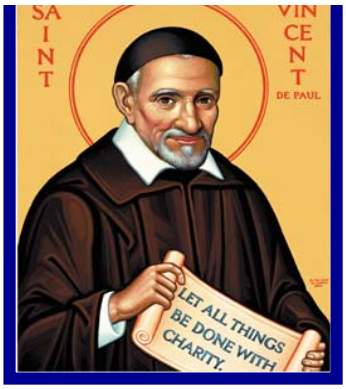

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2nd Sunday of Lent / 8th March 2020

Readings: **Sunday Cycle** A Psalter **Week** 2

Monday	10.00am	Novena for Life
Tuesday	10.00am	Novena to Saint Vincent de Paul
Wednesday	10.00am	Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
	Wednesday 630pm	Parish First Confession
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 *Genesis 12:1-4a*
God promises Abram a great blessing.

Responsorial Psalm
God's mercy is upon those who trust in God.

Second Reading *2 Timothy 1:8b-10*
Through God's grace we are called to holiness.

Gospel Reading *Matthew* *17:1-9*
Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The story of Jesus' Transfiguration is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In each of those Gospels, the Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his Resurrection.

On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word.

The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and John. In Matthew's Gospel, those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus' disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.

Saint Vincent de Paul Parish News

Eucharistic Adoration

Resumes Monday 24th February
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"

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, Tommy McKee, Molly Rocks. Benny Lynch, Brigid Mc Quade, Rose Hanson, Catherine and Alice Mackessy, Rosie Morgan, Winnie McArdle, Imelda Murphy. Ellen and William Campbell, Jackie Quigley

Our Collections and Draw:
Last week Collection: Weekly Offering; Monthly Offering
This week Collection: Weekly Offering; Restoration Fund
Next week: Weekly Offering; Needy Parishes

Week 9
First Prize £40: Mrs Hutchinson
Second and Third Prize £10: Lottie McIlwaine and Edwina Noble
Cards are available in the Sacristy
New Promoter and members needed
Thanks for the Support - Fr Devlin

Our Candles:
Sacred Heart -
Our Lady's -

Saint Vincent de Paul Parochial Hall/ House

Sanctuary –

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

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"

<u>New event</u>

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.

Invitation

What are you doing for Lent 2020? This year, I would like to invite and encourage you to take a 'free trip' to the Holy Land, travelling with Jesus as he enters into his Passion.

'No Greater Love' is a Lenten programme based on a series of short films shot on location in the Holy Land and presented by Edward Sri. During five sessions, Christ's amazing love for us is revealed, as we walk step-by-step with Jesus on a Biblical journey through the Scriptures from the Garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Each session will provide an opportunity to pray and talk together as members of our parish family.

The **'No Greater Love'** programme will be offered in three venues in our Pastoral Community:

Holy Family Church, 226 Limestone Road, BT15 3AP

Dates - Tuesday 3rd, Tuesday 10th, Monday 16th, Tuesday 24th and Tuesday 31st March **Time** - 7.30pm to 9.00pm

Refreshments will be served in the Gathering Space

To register, please contact Holy Family Parish Office T: 9074 3119 (no fee required)

The Houben Centre, Holy Cross, Ardoyne, 434 Crumlin Road, BT14 7GE

Dates - Monday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th March **Time** - 11am to 12 noon

Refreshments will be served at 10.30am following the celebration of 10am Mass

To register, please contact Holy Cross Parish Office T: 9074 8231 (no fee required)

Sacred Heart Church, 1a Glenview Street, BT14 7DP

Dates - Wednesday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March and 1st April

Time - 11.00am to 12 noon

Refreshments will be served at 10.30am following the celebration of 10am Mass

To register, please contact Sacred Heart Parish Office T: 9075 1543 (no fee required)

Health Care Advice

Holy Water fonts should not be used
Suspend the Sign of Peace.
Receive Holy Communion in hand.
Communion Ministers to wash hands before and after sharing Communion.

For further information regarding Coronavirus:
https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus