

Saint Vincent de Paul Parish

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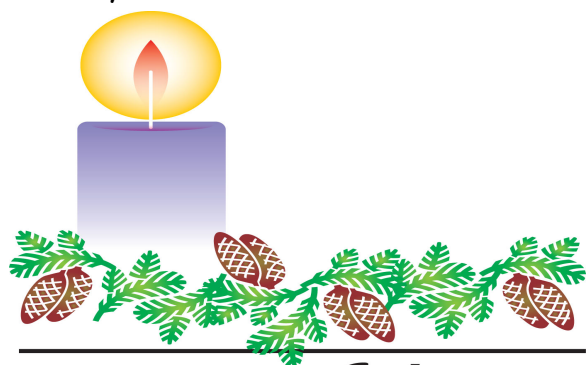
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1st Sunday of Advent

1st December 2019

Readings: Sunday Cycle A Psalter Week 2

Monday	10.00am	Novena for Life
Tuesday	10.00am	Novena to Saint Vincent de Paul
Wednesday	N/A	N/A
Thursday	N/A	N/A
Friday	N/A	Father Devlin's Day Off
Saturday	6.30pm	Novena to Most Sacred Heart
Sunday	10.00am	Family Mass



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

First Reading *Isaiah 2:1-5*

Isaiah describes his vision in which all nations are gathered together by God in peace.

Responsorial Psalm

122:1-2,3-4,4-5,6-7,8-9

Rejoicing, let us enter the house of the Lord.

Second Reading *Romans 13:11-14*

Be prepared, salvation is near.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 24:37-44*

Jesus tells his disciples that the coming of the Son of Man will catch many people unprepared. Jesus tells his disciples that they are to always be ready for the day of the Lord.

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.

The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know *that* our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

Saint Vincent de Paul Parish News



Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 10-12 Tuesday 10-12 Wednesday 6pm-8pm Thursday
10-12.

There is also one Hour of Prayer on the First Sunday of every Month for Priests lead
by the Indian Community. (11-12pm, i.e. 1st September 2019)



"Life has changed but not ended"

Recently Deceased Jackie Hamilton

Lucy Walker, Patsy and Danny O'Neill, Evelyn Copeland, Michael Neill,
Annie Conway, Josephine, Tommy John Mulholland, Kathleen McClean,
Mirrain Slinger, Kathleen McAuley, Josephine and Thomas Mulholland,
Thomas and Kathleen McQuade



Our Collections and Draw:

Last week Collection: Weekly Offering

This week Collection: Weekly Offering; Monthly Offering

Next week: Weekly Offering; Restoration Fund

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188 Lagan Road, Belfast BT14 2DP
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Parish Draw

£1 Weekly

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Parish Draw begins on the Second Sunday of Advent

Cards are available in the Sacristy

New Promoter and members needed

Thanks for the Support - Fr Devlin



Our Candles:

Sacred Heart -

Our Lady's -

Sanctuary -

Saint Vincent de Paul Parochial Hall/ House



Monday:

- Knit and Knatter group: Why not come and join us in the Parochial House on a Monday between 11.00-12.45. It's a 'Knitting Good Time'
- Ladies Boxercise, 2nd of September, 7:30pm-8:30pm, 10 weeks, cost - £1 per session provided by Ligoniel Healthy Living Centre



Wednesday: Yoga, 4th of September, 6pm-7pm, 10 weeks, cost - £1 per session provided by Ligoniel Healthy Living Centre



Thursday evenings: Girl Guides - Welcome back! New members welcome 6pm-8pm



Saturday Morning: Saint Vincent de Paul School is providing Transfer Tuition 2 sessions 10am-11.30am, 1130 -1pm Cost £10 per Child, per Class.



A reminder the Parochial Main Hall is available for hiring. Check availability and for parties especially Saturday daytime and night times.



Sunday: Bingo 8pm

Deaf Chaplaincy Down and Connor / Saint Joseph's Centre



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New event



Each first Saturday of the month, the Saturday evening mass will be fully signed and the Deaf Community will gather in the parochial house for light refreshments and entertainment. This begins on Saturday the 7th of September.

November Dead Mass Sunday 1st December in Saint Joseph Centre at 11am

Christmas Dinner 13th December in Lansdowne Hotel contact Bernie

FATIMA & ESTORIL

30 JUNE 2020 | 7 NIGHTS

Spiritual Director: Fr. Patrick Devlin P.P.

£699 per person sharing

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- 4 nights in Hotel Santo Amaro & 3 nights in Hotel Estoril Eden
- Full board basis in Fatima & Half board basis in Estoril
- Complimentary travel insurance
- Single Room Supplement £25 per night
- All cheques must be made payable to Pilgrimages Abroad
- Free coach to / from Dublin Airport

FOR FURTHER DETAILS:
Please contact Rita O'Neill
Tel: 028 90623186 or 074 11508477

The meeting of the members of the North Belfast Pastoral Community Forum on Monday 2nd December will take place in **HOLY FAMILY PRESBYTERY**, Limestone Road at 7.30pm.

Parking within the church grounds is very limited due to construction work at the Primary School. It might be advisable to park in the neighbouring streets.

As noted on the Agenda, it is planned to address the main business during the first 30 minutes and then a festive supper will follow.

There will be a lecture in St. Brigid's Parish Centre, Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast on Tuesday, 3rd December at 7.30pm.

The lecture will be given by Monsignor Roderick Strange, Professor of Theology, St. Mary's University, Twickenham, London.

The title of the Lecture is:

"Cardinal Newman: preparing an apologia for our times."

Monsignor Strange has published several books and many articles with a particular focus on St. John Henry Newman.



Saint Vincent de Paul Parish Youth



If anyone wishes to be an altar server/youth choir, please contact Father Devlin.

