



**St. Anthony's Parish,
Belfast**
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MASSES:
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	£457.49
Christmas	£1547.33
Maintenance	£158.50
Dona Digital	£163
DONATE (website)£	

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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: Agata Szymńska, Sadie Gorman (sister of Kay Curran), Elizabeth Gilmore, Kevin Hill

Anniversaries: James Murray, Sally Watson, Peter Hughes, James McCann, Brenda Crilly, Patrick Gunn (Sun 18th January)

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tue 6th: Feast of Epiphany

Wed 7th: St Raymond of Penyafort, priest

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (6TH JAN 2026) - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - TIMES OF MASSES

9am Polish 11am English

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

Mary's Meals Christmas Raffle. Congratulations to those who supported Mary's Meals Christmas Raffle. 1st Prize winner Ann Wright, 2nd Prize winner John Monaghan, 3rd Prize winner Ann Wright. A total of £150 was raised.

Polish Community Nativity Play. you are welcome to attend the Children and Parents of the Polish Community production of a Nativity Play, Sunday 11th January at 9am, followed by Christmas Carols and Refreshments at the St Vincent's Centre, Willowfield Avenue.

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

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 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

Bishop Alan McGuckin's New Year's Message. Bishop Alan produced a New Year's Message for 2026, which included the Pope's Intentions for each month in 2026. Copies of this message are available in the Church Porch, and on Facebook and Parish Website

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>.