

# 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](http://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 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025. Year C

### WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Eddie McStravick, Fr Gordon McKinstry, Deacon Mark Lenaghan, Dariusz Cecot, Gerard Charles Duncan, Julius Bucko (Months Mind Sun 21<sup>st</sup>), Mary (Sheppard) Wolstencroft (Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Sept), Kasper Gawron

Anniversaries: Brenda Gunn, Robert Dunn Junior, Denis & Eileen O'Connor, Michael & Sarah Guinness (Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Oct)

**COLLECTIONS:** Many thanks for your support: Weekly £707.38, Dona Digital Donation (Porch) £75 DONATE £

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

### Feasts this week

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup>: St Maurice  
Tue 23<sup>rd</sup>: St Pio of Pietrelcina, (Padre Pio)  
Thurs 25<sup>th</sup>: St Finbarr  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup>: Sts Cosmas & Damian  
Sat 27<sup>th</sup>: St Vincent de Paul

**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.

### Season of Creation, September 1<sup>st</sup> – October 4<sup>th</sup>

**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 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

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/many-voices-one-peace-faith-in-action-in-a-divided-world-tickets-1632440927759>

Prayers for Peace/Ribbons of Peace. This ties into the tradition and devotion practiced at many holy wells around the country, and links also with the May bush traditions. Tags are available beside the Season of Creation display where you can write a Prayer for Peace and tie the tag on the tree after Sunday/each mass during September. A leaflet of prayers are also available.

Stations of Peace. This Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September after Mass there will be a prayer service of Stations of Peace. You are welcome to attend.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:belfastbe@yahoo.com)

**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](http://www.prioryinstitute.com).

**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](http://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

**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](http://www.marriageencounter.ie).

**Belfast Jesuit Centre.** Visit Latest News or [www.belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk](http://www.belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk) for info. on a range of programmes, including “Jesuits & Jedi: What Star Wars Teaches Us About Our Spiritual Journey”, and “A Year of Ignatian Prayer”. In addition, their “Hearts on Fire” programme is a 6 week introduction to Ignatian Spirituality, aimed at 18-35 year olds.

**Pathways Adult Faith Development programme** for 2025-2026. Begins on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October in Drumalis. One Saturday a month from 10am-4pm between October and June and is offered in-house at Drumalis or online via Zoom. All are welcome. For further details please contact Drumalis during office hours 028 28276455/28272196. Email [drumalis@btconnect.com](mailto:drumalis@btconnect.com). Website [www.drumalis.co.uk](http://www.drumalis.co.uk).

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

**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 Trocaire, 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](http://www.qubcatholic.com)