

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, or donate locally at svpni.co.uk or call 028 90351561.



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. [Mark 1:14-20]

Jesus called Simon and Andrew, fishermen.

It was radical. They dropped their nets.

James and John left their boats, and also their father, who was sitting in a boat too.

Jesus, we know that you are calling us (as unlikely a choice as were the fishermen), to take your word and grace to everyone.

We want to leave our boats and drop our nets.

Choose us, please.

Anne Osdieck

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: 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: Jim & Kathleen McCann (Tues 23rd Jan at 9:30am), John Higney, Michael Murtagh, Andrew Doherty Snr, Patrick Gunn (Sun 21st Jan)

COLLECTIONS: Many thanks for your support. Weekly Collection £501.23, **Dona DCP*** £48.21. Second Collection is for Diocesan Living Church.

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**

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 Mass 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.

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 Ignatian 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 Constaney (00353 89 2152307) or email c.puertadelaauroral@gmail.com

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Catholic Schools Week 21 -28th Jan 2024 Theme: Catholic Schools as Communities of Service. In Catholic schools, as we study and look to Jesus Christ as our role model and Teacher, we come to a greater understanding of the depth of Christian service. Jesus didn't just talk about His faith; He lived it. We are called by faith to go into the world to share the love of God with all those we meet.

Week of prayer for Christian Unity 18th -25th January Theme from the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) has Jesus in response to the question "Who is my neighbour?" Jesus answers "Go and Do Likewise". We pray for the ability of being a good neighbour.

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 *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.

HSCNI Foster Care. Next Sunday 28th January there will be staff from HSCNI Foster Care to speak about their work and will be available afterwards for clarifications. We look forward to welcoming and listening to them.

Come With Me My Love: Time of reflection and prayer in the company of St Brigid and Jesus. 7.15pm - 8.30pm. February 1, 2024. Holy Family Church. Limestone Road. Belfast. Song, scripture, ancient traditions, fresh perspectives, real life: all woven together to help us to celebrate St Brigid, enjoy the love of Jesus she helped bring to this land and experience some of the joy and justice that make her so real and relevant for us today. Led by Breige O'Hare. Music composed by Mairead Duffy

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. (Candlemas) 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.

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.