

Saint Vincent de Paul Parish

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23rd Sunday of the Year

8th September 2019

Readings: Sunday Cycle C Weekdays 1 Psalter Week 3

Monday	10.00am	No Mass (Funeral in Sacred Heart) Requiem Mass for Father Sam Kerr will be held in St Mary, Star of the Sea Church at 12 noon.
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 9:13-18b*

Knowledge alone has limits. We also need wisdom to understand the ways of God.

Responsorial Psalm

90:3-4,5-6,12-13,14-17

God's power has no boundaries; it is not limited by space and time.

Second Reading *Philemon 9-10, 12-17*

Paul encourages one of his converts to consider his former slave a brother in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading *Luke 14:25-33*

Jesus teaches about the demands of discipleship.

In chapter 14 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes "hating" one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second. In Matthew's version of this story (Matthew 10:37), Jesus refers not to "hating" father or mother, but to *loving them more* than Jesus. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.

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Eucharistic Adoration resumes 9th September

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)

Thank
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Our Collections and Draw:

This week Collection: Weekly Offering and Monthly Offering

Next week: Weekly Offering and Restoration Fund

Parish Draw: -- **Week 39, 40, 41 and 42**

1st Prize £40: Smyth Children, Mary Lyndsey, Joe McKay and Josephine McQuad

2nd and 3rd Prize £10: Bridie Duffy, Ann Corry, Isabel McKay, Laura Slinger, Martin Morrissey, Ester Smyth, Eva Stanford and Peggy McIlwaine

Thanks for the Support - Fr Devlin

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Parish Draw	
£1 Weekly	
No.	No.



The funeral arrangements for Fr Sam Kerr are as follows:

Fr Sam's remains will be taken to the Church of St Mary, Star of the Sea, Whitehouse, Newtownabbey, BT37 9RY, on Sunday afternoon for evening prayer at 6pm - with a vigil until 8pm.

Requiem Mass will be held in St Mary, Star of the Sea Church at 12 noon on Monday.

Interment afterwards in Melmount Cemetery, Strabane.

I ask you to keep Fr Sam's family and friends in your prayers at this time.

May he rest in eternal peace.

+ Noel Treanor Bishop of Down and Connor

"Life has changed but not ended"

Paul Morrison, Month's Mind, Alice and Maurice McLean,



Knock Weekend

This year's Knock trip will be on the 28th and the 29th of September, costing £130 per person (twin room) and an additional £25 for a single room. Please contact Father Devin.

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.



Sunday: Bingo 8pm



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

Deaf Chaplaincy Down and Connor / Saint Joseph's Centre



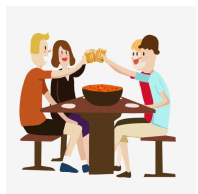
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Knock Weekend - Deaf Community Welcome

This year's Knock trip will be on the 28th and the 29th of September, costing £130 per person (twin room) and an additional £25 for a single room. Please contact Father Devlin.

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



Theology of the Body - Down and Connor

Invitation to an introduction to Pope John Paul II catechises on the Theology of the Body starting on Wednesday, 4 September 2019 running for 7 sessions until Wednesday, 16 October 2019.

Venue: St Patrick's Church, Downpatrick BT30 6DN - in the Crypt of the Church "Patrick's Place".

Once in the carpark travel to the right around the side of St Patrick's Church.

Light refreshments provided.

Time: 8.10pm - 9.30pm - Over 18s - Contact Maureen T:077 1928 4747 or

Geraldine T: 077 1928 4738 or Email: tobteam@yahoo.com for more information.

Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living: In association with the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow. This is a one-year programme (30 x 2.5 hour sessions) for those who want a closer relationship with God, who struggle with prayer, who want to make choices that are in tune with God's dream for the world. No expertise in prayer or reflection is required.

The first session is on Monday, September 16th beginning at 7 pm.

For further details, please contact Drumalis during office hours (02828 272196) or email maura@drumalis.co.uk

Saint Vincent de Paul Schools Primary/ Nursery/ Pre-School

Welcome Back!



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Important date: Feast of Saint Vincent de Paul - 27th of September, whole school mass at 10am. Everyone welcome, children, parents, grandparents and parishioners.



Important notice: There are limited places remaining in our pre-school playgroup. If your child is 3 years of age before 1st of October and you wish to place at our excellent pre-school, please contact Mrs. Boyle on 028 9508 8947 urgently

Saint Vincent de Paul Parish Youth



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

