



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 7pm.

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	£618.40
Maintenance	£184.00
Migrants	£100.30
Dona Digital	£55
DONATE (website)£	

New Boxes of Envelopes are available for collection.
If you would like a box please give details to Fr
McCann. It will be assumed that you consent to use of
your details. And you may fill in a gift-aid consent form
in order that the parish can claim 20% back on your
donations. **NEW ENVELOPES BEGIN ON EASTER
SUNDAY**

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.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Marie Theresa Norbury, (sister
of Deacon Paul Bradley), Maureen Brogan (Loretta
Watson's sister), Mary Higney (Month's Mind Sun 29th
March), Elizabeth Campbell, John McLaverty (brother
of Fr Tony), James (Jim) Murray (father of Suzanne
Hopkins), Brigid Donohoe

Anniversaries: Brigid Murray, Joe Duffy, Terry &
Theresa McCann, Marie Kane, Eileen Clifford, Daniel
Szczepanski (1st Anniversary Fri 1st May at 7pm)

[PLEASE NOTE: If you would like your loved-one's
name to be included in the Deceased Lists for
Recently Deceased or Anniversary, and mentioned in
the Prayer of the Faithful, or a mass be celebrated,
please let Fr McCann know]

PASSION TIDE: You will notice that crosses, statues and
sacred pictures have been covered. In an ancient tradition
this is done so that we can in these last couple of weeks of
Lent focus more intently on what Jesus underwent for our
salvation. These will remain covered until the Easter Vigil

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.

The Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2026. Trócaire boxes are
available to collect in the porch. The theme of the 2026
Trócaire Lenten campaign centres on the story of a multi-
generational, female-led household in rural Rwanda.

[PLEASE NOTE: Traditionally the Trocaire boxes donations
are gathered as part of the Holy Thursday Offertory
Procession. Please count what you have saved, convert it
into notes and place in the envelopes provided in the
Trocaire Pack, sign Gift Aid, and place in the collection
baskets on Holy Thursday, or ASAP afterwards.

Fasting and Abstinence during Lent. Ash Wednesday is
normally observed as a day of penance in the whole
church, one of both abstinence and fasting.
In the Catholic tradition, fasting (reducing food intake) and
abstinence (refraining from meat) are penitential practices
mandatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for ages
18-59 and 14+, respectively. Abstinence from meat is also
required on all Fridays during Lent. These acts foster self-
discipline, repentance, and solidarity with Christ's passion.

South East Belfast Vicariate Lenten Evening Prayer.
You are invited to join the priests of our parishes in the
Vicariate for the praying of Evening Prayer on the Sunday's
of Lent in this Jubilee of Hope. Evening Prayer takes
approximately 20 minutes. Let us support each other with
our presence and prayer.
Palm Sunday (29th March) 7.30pm St Colmcille's

**Bishop Alan's Lenten Pastoral Letter on the Synodal
Theme of Baptised and Sent.** Some copies of the Letter
are available in the Porch. But a digital copy can be
downloaded from:
[https://www.downandconnor.org/wp-content/uploads/
2026/02/Baptised-and-Sent-Pastoral-Letter-from-Bishop-
Alan-McGuckian.pdf](https://www.downandconnor.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Baptised-and-Sent-Pastoral-Letter-from-Bishop-Alan-McGuckian.pdf)

Mary's Meals Easter Raffle. Tickets £1 per strip.
Please support the Charity adopted by the parish.

Easter Triduum & Liturgies

Spy Wednesday	Chrism Mass: 12pm St Peter's
Holy Thursday	Mass: Polish 6pm; English 8pm followed by Procession to Altar of Repose. Night Prayer 10pm
Good Friday	Passion: English 3pm; Polish 7pm
Holy Saturday	Blessing of Foods 9am-11:30am
Easter Vigil	English 8pm; Polish 11pm
Easter Sunday	As Normal
Easter Monday	No English mass; Polish 9am

PLEASE NOTE: Volunteers needed for Readers,
Eucharistic Ministers, Washing of Feet. Interested should
leave their names and contact numbers in sheets in Red
Clipboard Folder beside Parish Envelopes

Penitential Services:

St Brigid's - Palm Sunday at 4pm.
St Colmcille's, Ballyhackamore - Tues 31st March at
7:30pm.

Annual Collection for Catholics in the Holy Land will
be taken up on Good Friday. Through this Collection it is
possible to support schools, parishes, charitable works,
social projects, and emergency interventions, keeping the
Christian presence alive in the places where Christianity
was born.

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 1st
April at 12 noon in St Peter's Cathedral Belfast. This Mass
is a celebration of the entire Christian Community in Down
& Connor, when the priests renew their priestly promises
and the oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed,
and the Oil of Chrism is consecrated. Bishop Alan extends
an invitation to all the faithful to attend as a family in faith
gathered with the Bishop, priests and deacons of the
Diocese. Some parishes come in groups. United by
Baptism as the children of God, we will celebrate our
shared call to serve the Lord. All are welcome.

12 Hour Vigil. St Brigid's Parish warmly invite you to take
part in a 12-hour Vigil of Prayer beginning after the Mass
of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (7pm) and
continuing through the night until 7am on Good Friday.
You are invited to commit to just one hour of prayer as we
accompany Christ during the sacred hours of His Passion
in the Garden of Gethsemane. Each hour will include
guided reflections, the Rosary, Prayer of the Faithful,
silent prayer and Taizé chants, led by different parish
groups.

**Good Friday Falls/Shankhill Annual Inter-Church
Prayer Walk** will take place on Good Friday 3rd April,
beginning at 4.45pm in front of Clonard Church, stopping
midway at Shankhill Methodist for a brief prayer, and
returning to Clonard by 6pm. At this precious time in our
world, we commit ourselves once again - in the footsteps
of Jesus - to His ministry of reconciliation and peace. All
welcome

Church Cleaning. Volunteers are sought to help clean
the Church, once every two months. Anyone who is
interested is asked to place the name in a rota of cleaning
in the Sacristy, with their name and contact details.

**A Life of Adoration, Prayer, Intercession for
the World.** Vocation Discernment Weekends:
continues:17-19th April 2026. Single Women, Age
(18-35). Please contact:
Sr Mairéad OP, Monastery of St Catherine of
Siena, The Twenties, Drogheda, Co. Louth. A92
KR84. Tel: 041 9838524; E-mail:
sienavoc@gmail.com, www.dominicannuns.ie

Cappella Caeciliana Special performance of
Mozart's Requiem remains one of the
cornerstones of the sacred Classical repertoire,
and we are delighted to present it in the beautiful
and reflective setting of Clonard Monastery as part
of our 30th Anniversary Season. Event Details:
Sunday 29th March, 6:30pm, Clonard Monasgtery,
Clonard Gardens, Belfast, BT13 2RL. Tickets:
General Admission £20 / Under 25s £5. Available
at our website www.caeciliana.org

Holy Week Through Poetry Belfast Jesuit
Centre. Monday 30th March 2026, 7:00-9:00 pm
A reflective evening exploring Holy Week through
poetry, inspired by Elizabeth Jennings' *Crucifixion*
("Always the same and always new"). Includes
guided reflection and discussion. All welcome.
Small donation suggested. Register:
[belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk/always-the-same-and-
always-new-holy-week-through-poets-eyes/](http://belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk/always-the-same-and-always-new-holy-week-through-poets-eyes/)

Feast of Divine Mercy, Sunday 12th April 2026.
St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast (2:30pm), and
Sacred Heart Church, North Belfast (2:15pm).
Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Holy Mass.

St Agnes' Choral Society is delighted to invite
you to a production of Cole Porter's timeless
musical masterpiece, "Anything Goes" at the
Grand Opera House Tuesday, April 14th -
Saturday, April 18th, 2026 Evening performances
at 7:30 PM; Matinee at 2:30 PM [GOH.co.uk/
whats-on/anything-goes](http://GOH.co.uk/whats-on/anything-goes)

Recharge is a young adult group based in St
Colmcille's church, Ballyhackamore, for 18-35
year olds. We meet twice a month to "recharge"
our spiritual batteries through prayer, intellectual
formation and friendship. All are welcome! Dates
for your diary for April:
Tues 7th April @ 7:30pm. Holy Hour with
Adoration followed by drinks in the Hearth Bar
Tues 21st April @ 7:30pm. Group Study course
followed by social.

Eucharistic Adoration. Calling all adorers of the
Blessed Sacrament in Down and Connor Diocese.
National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to
Knock on Sun 19th April (weekend after Divine
Mercy). Details on www.eucharisticadoration.ie.
Ring Una for the bus leaving Toome, at 07743
575969, Belfast Bus ring Patricia 07972 103130,
or Patrick 07963 581543