

Saint Vincent de Paul Parish

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31st Sunday of the Year

3rd November 2019

Readings: Sunday Cycle C Weekdays 1 Psalter Week 3

Monday	10.00am	Novena for Life
Tuesday	10.00am	Novena to Saint Vincent de Paul
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 *Wisdom 11:22—12:2*

God is merciful because all things were created by God.

Responsorial Psalm

145:1-2,8-9,10-11,13,14

Sing praise to God, who is faithful.

Second Reading *2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2*

Paul tells the Thessalonians to remain faithful to Christ until Christ comes again.

Gospel Reading *Luke 19:1-10*

Jesus stays at the house of Zacchaeus, the tax collector.

In Jesus' day, tax collectors were not popular people. They were collaborators with the Romans and were despised by many Jewish people. The tax system allowed them to charge more than what was required so that they could make a profit for themselves. Thus, they were considered sinners by their countrymen. Observers in the crowd that day grumble because Jesus dines with a sinner. Throughout Scripture, Jesus' choice of dinner companions set him apart from other observant Jews of his time. In first century Jewish culture, to dine together was to show a bond of fellowship and peace among those at the table. Observant Jews did not generally dine with foreigners and sinners. Yet, Jesus chooses to honour the tax collector, Zacchaeus, by staying at his house.

Even before Jesus comes to his home, Zacchaeus shows himself to be someone in search of salvation. Zacchaeus, described as short in stature, climbs a tree in order to see Jesus. We know from Luke's description that Zacchaeus was no ordinary tax collector; he was, in fact, the chief tax collector and a person of some wealth. In his search for salvation, he humbled himself by making a spectacle of himself by climbing a tree.

Jesus recognizes the faith of this tax collector exhibited in his search for salvation and calls him down from the tree. In the hospitality he extends to Jesus and in his conversion of heart, Zacchaeus is raised up by Jesus as a model of salvation.

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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"

Lucy Walker, Patsy and Danny O'Neill, Evelyn Copeland, Michael Neill, Annie Conway

November Dead List are now available in the porches

In our Church we have a Candle Cross for the month of November when we remember our loved ones who have died. Please take a candle before Mass and light it and after mass bring it home and when you pray during the month of November in your home, light the candle. When it is finished you may return and obtain a second candle. Also the large Cross is available for you to place Memorial Cards of your Family and Friends who have died.



Our Collections and Draw:

Last week Collection: Weekly Offering; World Mission Sunday

This week Collection: Weekly Offering

Next week: Weekly Offering and Monthly Offering

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Parish Draw	
£1 Weekly	
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Parish Draw: **Week 49 & 50**

First Prize: Rhys Bevan and Phyllis McIlwaine

Second and Third Prize: Marie McCann, Isobel McKay, Grainne Rooney and Patsy McAuley

New Promoter and members needed

Thanks for the Support - Fr Devlin

Our Candles:

Sacred Heart - Special Intentions: from Vera Lewsley
Our Lady's - Eileen McCafferty
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.



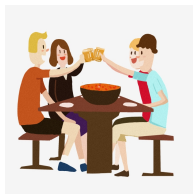
Sunday: Bingo 8pm

Deaf Chaplaincy Down and Connor / Saint Joseph's Centre



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 7th of September.

Living Church / North Belfast Pastoral Community News



North Belfast Prayer Walk - Holy Family Parish - Monday 4th Nov - 7:30pm

On Mon 4th Nov Holy Family's Parish are hosting an Ecumenical Prayer Walk with other Christian Community, walking prayerfully around our community together invoking God blessings. Gather at 7:15 for a 7:30 start.



NOVEMBER - Month of the Holy Souls

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the month of November and offer up their sacrifice for their deceased loved ones. **YOU CAN DO LIKEWISE.** Take the short term Pledge for November and say the Prayer daily - "I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink during November".



ST MALACHY'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

Annual Mass for deceased Old Boys and College staff in the College Chapel on Monday 11th November at 7.30pm. Celebrant is the Most Rev. Anthony Farquhar.

ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK 11 - 18TH NOVEMBER 2019

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS

Hope for families and friends of problem drinkers

Our Information Office, based in Belfast, serving all of Northern Ireland is opened from 10am - 1pm Monday to Friday; contact number 02890682368, our helpline is manned from 6pm to 11pm, 365 days a year. The Al-Anon website www.al-anonuk.org.uk gives details of all meetings in the UK and the Republic of Ireland

Saint Vincent de Paul Parish Youth

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

