Longhurst, Sycamore  
Mission Development Manager. Following the  
momentum of the Hearts on Fire conference earlier  
this year, this one-day Sycamore training event offers  
practical guidance, inspiration, and tailored support for  
those eager to spread the Gospel using Sycamore in  
their parish, school or community. Together we will  
explore: What it means to share faith in today's culture  
- the joys, challenges and the reality of mission; The  
distinctive ethos and culture of Sycamore; Concrete &  
practical ways to develop your networking skills and to  
build confident teams. Through talks, guided  
reflection, and practical workshops, participants will  
leave equipped and energized 0 with a clear plan for  
launching the Sycamore Lent Pathway in their own  
setting. Join us to be nurtured and encouraged, with  
plenty of opportunities to connect with others, and to  
rediscover the joy of sharing our faith with others. Cost  
£30 pp (includes Lunch). To register email  
[pathwaystothefuture@downandconnor.org](mailto:pathwaystothefuture@downandconnor.org). Cut off  
date Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025. Form in the  
Sacristy.

**Lay Funeral Ministers Leaders Training.** Purpose to  
have a dedicated, trained team of lay people who will  
be able to lead families in a time of prayer in the family  
home or at a funeral home, lead liturgies at the  
graveside for bereaved families at the time of  
committal of the deceased, lead liturgies at the  
crematorium for bereaved families at the time of  
committal. Training Dates:  
Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2026, 6:30pm - 8:30pm  
Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2026, 10am - 4pm  
Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026, 6:30pm - 8:30pm  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026, 6:30pm-8:30pm  
Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 2026, 10am-4pm  
At Diocesan Offices, 120 Cliftonville Road, Belfast,  
BT14 6LA. More information and Registration form in  
Sacristy. Applications to be returned by 12 noon Wed  
17<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

**Fostering Comes to Belfast.** There are local children  
and young people in our community in need of safe  
and loving foster homes. Chat to us about fostering  
opportunities that can work with your life. For more  
information 0800 0720 137, visit <http://www.adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net>

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage.** 8<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> July 2026. £645 up  
to 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026, then £695. Full religious programme  
operated by Marian Pilgrimages. For more information  
please contact Mona 07880714113 or Mary  
0778531096.

**Down & Connor Job Vacancy.** Parish Maintenance  
Operative for St Mary's on the Hill Parish,  
Glengormley. Visit Latest News or [www.downandconnor.org](http://www.downandconnor.org) or [nijobs.com](http://nijobs.com).