

# St. Anthony's Parish, Belfast

Pastoral Area of South & East Belfast

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Sunday Morning (in Polish): 9am, & 6:30pm. (English Parish Mass): 11.30am

Weekdays: Mon, Tues & Thurs at 9.30am. Fri at 7pm. (Nov, Dec & Jan 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.  
Annual Winter Appeal see [svp.ie/stbernadetteswinterappeal23](http://svp.ie/stbernadetteswinterappeal23), or donate locally at [svpn.co.uk](http://svpn.co.uk) or call 028 90351561.

## 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*So they went and saw where Jesus was staying,  
and they stayed with him that day. [John 1:35-42]*

*Jesus asked, "What are you looking for?"*

*Uh, something. They weren't sure what.*

*So they answered with a question: "Where are you staying?"  
"Come and see."*

*They came and stayed with him in his ordinary place.*

*And they found what they had been seeking.*

*Christ, take us too to your space.*

*We want to spend our time with you.*

*Let us find your radiance, right here, right now,  
always, in our everyday lives.*

Anne Osdieck

## WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Clement Marshall CP, Brenda Crilly (sister-in-law of Dessie Crilly), Frances Donnelly, Bishop Patrick Walsh (Month's Mind Mon 29th Jan at 7:30pm in St Peter's Cathedral), Baby Lily Maire McDermott, David Hughes

**Anniversaries:** Peter Hughes, Jim & Kathleen McCann, John Higney, Michael Murtagh, Andrew Doherty Snr (1st Anniv Tue 16 Jan at 9:30am), Patrick Gunn (Sun 21st Jan)

**COLLECTIONS:** Many thanks for your support. Monthly Stipend £464.33, **Dona DCP\*** £20.

**Payments.** A new monthly envelope will be in each box for a voluntary Renovation contribution. You may even think of setting up a Standing Order using forms in the sacristy. And you may also consider filling in a gift aid form. We have introduced and placed the **Dona Digital Collection Plate (DCP\*)** in the Side Porch with options to contribute to weekly, monthly and diocesan collections. We encourage you to consider using this system, though it is entirely voluntary. **\*For online Dona donation** see <https://donate.mydona.com/st-anthonys-parish-belfast>. The use of the reader can also tie in with the envelope number for this reason. (THOUGH GIFT AID NEEDS TO BE APPLIED IN THE PROCESS TO LINK WITH ENVELOPE NUMBER)

**NB.** If you miss an Envelope collection please give at the next attendance. But give only for the Sunday you attend. Do not try to catch up collections, say, with a cheque, as the previous collections have already been accounted. You can catch up by giving by cash in the one envelope of that Sunday.

**Don't Forget: the Saturday Vigil has been cancelled.**

**NB:** During Nov, Dec and Jan, Friday Mass will be at 9:30am

**Pathways to the Future Prayer** God of Love, You are with us in every transition and change. As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love. We thank you for the gifts, talents, and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another. We ask this in your Holy Name. Amen.

**Evangelising your parish training day for parish leaders.** ChristLife Catholic Ministry for Evangelisation. Discovering Christ, Ask, Seek, Knock. In October of this year, the Living Church Office in partnership with the parish of Downpatrick delivered an introductory day at Holy Rosary Parish Centre, Belfast. In the New Year we will be offering a training day on how to deliver part 1 of the ChristLife program Discovering Christ. This Lent will be an opportunity through this programme to begin to think about ways to animate and evangelise our parish communities. Ideally the programme works very well if there is a team of 4 involved in the organisation and delivery of the programme. We invite 2 representatives from each parish to attend a training day on Sat 20th Jan 2024, 10am -4pm, in St James' Pastoral Centre, Whiteabbey. To book on the training day please click on the link <https://forms.office.com/e/pQrfvpsYgE>.

**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. Many Thanks. Fr Henry McCann PP.

**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible,** a course including 8 weekly sessions. Course participants will receive a resource pack. the programme requires one hour of study per week. Online via Zoom, beginning Wed 17th Jan at 7pm. The programme will conclude with a Retreat Day on Sat 23rd March in Holy Rosary Parish Centre, Belfast. Facilitators Fr Paul Byrne and Aishling Steen. Cost of programme £30. To book please click on registration link <https://forms.office.com/e/HTLtTXUaD>.

**Down and Connor Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima 2024,** 20 Aug 2024, 7 Nights £799 per person sharing. For further information Tel: Joe 0776 425631

**St Ignatius Spiritual Exercises for Men.** Let by Fr Stephen Kennedy IVE, Fri 2nd Feb to Mon 5th Feb (Bank Holiday) in De La Salle Retreat Centre, Castletown, Co Laois, R32N 6DB. Cost €200, includes all means and en-suite single rooms. Call Sr Constancy (00353 89 2152307) or email [c.puertadelaauroal@gmail.com](mailto:c.puertadelaauroal@gmail.com)

**Bible in a Year.** Fr Mike Schmitz guides you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes. You won't just read the Bible you will finally understand how all the pieces fit together to tell an amazing story that continues in your life today! [www.ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear](http://www.ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear)

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**Queen's University Catholic Chaplaincy – Alumni and Friends\* Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St Paul,** Departing Dublin on 7 February 2024, the alumni and friends of the Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University will make pilgrimage to Greece and Malta over 10 days, following in the footsteps of Saint Paul. Our tour with Marian Pilgrimages will offer a profound journey through various significant locations associated with St Paul's life and missionary travels, among them Athens, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Corinth and Valetta. Pilgrims can experience a profound connection to the apostle, his teachings, and the early Christian communities with which he is associated, while traversing these historically rich destinations. The pilgrimage is fully guided, with half-board accommodation in 4\* hotels. The University Chaplain, Fr Dominic McGrattan, will provide spiritual direction and the Chaplaincy's Director of Sacred Music, Marcella Walsh, will animate liturgies with music and song. For more information and details on how to book, email Chaplaincy Director, Shannon Campbell, at [catholicchaplaincy@qub.ac.uk](mailto:catholicchaplaincy@qub.ac.uk) \*Please note, if you or a family member have studied at Queen's or served as a member of staff, know that we consider you among our alumni and friends.

**Knights of St Columbanus Bible Reading Guides** are available in the Church porch.

**Family Care Adoption Services** is an Adoption Agency, and a core part of our work is to place children with new adoptive families. We provide adoption services throughout all Northern Ireland and work with Health and Social Care Trusts to place single children and sibling groups for adoption. These children are aged from babyhood to approximately 5 years old. There are currently more children waiting to be adopted in Northern Ireland than families approved to adopt and there is an urgent need for new families to come forward. All sorts of people from all walks of life can be considered for adoption. So, wherever you live in Northern Ireland if you think you could offer a child/ren a new life in a family of their own and would like an informal chat to discuss this and to find out more about adoption, CONTACT US! Email: [email@familycareadoption.org](mailto:email@familycareadoption.org) Phone: 02890 691133 Website: [www.familycareadoption.com](http://www.familycareadoption.com). We are waiting to hear from you!

## School Open Days 2024

St Malachy's College

Tues 16th and Wed 17th January from 7pm – 9.30pm

St Joseph's College

Wed 17th January from 7pm – 9pm (P6 & P7 pupils & parents welcome.

Principal's address 7pm and 8pm)

For additional information on Open Days please contact the School or College

**The Christmas Nativity Scene.** St. Francis' meditations on the life of Christ led him to create the first-ever Nativity scene in Greccio, Italy, in 1223. It is believed Francis' inspiration to do a live representation of the birth of Jesus came from his time in the Holy Land in the years 1219 and 1220. It is 800 years since this first creation and so it is suggested to mark this anniversary that the Nativity Scenes remain up until the 2nd February 2024, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple.

**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.** Candles are available in the church porch to be ordered for the feast of the Presentation (2nd Feb), at a cost of 2 for £3 (money can be given into the candelabras), for use in the church or at home. Your name can be written on a note and wrapped around the candles. They will be blessed on this date and then collected if wished.