

# Saint Vincent de Paul Parish

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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

9<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Readings: Sunday Cycle A Weekdays 2 Psalter Week 1

Monday	10.00am	Novena for Life
Tuesday	No Mass (Funeral in Sacred Heart)	
Wednesday	7.30pm	Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
Thursday	10.00am	Novena to Saint Philomena
Friday	N/A	Father Devlin's Day Off
Saturday	6.30pm	Novena to Most Sacred Heart
Sunday	10.00am	Family Mass



**First Reading** *Isaiah 58:7-10*

In the work of justice, light shall break through darkness.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*112:4-9*

The just person will be a light in the darkness.

**Second Reading** *1 Corinthians 2:1-5*

Paul shows that he came to Corinth preaching Christ crucified.

**Gospel Reading** *Matthew 5:13-16*

Jesus teaches that his disciples are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Following upon the teaching of the [Beatitudes](#), Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavouring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual [Works of Mercy](#). When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!

# Saint Vincent de Paul Parish News

## Eucharistic Adoration

Resumes Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January

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. 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019)



*"Life has changed but not ended"*

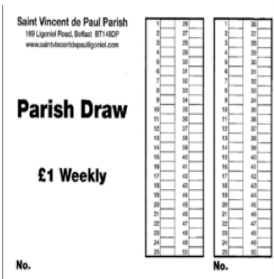
For the McIlwaine, Logan and Carter Family, Sam Watters, Paul Morgan and May Chapman, Bridget Mc Allister, Anne Millar Sophie Hamilton, Samuel Cavanagh, Teeney Rogan, Elizabeth Stage. Sophie Hamilton.

### Our Collections and Draw:

Last week Collection: Weekly Offering; Monthly Offering; £475 Living

This week Collection: Weekly Offering; Restoration Fund

Next week: Weekly Offering; Sick and Retired Priests



### Weeks 7/8

**First Prize £40:** Marcella Hutchinson and McCrystal Family

**Second and Third Prize £10:** Bridie Duffy, Rose Mc Allister Breige Williams  
Philomena Mc Ilwaine

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 - From Mary Special Intention

# 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> of September, 7:30pm-8:30pm, 10 weeks, cost - £1 per session provided by Ligoniel Healthy Living Centre



**Tuesday:** Boot Camp 7pm provided by Ligoniel Healthy Living Centre



**Wednesday:** Pilates 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



Add us as your Friend! Saint Joseph's Centre for the Deaf is now on Facebook!  
- So to ensure you are kept most up to date with our happenings then add on as your friend on Facebook, you will find us under "Saint Joseph's Centre"

### 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 7<sup>th</sup> of September.





Arjun Suresh, a pupil of our Parish Primary School in Ligoniel achieved the highest score in Northern Ireland of 130 in the recent AQE Transfer Test. We were delighted to welcome Doctor Darrin Barr the CEO of AQE who made a presentation to Arjun and to our School Principal Mrs Bronagh McVeigh. Arjun is a hardworking boy who has made a fantastic contribution to Saint Vincent De Paul from his earliest days in our School Nursery Unit. We wish Arjun every success both in the future and in his new post primary school.



A film presentation of the phenomenal story of Fatima. Monday 24th February at 7.30pm in the Gathering Space of Holy Family Church, Limestone Road. In a world torn apart by persecution, war and oppression, 3 children were chosen to offer a message of hope, and the chance of salvation, for the world. Refreshments will be served after the film. This is a Legion of Mary event and all are welcome.

Accord provides a counselling service for any couple who may be experiencing difficulties or challenges in their relationship.

The Belfast Centre is situated in Twin Spires Centre,  
Northumberland Street, Belfast.

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