

MASS TIMES

Saturday - 18h00

Sunday - 10h00 and 11h30

Sunday at 19.15h at 19 rue le
Corrège, 1000 Brussels.

Sunday at 11.15h at St Joseph
Community 203 Chaussée de Wavre
1150 Ixelles;

Sunday - Saint Nicholas at the Bourse
10.00h

Week day Masses

Friday mornings 11.30h (in the
Oratory), when a priest is available.
Please telephone to confirm.
Confessions every Saturday 12h-13h,
or by appointment with a priest.



Priests of the Parish:
Father Pat Power O.F.M
Father Michael Nicholas O.F.M

SUNDAYS - NO APPOINTMENTS
EMERGENCIES ONLY



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Mon, Thu & Fri

9.00-13.00 & 14.00-17.00

Tue & Wed

9.00-13.00

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BIC: BB RU BE BB

Scripture Readings

1st March

The First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7

Psalms 50:3-6.12-14.17

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

FCJ Centre of Spirituality

1. Tuesday 25th February 19.30 -
21.00 (and every 2nd Tuesday evening)
OPENING OUR HEART TO THE WORD
OF GOD IN SCRIPTURE (Lectio Divina)
2. Friday 28th February 14.30 - 16h
CARD MAKING WORKSHOP
contact: gloriafcj@gmail.com
3. Saturday 14th March - 10.30 -
13.30h
FOCUS ON LENT: THE PASSION
ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN
4. Friday 26th June (20h) - Sunday
28th June (16h)
IGNATIAN INDIVIDUALLY GUIDED
RETREAT at La Pairelle SJ Retreat
Centre, Namur. Led by FCJ Centre

For further information visit:
www.fcjcentre.be or email
fcj@fcjcentre.be, (GSM 0477734551)

Please ensure that your mobile phone
is switched off (or at least on airplane
mode) in the church. Thank you.

St. Anthony's Parish 'Words'

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Cycle A

23rd February 2020

Entrance Antiphon:

O Lord, I trust in your merciful
love. My heart will rejoice in
your salvation. I will sing to the
Lord who has been bountiful
with me.

Readings:

Leviticus 19:1-2.17-18

Psalms 102:1-4.8.10.12-13

Corinthians 3:16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

Response to Psalm

The Lord is compassion and Love.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep
my word, and my Father will love
him, and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

I will recount all your wonders, I
will rejoice in you and be glad, and
sing psalms to your name, O Most
High.



The Offertory collection for the
15th and 16th of February was
€1208.09 Thank you.

Coffee and doughnuts will be
available after all Masses this
Sunday.

CAR PARKING - ACCESS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

Could you please ensure that you
do not park your car in a manner
that could impede access for the
emergency services to the church
or parish centre.

Thank you.

Communion Reflection

The power of forgiveness

'I bare no ill will. I bear no grudge. Dirty sort of talk is not going to bring her back to life. She's in heaven and we shall meet again. I will pray for these men tonight and every night.'

These words of Gordon Wilson echoed across the world in 1987, just hours after his 20-year-old daughter Marie was killed in an IRA bomb in Enniskillen. Very few words in the history of the Northern Ireland conflict had such a powerful impact. His extraordinary capacity to forgive the people who had caused him so much pain helped to move along the slow process.' Gordon Wilson was the personification of the words of Jesus: 'love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.' It is one of the most difficult and challenging passages in the Gospels; one commentator calls it, 'Jesus' most unreasonable command.' Living under oppressive Roman rule, with torture and murder not uncommon, the disciples knew what it was to hate their enemies. As we read and listen to the news today, the cruelty of people continues to astound and upset us.

But Jesus reminds us that everyone is human. All are children of God, who 'causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good. 'While we clearly don't accept or excuse the terror and evil in the world, we cannot dehumanise those who carry out despicable actions. It is much easier said than done, but we must strive to meet hatred with love. With God, there is always forgiveness; there is always hope.

'Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of Stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that'

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR

Triona Doherty

Stations of the Cross

We will have Stations of the Cross every Friday at 18h30 during lent, starting on February 28th. All parishioners are invited to attend. The stations are led by parishioners themselves and Host families (individuals or families) are needed to lead on Fridays, Feb 28th, March 6th, 13th, 21st, 28th and April 4th. This entails bringing the Stations you would like said, as well as about 10 copies so that others with you can follow. If you can lead on any of these days, please get in touch with the Parish office. Thank you.

PARISH NOTICES

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 01st March - Knights' Pancake Breakfast

Saturday 14th March - Concert
The Dun Laoghaire Choral Society (50 voices which include several past parishioners of St. Anthony's) will perform a concert (40-45 minutes) on Saturday March 14th at 19.15 in the church (following the 18.00 Mass). Given the proximity to St. Patrick's Day, their repertoire will include a selection of Irish songs. All welcome, free entry.

23rd May - Pre-Marriage Course

To enable us to keep our records as up to date as possible, please let the Parish Office know if you are leaving the Parish or have changed or are changing your address, telephone numbers, email address, etc. Thank you.

ASH WEDNESDAY-26th FEBRUARY

There will be mass at 8pm on Wednesday, 26th February to mark the beginning of Lent. Blessed ashes will be distributed after the Mass.

Coffee/doughnut Roster - Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for coffee/doughnut duty on Sunday mornings (after either the 10.00 Mass or the 11.30 Mass).

If you have an hour to spare once every 5/6 weeks, your services would be greatly appreciated.

Contact Susan at mceneaneysusan@icloud.com or on 02/7842342.

SPRING CONCERT

There will be a concert on Saturday, 28th March at 19h30 at St. Anthony's church. Please join us for an evening of musical entertainment. All proceeds will go towards the Easter pilgrimage to Lourdes. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses next weekend, 29th Feb and 1st March. Adults €10, children under 16 free.

World Day of Prayers - WDP 2020 for Zimbabwe

On Friday, 6th March 2020 at 19h, there will be a (bilingual Eng/Ger) service in St. Paulus Church, Ave de Tervuren 221, 1150 Brussels on the occasion of the WDP with a focus on Zimbabwe.

The WDP is an annual ecumenical event celebrated in over 120 Countries. For more information please contact Yvonne Stausbøll on : Stausboll@telenet.be