

## 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)

Fr. Henry McCann PP (and Chaplain to the Ulster Hospital, Dundonald), 3 Willowfield Crescent, Belfast, BT6 8HP. Tel. 028 9045 8158.

Mobile 07740603643 (preferred) Email: h.mccann@downandconnor.org, stanthonys@downandconnor.org.

Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/

stanthonysbelfast.

Website: https://www.saintanthony.co.uk

### **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.

<u>Polish Weekday Masses:</u>

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 £798.50 Dona Digital £96 DONATE (website)£

**Privacy Policy**. The Parish of St Anthony's 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.

# 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES Recently Deceased: Noel O'Neill (father of Fr Eugene), Joan Ejialode Uhomoibhi (mother of newly ordained deacon James). Malachy Connolly (brother of Monsignor Sean), Maureen Turnbill

**Anniversaries:** James Curran, Terence & Sarah McCartan (Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Nov), James Murray (Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Nov), Sally Watson (Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Nov)

### **FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

Mon 17<sup>th</sup>: St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious Tue 18<sup>th</sup>: Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul, apostles

Fri 21st: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup>: St Cecilia, virgin & martyr

Involvement in Parish Life. A couple of years ago we asked parishioners to record interest to volunteer in various roles within parish life. We would like to update this information given new members of the parish. Forms are available in the porch. Returns can be placed in the collection basket.

Parish Pastoral Council. The current Parish Pastoral Council was commissioned in 2018, for a period of 4 years, but because of the Covid Pandemic, it continued for another term. Each parish is highly encouraged to have a Pastoral Council in place, consisting of elected and appointed members.

New members of the council have been approached, and the new Council will be undergoing training in the next few weeks. Many thanks to all who have worked on or will be working on the Council. Parishioners will be encouraged to support the work of the Council with their own volunteering. May God bless the work.

Masses for November - November Dead Lists are available in the church porch. Write names of deceased, place in envelope, place in black box on the sanctuary. Donations optional. Lists will be placed on the altar during Masses in November and the names thereon will be remembered in the the mass intentions.

**Mass for the Deceased** will be celebrated on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. An opportunity to remember those who died over the year, and our own loved ones. You can place a candle on the table before the altar as a mark of remembrance of your loved ones.

### Trócaire:

Christmas Gifts of Change. Could you help share the true spirit of Christmas in your parish? Trócaire are appealing for volunteers to help sell their Gifts of Change to help make a real difference to families living in poverty around the world. For more information, please see the video below... Trócaire's Gifts of Change on "Vimeo"

Mass for deceased benefactors. Each November, Trócaire holds a Remembrance Mass in Maynooth and Belfast for our deceased supporters and friends. It is a wonderful opportunity to remember those who are part of the Trócaire family, and who are no longer with us today. We invite you to join us in person or online: Belfast: 1pm, Thursday 13th November, St Mary's Church, 2-4 Chapel Lane, Belfast, BT1 1HH. Celebrant: Fr Tim Bartlett. You can also join us online at <a href="http://www.stmarysbelfast.org/webcam/">http://www.stmarysbelfast.org/webcam/</a>

Maynooth: 10am Thursday 20th November, St Mary's

Church, Moyglare Road, Maynooth, Co Kildare. Celebrant: Fr. Tom Dalzell. You can also join us online at <a href="https://maynoothparish.org/webcam-2/">https://maynoothparish.org/webcam-2/</a>

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

Abide in His Love Women's Conference Nov 21-23. A few tickets remaining! The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran Co. Donegal. A beautiful event for women exploring the beauty & gift of their feminine identity in Christ. Guest Speakers include Sr. Mary Madeline Todd OP (USA), Megan Madden from 'A Mother's Lace' (USA/UK), Fr. Barry Braum, Fr. Mark Wharton (UK), Fr. Francesco Mary Gavazzi, CFR, the Nashville Dominican sisters, & Mass with Archbishop Eamon Martin. Check Eventbrite for tickets & more information

**Catholic Mothers Ireland, Retreat Day**. Join us for a day of Spiritual Restoration, the Parish Hall at St Joseph's, Antrim on Sat 29<sup>th</sup> November 2025. An All Day Retreat from 10am - 6pm. Email <u>catholicmothers@outlook.ie</u>

**Recharge** is a young adult group based in St Colmcille's Church in East Belfast for 18 to 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 November:

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November @ 7:30pm: Group Study - Growing in Prayer. Followed by social.

ACN (Aid to the Church in Need) Ireland's Week of Witness takes place from November 15–November 23 with Red Wednesday falling on November 19. 'Week of Witness' is a campaign which takes place every November, and at the heart of which is 'Red Wednesday' when we seek to raise awareness and pray for all who are persecuted and discriminated against because of their Christian faith. Last year, thanks to the collective generosity of our benefactors we were able to support almost 6,000 projects in 140 countries. The inspiration that drives and guides ACN's vital work is Christian faith, hope and love. For more information about A.C.N. visit www.acnireland.org.

Mass of Hope, for Suicide Awareness & Support Group, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2025, 3pm, Clonard Monastery. All families bereaved, and all denominations welcome. 209 Falls Road, Belfast. Contact <a href="mailto:m.walker@suicideawareness.co.uk">m.walker@suicideawareness.co.uk</a>, 028 90239967

Belfast Jesuit Centre (Donegal Street) Advent 2025

Waiting in Wonder: Lectio and Visio Divina for Advent. A fourweek contemplative series beginning Tuesday 25th November,
inviting participants to pray with scripture, poetry, and art. Faith

<u>& Film: Romero</u>: The final movie in our Jubilee Year of
Hope series, taking place on Thursday 27th November. Both
events are open to all and offer a gentle space for reflection and
community. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me
at bjc@jesuit.ie or +44 7955 282371.

Christ Our Anchor: Writings by James O'Kane, Priest and Theologian, ed. Fiona Lynch, with a Foreword by Bishop Alan McGuckian (Shanway Press, 2025). The unpublished sermons and some lectures of the late Very Rev James O'Kane, RIP, former Professor at St Patrick's College, Maynooth and Pastor

Emeritus, have been collated in a new publication entitled "Christ Our Anchor" which is now available from Shanway Press. To order please go to: <a href="www.shanway.com">www.shanway.com</a> Tel: <a href="www.go28">028</a> 9022 2070</a> Email: <a href="minfo@shanway.com">info@shanway.com</a>. RRP: £12.99

Misa de Gallo at St Vincent de Paul Parish. We at St. Vincent De Paul Parish, Ligoniel are delighted to welcome you all to our annual, "Misa De Gallo," (Mass of the Rooster) - Christmas Novena in 2025. The annual celebration is beloved by our Filipino Community far and wide, but all are welcome.

Stella Maris a Catholic seafaring charity is looking for volunteers across Northern Ireland. Volunteering comes in many forms at Stella Maris but in the first instance we are looking for anyone who can knit woolly hats, an essential and welcome piece of clothing for seafarers. We also need parish contacts who could speak at the Mass (parish priest discretion) or simply lay out information in regard to the charity in the church. Further to this, ship visitors are also required to assist the port chaplain. For further information or if you are interested, please contact peter. mullen@stellamarismail.org. Thank you.

Lay Led Funeral Ministry. Enrolment for the next Lay Funeral Minister Training is now open. There are 24 training places available allocated on a first come basis. If anyone is considering this Ministry please make contact with Fr. McCann who will discuss this Ministry with you. The closing date for applications is Wednesday 17th December at 12 Noon. Candidates must be available for all training sessions.

Capella Caeliana 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert on Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov at 7pm in the Good Shepherd church. Conductor: Matthew Quinn. Special guests include Ruth McGinley, Fr Eugene O'Hagan, Fr Martin O'Hagan, and Fr David Delargy. Tickets available at www.caeciliana.org

Mary's Meals Talk at Mass and Cake Sale next Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov. Currently all donations will be doubled. Please support the charity adopted by the parish.

St Vincent de Paul Sale of Christmas Cards will begin this weekend. Stephen Murphy will be selling Christmas Cards in the church porch in support of the SVP charity. Please support them in their work.

**D&C Equip**. Calling all young adults. Are you a young adult with a passion for leadership and mission? D&C Equip is designed to empower you to lead in your parish, your youth group, and your community, raising up disciples and transforming the Church around you. Join us for three dynamic workshops and take the next step in our journey of faith leadership. Workshop Overview: Nov 2025 - Foundation in prayer. Jan 2026 - To win and build. March 2026 - The Send. Retreat June 2026. For more information and to register, email shannon@downandconnor.org.