

# 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.  
donate locally at [svpni.co.uk](http://svpni.co.uk)



## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

*Stop making my Father's house a marketplace. [John 2:13-25]*

*"Take these out of here!" This you told the sellers of doves.*

*Then what space shall we reserve in your Father's house, Jesus?*

*More room for love of God and our neighbour?*

*for all the world's suffering to make it all well?*

*Show us how. We see the signs that you do this very day.*

*Help us trust in your love. Let all of us, brothers and sisters,*

*come together in the temple of your body*

*and learn how to care for each other.*

Anne Osdieck

### WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

**Recently Deceased:** Maria Milczarek (great grandmother of altar server Robert), Marie Kettle, (sister of Fr Don Kettle, Archdiocese of Perth, who served in Down & Connor for a number of years recently), Michael Hunniford (London), Jesssie Robinson, Maureen Wilson, Patrick McCafferty (father of Fr Patrick), Ft Sean Moore CSsR

**Anniversaries:** Patrick Gunn, Brigid Murray, James Fleming, Brigid Curran, Joe Duffy

**COLLECTIONS:** Many thanks for your support. Renovation £583.40, Weekly Collection £174.30, **Dona DCP\*** £40.

**Payments.** The box of envelopes available to anyone who requests it, will have and envelope 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 Mass has been cancelled.**

**NB: Friday Mass will be at 9:30am until end of March.**

**Expressions of Interest for the Permanent Diaconate.** The Permanent Deacon responds to the call of Jesus and his Church in three specific ways: through the ministry of Charity, the ministry of the Word and the ministry of the Altar with a particular focus on the ministry of charity. The Diocese invites expressions of interest from men, (married or single), who feel called to the Diaconate. Further relevant information can be found on the Diocesan website <https://www.downandconnor.org/living-church/diaconate/>. Additionally, it is proposed to hold three information evenings in St Patrick's Downpatrick, All Saints Ballymena, and St Brigid's Belfast on 7th 12th and 20th March respectively. This will provide an opportunity to meet Permanent Deacons and their wives and discover more about this vocation. It is hoped to commence a propaedeutic year of discernment in September 2024. Expressions of Interest forms will be issued by email to those who have responded to this announcement and the formal application and interview process will commence, with a view to completion in June 2024.

**Lenten Pioneer Pledge.** Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during the season of Lent. You can do likewise. Please consider taking the short-term Pioneer Lenten Pledge, and say the prayer daily: *"I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to abstain from all alcoholic drink during Lent."*

**Lenten Devotions.** The Wednesdays of Lent we will have an hour of Adoration and Benediction, with a Decade of the Rosary in the Walking with Jesus along the Via Dolorosa, using a Scriptural Rosary. The Services will occur on Wednesdays 21st & 28th Feb, 6th, 13th and Monday 25th March, 7-8pm.

**Annual Trócaire Lecture.** You are invited to attend The St. Patrick's College Maynooth Annual Trócaire Lecture: Climate Justice and Catholic Social Teaching: 'Everything is connected' and 'No one is saved alone' (Laudate Deum, 19). If you have not already registered, there is still time to do so. Registration for this free

event is required. Please register: • to attend in person at this link: <https://forms.gle/3qAuyM4orvtT1mtL8> • to attend online at this link: <https://bit.ly/3ShykIv>. The event will feature Rev. Agbonkhianmeghe Orobator SJ, former president of the Jesuit Conference of Africa and Madagascar and current Dean of the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University, California. The event will take place in Renehan Hall at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, on Tuesday, the 5th of March 2024, at 7 p.m. GMT. It will also be live-streamed for those who cannot attend in person. For further enquiries please contact Frances Harman [frances.haman@trocaire.org](mailto:frances.haman@trocaire.org)

**Down & Connor Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024.** Hotel 5 Nights (10-15 July) £815; Hotel 7 Nights (10-17 July) £919; Accueil Notre Dame 5 Nights £719 (for pilgrims needing nursing/personal care). Normal pilgrims booking form in sacristy YOUTH TEAM (17 - 24yrs old) (10-17 July) £750. Including fares transports, full-board accommodation, insurance. Applications open now! For more info or to request a booking form contact [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org) (028) 9077 0162.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes—Appeal for Doctors & Nurses.** The Down & Connor Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is seeking volunteer doctors & registered nurses for our pilgrimage from 10-15 July 2024. Working with other volunteer doctors and nurses in a specially designed care setting, you will be part of a very special and faith-filled community. For more information, please email your contact details to [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org)

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock.** This year our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 9th June. We look forward to welcoming our new Bishop Alan to lead us for the first time. Parishes may consider organizing a coach perhaps in conjunction with neighbouring Parishes or as a Vicariate, perhaps for one day or overnight. Any parishes may contact Fr Vincent Cushnahan if they wish to plan a trip to Knock to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage or if they need any assistance or advice on planning. He can be contacted at: [v.cushnahan@downandconnor.org](mailto:v.cushnahan@downandconnor.org), 028 90 713401

**Fatima Pilgrimage 9th-14th August** EX Dublin mass in Santarem where bleeding host took place, visit visionaries homes Hungarian stations of the cross, Lisbon with church of Saint Anthony where he was born and baptised, seaside excursion. Payments can be made by instalments, Contact James Treacy 061921470 or email [jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com](mailto:jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com)

**The Abaana New Life Choir** will be performing in St John's Church, 444 Falls Road, Belfast on Sunday 3rd March at 6.30pm. The choir is made up of 20 young children from Uganda, aged between 7 and 9 years old. This promises to be an incredible evening of music, song and dance during which the children will share their stories about life in Uganda. The concert is free to attend with an offering taken up during the performance. The concert is suitable for children to attend.

**Accord NI Catholic Marriage Care Service** seeking Marriage Preparation Facilitators. • If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church • If you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally. Contact Brenda on 02890 233002 or by email to [info@accordni.com](mailto:info@accordni.com). [www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com)

**Lough Derg Retreat.** Calling all 18 30 year olds! Do you want to explore your faith with other like-minded young people in a beautiful and reflective location? Join us for a Retreat for Young Adults at Lough Derg, Pettigo County Donegal on Saturday 27th April 2024 from 10am to 4pm. Refreshments and Lunch provided. This Retreat is organised by The Knights of St Columbanus Omagh and is free of charge. To Register please visit [tiny.cc/loughderg](http://tiny.cc/loughderg) Or Email [info@knightsfstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk](mailto:info@knightsfstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk)

**The Legion of Mary presents Matt Fradd,** an American-based Catholic speaker who hosts the well-known Podcast Pints with Aquinas. He will give 2 talks on Saturday 23 March 2024 at 7pm in Titanic Hotel Belfast. Tickets can be purchased at [universe.com/MattFraddBelfast](http://universe.com/MattFraddBelfast)

**Bishop Alan McGuckian will take canonical possession of the Diocese** on Tuesday 19th March at 4.00pm. The Liturgical service will include the presentation of his Papal Mandate to the College of Consultors, as required by Canon Law. In accordance with Bishop Alan's own wishes, this will be a small ceremony, attended by the Consultors and a small number of representatives of various aspects of Diocesan life. Priests should pray for Bishop Alan as our Bishop in the Eucharistic prayer from this date forward. Bishop Alan will celebrate the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral on Spy Wednesday, 27th March at 12.00 noon; a formal invitation and details of arrangements will follow in due course. Bishop Alan's formal, liturgical installation will take place on Sunday 14th April at 3.00pm in the Cathedral. A formal invitation and information about invitations for parish representatives will follow.

**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.