

St. Anthony's Parish, Belfast

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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). 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

Feast of All Saints (Saturday 1st Nov)
Polish Mass at 9am, English Mass at 11:30am

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 £513.00 ion £184.00

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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.

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES Recently Deceased: 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, James Murray (Mon 17th Nov)

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 27th: St Otteran, monk

Tue 28th: Sts Simon & Jude, apostles Wed 29th: St Colman, abbot & bishop Sat 1st Nov: All Saints, solemnity

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.

Polish Community Association Belfast. We cordially invite you to the festive celebrations. The National Independence Day of the Republic of Poland, which will be held on Sunday, November 9, 2025, at 9.00 in the morning. The celebration will begin with a Holy Mass presided by His Excellency Bishop Alan McGuckian. Invited Guests: Consulate of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Belfast, Gregory Sala, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Northern Ireland Jerome Mullen. Parish Priest of St. Parish Anthony's. Fr Henry McCann. The Holy Mass will be held in St. Anthony's Church, Woodstock Road, Belfast, BT6 8HR. We cordially invite you after the Mass to celebrate together and meet with the Polish Community at St Vincent's Centre, 6 Willowfield Drive, Belfast, BT6 8HN.

A Men's Public Rosary with Meditations on five Rosary Mysteries organised by the "Men's Rosary Ireland" group will be prayed on High Street, Ballymoney Town Centre, close to the "Taxi Stand" on All Saints Day, Saturday the 1st of November 2025 assembling at 12:45 p.m. to begin at 1p.m. This year is the 100th anniversary of Heaven's request to carry out the Five First Saturdays Devotion. Make this prayer meeting on All Saints Day in Ballymoney part of your First Saturday Devotion and by doing so help bring about Peace on Earth. Search www.mensrosaryireland.com for further details.

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.

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

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 4th November @ 7:30pm: Holy Hour with Adoration followed by drinks in the Hearth Bar.

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

Stay. Could you become a supported lodgings/STAY host? Supported lodgings/STAY hosts provide safe and secure accommodation to care-experienced young people aged 16-21, and offer them practical and emotional support to guide them towards independent living. Hosts benefit from training and development opportunities, ongoing support and financial assistance. Find out more:

- · Call 0800 0720 137
- www.adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net
- Watch our video:

https://youtu.be/ZoWP3zuvU8U?si=n-NmaGF092xm0fS

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

Down and Connor Diocesan Trust, Bishop's Residence & Curia Office, Vacancy - Assistant Housekeeper. An opportunity has arisen within our Housekeeping Team to recruit into the role of Assistant Housekeeper. Working closely with our Head of Housekeeping, you will be required to provide a reliable and efficient housekeeping service to include cleaning, shopping and cooking duties. This role will support the Head of Housekeeping to ensure a pleasant, welcoming and clean environment for all visitors to the residence and Curia offices. The terms are based on a permanent appointment for 35 hours per week. Monday to Friday from 8.30 am – 4.30 pm. Salary: Will be considered within the range of £24,500 to £26,500 gross per annum –commensurate upon experience. Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website

at: http://www.downandconnor.org clicking on the tab: 'job vacancies', and on the Community NI and nijobs.com websites, where terms and conditions relating to the role can also be accessed by way of a Role Profile and Employment Application form. We welcome applications from anyone who feels they meet the criteria as presented and are interested in playing an active role within the Diocese of Down and Connor. Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Monday 3 November 2025. Down and Connor Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer

Festival Brass presents 'Festive Brass & Voices', Sat 20th December 2025, 7:30pm, Glenmachan Church of God, Glenmachan Road, Belfast BT4 2NN. Compère Gerry Kelly, guest vocal soloist Marion Jordan, Strandtown Primary School Choir, conductor Charlotte Hunter, & Festival Brass, conductor Alan Corey. Tickets £15 available at Festival Brass (07980306425), Matchetts Music (028 90326695), Glenmachan Church Office (028 90761676)

Knock All Night Vigil. New departure from Clonard Monastery only at 1:45pm, Sunday 7th December returning to Belfast Monday 8th December at noon. Price £75 (includes Dinner and Breakfast. To book phone Brendan on 028 90665211 between 9am and 5pm, Mon - Fri. £20 deposit required. This can be paid at Shearers Butchers, just above Andersonstown Leisure Centre. Vigil starts at 11pm and consists of the Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Benediction and finishes with Mass @ 4am.

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.

Plenary Indulgences for deceased in November. In Catholic tradition, "November indulgences" refer to opportunities to gain indulgences for the souls in purgatory, primarily during the first week of November. The two main ways to gain a plenary indulgence are by visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead between Nov 1st and 8th, or by visiting a church/oratory on Nov 2nd and reciting an 'Our Father and the Apostle's Creed.

Plenary Indulgence for visiting a cemetery (Nov 1-8): Action: visit a cemetery and pray for the departed even if only mentally. Frequency: this can be done each day from 1-8 Nov.

Plenary Indulgence for visiting a church (Nov 2nd): Action: Visit a parish church or public oratory and recite one Our Father and the Creed. Timing: This can be done on All Soul's Day (Nov 2nd).

To gain any plenary indulgence, the faithful must fulfill the following conditions: Interior disposition: be in a state of grace. Sacramental Confession, receive Holy Communion, Prayer for the pope's intentions (single Our Father & Hail Mary are sufficient)