



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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MASSES:

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

Parish Collections



Many thanks for your support. If you
require envelopes, or if your address
details have changed please contact
Fr McCann

Weekly £776.75

Dona Digital £80

DONATE (website) £2.50

Second Collection this weekend is the
Missions Collection

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.

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME MISSIONS WEEK

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Gerard Charles Duncan, Julius
Bucky, Mary (Sheppard) Wolstencroft, Matilda
Szajkova, Kasper Gawron, Brian Mullan, Betty
Bonnar, Noel O'Neill (father of Fr Eugene)

Anniversaries: Catherine Patricia Lord, Patsy
Mackin, Michael & Sarah Guinness, James Curran
(Sun 19th Oct),

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wed 22nd: St John Paul II, pope

Thur 23rd: St John of Capistrano, priest

Fri 24th: St Anthony Mary Claret, bishop

MISSION SUNDAY Sunday 19th October. The annual
collection for the Missions will be taken up at the
mass.

Pope Leo XIV makes a special appeal for World
Mission Day. "Thank you for everything you will do to
help me help missionaries throughout the world". He
is asking every single parish in the world to support
missionaries who are working and serving in the
remotest corners of the earth. The pope recalls his
own missionary experience in Peru: "When I served
as a missionary priest and then bishop in Peru, I say
firsthand how the faith, the prayer and the generosity
shown on World Mission Sunday can transform
entire communities".

[https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/events/
event.dir.html/content/vaticanevents/en/2025/10/13/
videomessaggio-giornata-missionaria.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/events/event.dir.html/content/vaticanevents/en/2025/10/13/videomessaggio-giornata-missionaria.html)

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.

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"

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

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

Rosary for October. The Church dedicates the
month of October to the Holy Rosary. Pope Leo XIV
has asked parishioners to pray the Rosary for Peace.

From Lament to Liberation. In Conversation with
Rev. Ashraf Tannous of the Lutheran Christmas
Church in Bethlehem Tuesday, 21 October at 7.30pm
in Knock Methodist Church (Belfast, BT5 6HS). Come
and hear Rev. Ashraf's Palestinian Christian
perspective in light of October 7th, 2023, the genocide
in Gaza these past two years, settlement expansion
and annexations in the West Bank, and the recent
ceasefire and peace plan. All are welcome. Organised
by Kairos Ireland.

Down & Connor Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima 2026 led by Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ, directors
Canon Sean Gilmore, Fr Martin Graham Adm, Fr
Gerry McCloskey PP, **29th May 2026, 7 nights.**
£850pps (£100 off per person if paid in full by 3rd Nov
2025. Direct return flights from Belfast to Porto. 7
nights Hotel Avenida, full board: breakfast, lunch &
dinner each day. Full religious programme. Guided
tour of Sanctuary & Basilica of our Lady of the Rosary.
Visits to Aljustrel & Valinhos. Optional: Travel
insurance & Single supplement (limited places). For
information please contact Joe Catney 07778425631.
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 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/](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.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved
parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening
on Monday 20th October at 7.30pm in the Crowne
Plaza, Shaws Bridge, Belfast. This event is free and
open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age
your child died, the circumstances of their death, or
how recent their death was. You do not need to
register in advance. We also offer an online support
group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or
email info@anamcara.ie

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

Pope Leo XIV's new Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te* (On Love of the Poor) was published last week.
Text can be found at [https://www.vatican.va/content/
leo-xiv/en/apost_exhortations.index.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/apost_exhortations.index.html)

50th Anniversary of the Canonisation of St Oliver Plunkett. Archbishop Eamon Martin has given a
video message on the occasion of the 50th
Anniversary of the Canonisation of St Oliver Plunkett,
entitled "Never Again War?". The homily and video
can be found:
[https://www.armagharchdiocese.org/never-again-
war-archbishop-eamon-martin-marks-the-50th-
anniversary-of-the-canonisation-of-st-oliver-plunkett/](https://www.armagharchdiocese.org/never-again-war-archbishop-eamon-martin-marks-the-50th-anniversary-of-the-canonisation-of-st-oliver-plunkett/)