

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)

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. Many Thanks. Fr Henry McCann PP.

Bulletin for 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 7th September 2025. Year C

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Brendan Jenkins, Caroline McGoran, Eddie McStravick, Jim McKenna, Fr

Gordon McKinstry, Deacon Mark Lenaghan

Anniversaries: Mary Duffy, Vincent Crilly, Mary Duffy, Brenda Gunn, Robert Dunn Junior, Denis & Eileen O'Connor (Sun 14th Sept)

COLLECTIONS: Many thanks for your support: Weekly £540.18, Dona Digital Donation (Porch) £65 DONATE £ 2.50. Second Collection Monthly Stipend

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

Feasts this week

Mon 8th: Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tue 9th: St Ciaran, abbot

Wed 10th: St Peter Claver

Fri 12th: Holy Name of Mary

Sat 13th: St John Chrysostom, bishop & doctor

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, 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.

Why Sunday Matters. A pastoral resource from the Irish Episcopal Conference. As we journey through this Jubilee Year of Hope, the Irish Bishops warmly invite all Catholics to reflect on the immense significance of Sunday Mass and, for those who no longer attend, to return with renewed joy to the

celebration of the Eucharist. Copies available in the Church porch and digital copies available on the Facebook and Website. And more resources on digging deeper on the four sections of the letter can be found on <https://theway.ie/category/worship/sunday-mass-digging-deeper/>

Canonisation Of Blessed Carlo Acutis. To coincide with the Jubilee of Teenagers, Pope Francis had intended to canonise Blessed Carlo at Easter 2025. However with the death of Pope Francis, things were delayed. This weekend then, Pope Leo will celebrate the canonisation along with Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. Carlo Acutis will be the first millennial saint. In 2006, at the age of 15, he died of leukaemia. This "ordinary child", as his mother described him, discovered the hidden treasure of faith, deeply drawn as he was to the Risen Lord present in the Eucharist. His life speaks of holiness – holiness to be found in the ordinary, not the extraordinary.

Season of Creation, September 1st – October 4th with its Theme "Peace with Creation". More information can be found on <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/season-of-creation-2025/>

1st September is also the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. In his message for the occasion Pope Leo said, "Now is the time to follow the words with deeds. Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience." (*Laudato Sii* para 217)

Season of Creation –Seminars. As part of the Season of Creation, you are warmly invited to a series of evening seminars exploring how faith, justice, and care for our common home come together in today's world. Each evening brings together voices from different backgrounds to reflect on urgent challenges and offer paths of hope.

Wed 10th Sept, 7–9.30 pm. Migration: Challenges Today and Tomorrow. Speakers: Eithne McNulty (CADA), Fr. Pat Colgan (Missionary Society of St. Columba), and the NI Migrant Centre. Belfast Jesuit Centre, 193–195 Donegall St, Belfast BT1 2FL

Wed 17th Sept, 7.30–9.30 pm. Economics for Peace and Planet. Speakers: Prof John Barry (Queen's University) and Rev. Dr Allen Sleith (PCI). Hillsborough Presbyterian Church, 49 Lisburn St, Hillsborough BT26 6AA

Wed 24th Sept, 7–9.30 pm. Many Voices, One Peace: Faith in Action in a Divided World. Speakers: Dr Naomi Green, Bishop Brendan Leahy (via Zoom), and the NI Interfaith Forum. Windsor Hub, 22 Lower Windsor Ave, Belfast BT9 7DW

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.

Renovation Works to the Church. Works to the Electrics, Lighting and the Flat Roofs of St Anthony's is coming close to completion. The lighting will be tweaked for optimal use. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

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

Gathering of Youth and Young Adults. An evening of prayer, reflection & connection. Join us in the beautiful Church of the Most Holy Redeemer at Clonard Monastery for a special celebration of youth, hope, and faith. On the evening of Friday 26th September, Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ invites youth and young adults from across the diocese to gather as pilgrims of hope to pray with and for one another in this Jubilee Year. All youth and young adults are warmly welcome. Spread the word!

Day Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine in memory of Fr Brendan Smyth PP, Sat 4th October. Day of Thanksgiving for Priesthood. Bus leaves Downpatrick at 6.45am – Crossgar – Saintfield. Contact Hugh 07724771595. Morning Stop at Motorway Restaurant (Breakfast not included). Accompanied by Fr Derek Kearney SMA £35 per person, includes tea/coffee & scone on return journey.

Beginning Experience is a peer ministry to the bereaved, separated and divorced, based within the Family Ministry of the Diocese of Down and Connor. We are offering a support programme over three Saturdays from September through to November and would be most grateful if you could include the following information in your Church Bulletin at your earliest convenience. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (20th September 18th October and 15th November) Booking essential. To find out more, contact Pauline 07519289185 or Marie 07896119669 or email belfastbe@yahoo.com

Walk the Cross. Come to Belfast and join Walk the Cross Eucharistic Procession starting at St Michael's church, Finaghy, Sun 14th Sept at 4:30pm, processing with Jesus to St Peter's Cathedral, for Holy Mass at 6pm followed by Benediction and Anointing of the Sick. Unite your cross with the cross of Christ and unite your heart to his Eucharistic Heartbeat. For more information visit www.walkthecross.ie

Recharge is a young adult group based in St Colmcille's church, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast for 18-35 year olds. We meet twice a month to "recharge" our spiritual batteries through prayer, intellectual formation and friendship. All are welcome. Dates for September: Tues 16th Sept @ 7:30pm: Group Study – Growing in Prayer.

Study Theology Online. The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Find out more on our website www.prioryinstitute.com.

Poor Clares Galway Monastic Experience Day, for Women 18-35. An opportunity to explore and experience Poor Clare life and spirituality. The even will take place from 10am-5pm on Sat 6th September. Contact events@poorclares.ie to register. For more information www.poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days

SMA Novena 2025. In honour of St. Thérèse Of the Child Jesus, Patroness of the Missions. Tuesday 23rd September to Wednesday 1st October. Daily Mass & Novena Prayers. At 10.00am & 7.30pm. SMA Chapel Dromantine. All Welcome. Also, via webcam (www.sma.ie), African Missions, Dromantine, Newry, BT34 1RH

Down and Connor Diocesan Trust, Diocesan Curia Oice Vacancy. Diocesan Assistant Finance Officer. An opportunity has arisen within our Finance Team to recruit into the role of Diocesan Assistant Finance Officer. Working closely with our Financial Controller (Parishes), you will be required to provide excellent book-keeping support to the Finance Function within the Diocesan Trust. We see this as an exciting and challenging opportunity to play an integral part within the Diocesan Finance Team, where the role holder will undertake relevant transactional financial duties, through the implementation of robust and accurate accounting treatments and processes. The terms are based on a permanent appointment for 35 hours per week. Monday to Friday from 9.00am – 5.00pm.

Salary: Will be considered within the range of £28,000 to £32,000 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 finance function of the Diocese of Down and Connor. Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Tuesday 23 September 2025. Down and Connor Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer