



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 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

Parish Collections

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

Weekly £333.95

Dona Digital £91

DONATE (website) £250

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.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Maureen Turnbull, Agata
Szymńska, Sadie Gorman (sister of Kay Curran),
Elizabeth Gilmore

Anniversaries: James Murray, Sally Watson, Peter
Hughes, James McCann, Brenda Crilly (Wed 24th
8pm),

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 29th: St Thomas Becket, bishop & martyr

Wed 31st: St Sylvester I, pope

Thurs 1st Jan: Feast of Mary, the mother of God

Fri 2nd: Sts Basil the Great, and Gregory

Nazienzen, bishops & doctors of the Church

Sat 3rd: The Most Holy Name of Jesus (or St
Munchin, bishop)

FEAST OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD, 1ST JAN

World Day of Prayer for Peace, times of masses:

Polish 9am, English 11am

Christmas Fair. Many thanks to all who helped
organise, contribute and support the recent Christmas
Fair. A total of £120 was raised.

Trócaire:

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)

Belfast Jesuit Centre - Upcoming Events

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 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. 07955282371 [www.
belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk](http://www.belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk) bjc@jesuit.ie

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. [bjc@jesuit.
ie](mailto:bjc@jesuit.ie)

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

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](http://www.adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net)

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

The Close Of The Jubilee Year 2025. His Holiness Pope
Leo XIV will officially close the Holy Year on 6th January
next, the Feast of the Epiphany. So far the Holy Doors of
the Basilicas of St Mary Major's and St John Lateran's
have already been closed this weekend. Bishop Alan
McGuckian will celebrate the Rite of the Closing of the
Jubilee Year with Mass at 3.00pm in St Peter's Cathedral,
Belfast on Sunday 4th January 2026. He would like to
invite as many as possible, from across the Diocese, to
join him for the Mass and some refreshments afterwards
in St Comgall's Centre. While the Jubilee Year of Hope
will formally close, the task ahead will be to carry its
Message of Hope with us into the New Year 2026.

Liturgical "Sign of Peace" remains an integral part of the
celebration of the Eucharist and has been reintroduced as
a normal practice across the Diocese. The custom in
Ireland is a handshake. However, other non-contact
forms of the Sign of Peace are also legitimate expressions
of the Sign of Peace. The Diocese encourages all to
continue to exercise good hygienic practices, particularly
over the Christmas season, and if they exhibit flu-like
symptoms, they are encouraged to remain at home.

4 CORNERS FESTIVAL. The 4 Corners Festival seeks to
inspire people from across Belfast to transform it for the
peace and wellbeing of all. It consists of innovative events
designed to entice people out of their own 'corners' of the
city and into new places where they will encounter new

perspectives, new ideas, and new friends. We
celebrate our city through music, prayer,
storytelling, discussion & more.

Winning Through Uncertainty. Date & Time
7.30pm - Monday 2nd February 2026. Location:
St Comgall's - Ionad Eileen Howell, Divis Street,
BT12 4AQ. About This Event: Sam Goodwin is
an American entrepreneur, bestselling author and
international keynote speaker known for his
thought leadership on embracing uncertainty. His
book, Saving Sam, recounts his experience of
being taken hostage and wrongfully imprisoned in
Syria. Sam speaks to audiences worldwide, from
large corporate events to intimate leadership
retreats, inspiring others to embrace challenges
with resilience. Sam will share with us how his
journey around the world has shaped him to be
the person he is today. Register for this event.

**The Journey Toward Reconciliation: Racial
Justice Sunday,** Date & Time: 7.00pm - Sunday
8th February 2026, Location: St Peter's Cathedral,
St Peter's Square North, BT12 4BU. About This
Event: Stories of division, violence, and fear
dominate our news cycles – both locally and
globally. Discriminatory attacks against minorities
and immigrants have become far too
commonplace in Belfast. It is easy to feel helpless
and overwhelmed. What can we do? And what is
the church's role in fighting discrimination? Dr
Jemar Tisby (PhD) provides tangible steps to take
to fight discrimination and protect democracy, both
for individuals and for church leaders. Join us on
Racial Justice Sunday as we conclude the Four
Corners Festival with a call to the onward journey
toward love, justice, and peace in our city and
beyond. Register for this event

Irish Pilgrim – When The Saints Go Marching

About This Event: Why would a Northern Irish
Protestant, raised in a staunchly loyalist
community, hitchhike through Catholic Europe on
the trail of medieval celtic monks? What role did
an Irishman play in the creation of the European
Union, and how do we break down walls and bring
people together today? Who was Columbanus of
Bangor and why are present day librarians from all
over the world indebted to him? Why does God
not like Zebras, has Murphy's Law anything to do
with chaos theory, and why are the Germans the
reason Ireland had to wait 1,900 years to get
decent roads? Join us on the European travels of
sixth-century saint Columbanus (Leinster), and
twenty-first century sinner, Barry Sloan
(Carrickfergus). With humorous and inspiring
stories from his book, sprinkled with a few of his
delightfully thought-provoking songs, Barry will
show us a God who crosses every border to reach
people with love. 7:30 PM - Saturday 7th
February 2026, St John's Church, Falls Road,
BT12 6EN.

For information on all the events at the 4 Corners
Festival, please visit the website Home - [https://
www.4cornersfestival.com](https://www.4cornersfestival.com).