



## 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 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 £516.91  
Maintenance £177  
Shrines £483.42  
Dona Digital £48  
DONATE (website)£10

**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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEAST OF ST BRIGID, ABBESS, SECONDARY PATRON OF IRELAND

### WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

**Recently Deceased:** Sadie Gorman, Kevin Hill, Fr  
Sean Convery CSsR, Jim Browne

**Anniversaries:** Peter Hughes, James & Kathleen  
McCann, Brenda Crilly, Patrick Gunn, Brigid Murray  
(Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Feb)

### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>: Feast of the Presentation of the Lord  
Mass Times: 9am Polish 11am English  
Tue 3<sup>rd</sup>: St Blaise, bishop & martyr  
Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>: St Agatha, virgin & martyr  
Fri 6<sup>th</sup>: Sts Paul Miki and companions, martyrs  
Sat 7<sup>th</sup>: St Mel, bishop

### Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)

is on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Candles are available to  
buy for use either at home or in the Church. 2 for £3.  
Money can be placed in the Candlebra shrines or on  
the Digital Collection Plate in the porch. The candles  
will be blessed at the Mass on the feast. If you wish  
to order candles, put your name on the envelope  
marking for home or for Church, wrap it around the  
candles and secure with the elastic bands provided.

**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.

### Belfast Jesuit Centre - Upcoming Events

**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)

**4CORNERS FESTIVAL 2026.** 4Corners Festival 2026 is  
taking place from 31 January to 8th February across  
Belfast. This year's theme is 'Journey' – exploring the paths  
we've walked, the people we've met, and the moments that  
have transformed us. The festival brings together our  
community through music, conversation, sport, and shared  
experiences, with events including:  
· Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin sharing her remarkable  
journey from the Caribbean to Canterbury  
· Rev Dr Harold Good in conversation with Shannon  
Campbell  
· Dr Jemar Tisby speaking on Racial Justice Sunday as

our finale closing

· Come Glide With Me – a unique journey across Belfast on  
the Glider with live music and poetry

· Workshops, walks, sports events, and much more.

Events are FREE but require pre-registration. Full details and  
booking information are available at [www.4cornersfestival.com](http://www.4cornersfestival.com).

**Novena of Hope in Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes,**  
Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> February, Our Lady of Lourdes Church,  
Moneyglass, 103 Roguery Road, Moneyglass.

Tue 3<sup>rd</sup>: 7pm Opening Mass with Fr Chris  
McDermott, CC of parish of Kilrea

Wed 4<sup>th</sup>: 7pm Hope in Young People - Mr Jasper  
Rutherford (CEO of Christ in Youth)

Thur 5<sup>th</sup>: 7pm Hope in the Church - Mrs Therese  
McCrystal

Fri 6<sup>th</sup>: 7pm Lourdes Night with Marian Procession  
and Rosary - Fr John O'Laverty (Preacher)

Sat 7<sup>th</sup>: 6pm Saturday Night Vigil - Rev Esteban  
Rosales, Koinonia St John the Baptist community

Sun 8<sup>th</sup>: 7pm Healing Service, "hope in the  
Confessional" - Fr Martin Graham, Administrator of St  
Peter's Cathedral

Mon 9<sup>th</sup>: 7pm Hope in the Family - Sinead Strong,  
Co-founder and Director of Catholic Mothers Ireland

Tue 10<sup>th</sup>: 7pm "Finding hope with Christ" - Mr John  
Connor's, actor, screenwriter and documentary filmmaker

Wed 11<sup>th</sup>: 7pm Anointing of the Sick - Fr Darren  
Brennan, PP of St Paul's Parish, Belfast (Feast of Our  
Lady of Lourdes).

### Celebrating 70 years of Faith - St Agnes' Parish Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes 2026.

Beginning 10am  
Tuesday 3rd Feb - The Call of the Good Shepherd  
Speakers: Jim Deeds, Bridget McNicholl, Paula & Joseph  
McKeown. Sun: 9.30am & 12.30pm - Mon to Fri: 10am &  
7pm - Sat: 1pm & 6.30pm (Vigil). Penitential Service:  
Friday 6th Feb 7pm - Mass for the Sick: Sat 7th Feb 1pm  
Gathering of Youth: Sunday 8th Feb 7pm

**Down & Connor Lourdes Pilgrimage, 2026.** 9-14th  
July (5 nights), Hotel from £899, Accueil Notre Dame for  
pilgrims requiring care £779. 8-15th July (7 nights), Hotel  
from £1035, Youth Team £810. Prices are per person  
airing, additional charges may apply. This tour is operated  
by Northern Star Travel Ltd, T/A Joe Walsh Tours. For  
more information and booking forms either in the sacristy,  
or contact 028 9077 0162, [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org),  
or <http://www.downandconnor.org/lourdes>

### Down and Connor Diocesan Trust - St Colmcille's Parish, Belfast - Vacancies.

**Parish Support Officer.** 20 hours per week. We are  
seeking to recruit a Parish Support Officer to be based  
within St Colmcille's Parish, 191 Upper Newtownards  
Road, Belfast, BT4 3JB.

❖The Parish Support Officer provides confidential,  
efficient, and professional administrative support to the  
Parish Priest.

❖Ensuring the effective day-to-day running of the Parish  
Office and Parish Centre, supporting parish life,  
sacramental administration, communications, and  
leadership structures.

**Vocations Support Officer** 20 hours per week to be  
based within St Colmcille's Parish, 191 Upper  
Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 3JB. Reporting to the

Director of Vocations the role holder will be  
required to support, promote and sustain a culture  
of vocations across the Diocese of Down and  
Connor. Full details relating to the vacancies can  
be found on the Diocesan website at [http://www.  
downandconnor.org](http://www.downandconnor.org), and clicking on the tab: job  
vacancies, an on the Community NI and no [www.  
jobs.com](http://www.jobs.com) websites, where terms and conditions  
relating to the role can be accessed by way of a  
Role Profile and Employment Application form.  
Application Packs are also available from St  
Colmcille's Parish Office. We welcome  
applications from anyone who feels they meet the  
criteria as presented and are interested in playing  
an active role within the Diocese of Down and  
Connor. Closing date for applications will be  
12.00 noon on Tuesday 10th February 2026.  
Down and Connor Diocesan Trust is an Equal  
Opportunities Employer

**St Brigid's Day Lecture 2026.** As part of the  
celebration to mark the 1700th anniversary of the  
Council of Nicaea, Pope Leo XIV gave an important  
address at an Ecumenical Prayer Service, at the  
ancient site of the town of Nicaea, Turkey. He stated  
"Faith in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten  
Son of God, born of the Father before all  
ages...consubstantial with the Father (Nicene Creed)  
is a profound bond already uniting all Christians. In  
this sense, to quote St Augustine, in the ecumenical  
context we can also say that, 'although we Christians  
are many, in the one Christ we are one'" (Exposition on  
Psalm 127). This year's St Brigid's Day Lecture will be  
given by Fr Tom Layden SJ, a Jesuit priest living and  
working in Belfast. His theme will be based on Pope  
Leo's address, "The Nicene Creed: A foundation for  
Ecumenism". The Lecture will be in St Brigid's Parish  
Centre, Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast, on Sunday 8th  
February at 4pm. All welcome.

**Restoration of Marble in the Church.** The  
marble on the walls behind the altars are in need  
of specialist cleaning. We are very lucky to have a  
parishioner "Shirley Dave" who has worked for  
many years in the National Trust and is very  
experienced in restoration. Due to the amount of  
marble and the time and process needed for  
cleaning it we are hoping to get as many  
parishioners as possible to form a group to  
undertake this project. Shirley has kindly agreed  
to host a demonstration session to explain the  
process to us. If you want to find out more and/or  
wish to help please join us in the chapel on Wed  
4th February at 7pm - PLEASE NOTE THE  
CHANGE OF DATE (session should only last  
about 1 hour)

**Baptism Training and Formation Programme.**  
Due to the weather the date was postponed. This  
will take place next week on Tuesday 3rd  
February, from 7.00-9.00 pm, with tea and coffee  
served from 6.30 pm. Please note a change of  
venue, as Holy Rosary is no longer available. The  
event will now be held at: Holy Cross, The  
Passionists, (The Houben Centre)  
436 Crumlin Road, Belfast, BT14 7GE. If  
interested contact Fr McCann