



St. Anthony's Parish, Belfast

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of
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St Colmcille's, St Anthony's, &
St Colmcille's, (Holywood)

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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 £1345.54 (historical
envelopes given to other parishes and
returned)

Faith & Development £153

Dona Digital £38

DONATE (website)£20

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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY OF THE WORD

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Elizabeth Gilmore, Sadie
Gorman, Kevin Hill, Fr Sean Convery CSsR

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

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 26th: Sts Timothy and Titus, bishops

Tue 27th: St Angela Merici, virgin

Wed 28th: St Thomas Aquinas, priest & doctor

Fri 30th: St Aidan, bishop

Sat 31st: St John Bosco, priest

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)
is on Monday 2nd 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

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

No Other Land. Screening of the 2025 Oscar-
winning documentary **No Other Land**, a moving
collaboration between Palestinian and Israeli

filmmakers, on Thursday 29th January, 7pm-9:30pm at the
Belfast Jesuit Centre. No registration needed, small
donation suggested.

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

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

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

Thur 5th: 7pm Hope in the Church - Mrs Therese
McCrystal

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 CORNERS FESTIVAL 2026. 4Corners Festival 2026 is
taking place from 31 January 31st 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.
Some highlights:

**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).

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
Thursday 29th at 7pm (session should only last
about 1 hour)

The World Day of Prayer is held on the 1st Friday
in March. This coming Monday night, 26th is the
preparation meeting and it is being held in St
Finians, Church of Ireland hall @ 7.30pm.
Currently Margaret Sheppard and Suzanne
Hopkins represent our Parish but if any other
ladies would like to get involved they would be
welcome. This year the service has been written
by the women of Nigeria.