

St. Anthony's Parish, Belfast

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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 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

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.

Bulletin for 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 5th October 2025. Year C

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Fr Gordon McKinstry,
Deacon Mark Lenaghan, Dariusz Cecot, Gerard
Charles Duncan, Julius Bucko, Mary
(Sheppard) Wolstencroft, Matilda Szajkova,
Kasper Gawron, Brian Mullan

Anniversaries: Robert Dunn Junior, Denis &
Eileen O'Connor, Catherine Patricia Lord (Sun
5th Oct), Michael & Sarah Guinness (Sun 12th
Oct), James Curran (Sun 19th Oct)

COLLECTIONS: Many thanks for your support:
Weekly £499.02, Renovation £203, Dona Digital
Donation (Porch) £55 DONATE £
Second Collection this weekend is the Monthly
Stipend in support of the priests of the diocese.

**Masses this week: Mon, Tues & Thur 9:30am,
Fri 7pm.**

Feasts this week

Mon 6th: St Bruno, priest
Tue 7th: Our Lady of the Rosary
Thurs 9th: St John Henry Newman, priest; St
Denis & Companions, martyrs
Sat 11th: St John XXIII, pope; St Canice, abbot

Please Note: During the Summer months of July & August, there will be no printed bulletin. Notices will be posted on Facebook and the Parish Website, and a copy will be posted on the Church Porch. Come September/October, the Missalette will also include the Bulletin Notices, as a way of cutting down on wastage/recycling of paper, which will be good for the environment.

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. The out-going Chair Suzanne Hopkins addressed the congregation to appeal for new members to make up the Council. If you are interested in being part of the new Council, give your name to any member of the Council or to Fr McCann ASAP

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"

Pause for Hope. Bringing together in prayer those who have or have had cancer and, their loved ones and, those who care for them; doctors and nurses; those with special skills involved in the investigation and treatment of cancer; those in authority who have responsibility for providing resources; our scientists trying to find the cures. Sunday October 26th at 3:30pm in Clonard Church.

Marriage Encounter Weekend, a weekend like no other, Focolare Centre, Posperous, Co. Kildare, Friday 7th - Sunday 9th November 2025. Step away from the busyness of life, reconnect with your spouse, rediscover the joy of your marriage. An experience to enrich, renew and refresh your relationship. Open to all married couples. For information & booking www.marriageencounter.ie.

Our Lady's Rosary Festival. The Legion of Mary and the Knights of St Columbanus present Our Lady's Rosary Festival from Sat 4th October to Sunday 12th October 2025 with 9 events in different venues. The Festival ends with the 22nd Annual Rosary Procession from St John's Church to St Peter's Cathedral commencing at 2:30pm on Sunday 12th October. All details can be found at www.belfastrosaryfestival.com, or on the flyers found in the porch.

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 Chaplaincy at Queen's has reopened at 42 University Road, with weekday Masses and Sunday evening Mass back today at 8pm in the Canada Room, Lanyon Building. Our full programme returns with, Awaken, Blest, Bible Study, Canticle Choir, Frassati Fellowship, QUB Trócaire, Order of Malta and Thomistic Institute lectures. Whether new or returning, come and join us at Mosaic Café, in the Chapel or Common Room, a place to meet, pray and belong. Visit www.qubcatholic.com

Parish of Drumbo/Carryduff Christmas Family Day - St Joseph's Parish Centre, Knockbracken Drive, Carryduff – on Saturday 6th December 2025 from 12 noon to 4pm. Farm superheroes, Games Stalls and a Very Special Guest. Admission is free. If you would like a Stall at this event, please contact the Parish Office at drumbo@downandconnor.org.

Rosary for October. The Church dedicates the coming month to the Holy Rosary. Pope Leo XIV invites everyone to pray the Rosary for Peace each day of the month – On Saturday 11th October 2025 at 6pm we will pray the Rosary together in St Peter's Square, Vatican City, Rome, during the vigil of the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality, also recalling the anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council.

Wood You Believe - Healing the Past – Finding Hope for the Future. Finding Freedom from Personal and Ancestral Trauma. Moving towards a Spirituality of Integration & Wholeness. Workshop Facilitated by Fr. Jim Cogley, Director of Pilgrimage at Our Lady's Island, With Luba Rodzhuk. Jim uses his amazing wood carvings to explore core human issues – if you have not yet experienced his unique workshops, do not miss this opportunity. Saturday

25th October 2025, St Matthews Parish Hub, 10am - 4pm. Tickets £25 – payable at door, Light Lunch will be provided. To confirm attendance email: StMatthews@downandconnor.org

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 October:

Tuesday 7th October @7.30pm: Holy Hour with Adoration followed by social in the church hall.

Tuesday 22nd October @7.30pm: Group Study - Growing in Prayer. Followed by social.

Prayers for the Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland. All Catholics are invited to pray for a special gathering that will take place in Kilkenny on 18 October, called a Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland. This assembly is an important juncture on the journey towards a National Synodal Assembly to be held in 2026. Around 240 people will be in attendance, and these are drawn from each diocese on the island, Religious Congregations and Church movements. A preparatory document, entitled Baptised and Sent - the fruits of listening sessions across Ireland last spring - will be the basis for discussion at this gathering, and for the next stage of the journey of renewal. Central to the document is a renewed focus on baptism as the foundation of our Christian dignity, unity, and mission and how baptism infuses the life and mission of the Church in Ireland today and into the future.

You are invited to read this document by visiting <http://www.synod.ie/baptised-and-sent-preparatory-document-available-now/>

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the conversations at Kilkenny, and those flowing from it, as we walk together as sisters and brothers of Christ, united by our baptism and filled with hope.

Fr Peter McVerry in conversation with author and journalist Martin O'Brien. An evening of sharing with this social justice campaigner who has worked with Dublin's poorest for decades, providing homes and shelter. The St Patrick Centre, Downpatrick, October 23rd at 7:30pm. Tickets are £10 and available by phoning 028 44619000.

1700th anniversary of the first Council of Nicaea. On Sunday 5th October 2025 we join with Christian churches throughout Ireland to mark and remember Nicaea and the Nicene Creed which came from it. We hold this creed in common with Christians for the last 1700 years, around the world and across traditions. This Sunday is an opportunity for shared witness and reflection on the core beliefs that unite us in Christ.

Congratulations to Rev Niall O'Hara, Rev Derek Le Mahieu, and Rev James Uhomobhi, who were ordained permanent deacons in St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast on Saturday 4th October 2025. May God continue to guide them and their ministry.