

# Saint Vincent de Paul Parish

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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter 2018

8th April 2018

Readings: Sunday Cycle B      Weekdays 2      Psalter Week 2

## Mass Times

**There will be no Masses from Monday to Friday this week!**

Saturday	6.30pm	Vigil Mass Sacred Heart Novena
Sunday	11.00am	Family & Children's Mass



First Reading Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35  
The first Christian community shared their possessions, and no one was needy.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24

The Lord's mercy endures forever.

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

Those who love God keep his commandments.

Gospel Reading John 20:19-31

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.

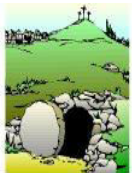


**Lent 2018 Through Lenten Fast boxes support Trocaire's work for Justice. Please take a Trocaire box home this weekend. Remember your 'Gift-Aid' facilities are detailed in the box. Please remember that neither children or adults will be going around knocking doors on behalf of Trocaire. Please bring your Trocaire boxes back ASAP. Thank You**

## **Eucharistic Adoration this week**

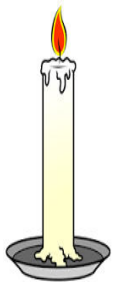
Monday 10-12 Tuesday 10-12 Wednesday 6pm-8pm Thursday 10-12.

There is also one Hour of Prayer on the First Sunday of every Month for Priests lead by the Indian Community. (12-1pm, ie, 4<sup>th</sup> March)



### ***Our Deceased: "Life has changed but not ended"***

Eugene and Paddy and Francis and Jackie O'Reilly. Molly Rocks. Mary-Ann Forbes.



### **Our Candles:**

Sanctuary Candle-  
Our Lady's Candle-  
Sacred Heart -

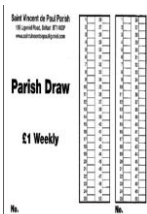


### **Our Collections and Draw:**

Offertory Last Week: £480 Needy collection: £275

This week Collection: Weekly Offering and Easter Offering

Next week Parish Collection and Monthly Offering



Parish Draw: Week 23

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £40: Frank McQuade

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £10: Joe McKay

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £10: Charlotte McIlwaine

# Saint Vincent de Paul Parochial Hall



Thanks for the Support Fr Devlin

Sunday: Bingo @ 8pm returns

## 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'

**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.

**We also have a Bouncy Slide!!!!**



As you are aware, Pope Francis is coming to Ireland and on Sunday August 26th, Pope Francis will be the chief celebrant at mass in the Phoenix Park and this event will bring to a conclusion the World Meeting of Families 2018.

I intend to take our Parish minibus to this event, there will be 14 places available and could I suggest that these places are taken on a first come first served basis. Please remember, the bus will be leaving in the early hours of the morning and will be returning very late on Sunday night, please ensure that you are fit and well for this gruelling day. Cost = £150 inc. tickets, food etc.



Our annual Knock pilgrimage will take place this 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> of September. Please give your names to Father Devlin as soon as possible with a deposit of £30, total cost is £130.



# 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 of Facebook, you will find us under "Saint Joseph's Centre Belfast"

Next Wednesday lunch 11th April 2018



Saint Vincent de Paul Parish Schools..... Primary, Nursery, and Pre-School



## IMPORTANT

Reconstitution of Board of Governors in Saint Vincent de Paul Parish School.....

Thank You to all those who contributed to this.

Father Devlin



School ...Please received Forms at School reception

Playgroup Places available for September

If your child is 3years old before the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2017 Please contact 02890713401

## Living Church / North Belfast Pastoral Community News



Parish Website Update!

Website Hits in 7 weeks is 1150, thank you for your support! ☺

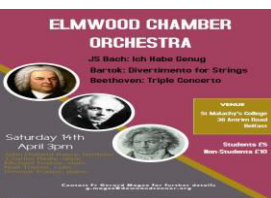


Parish envelopes:

Thank you for using them as a way of planned giving to the Parish. Gift Aid cards are included in every box and may also be signed.

Please support the Parish with your financial contributions - every penny and every pound is needed - your help is essential.

PLEASE USE GIFT AID



The Elmwood Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Fr Gerard Magee (Chaplain, Queen's University, Belfast) will present a concert of music by JS Bach, Bela Bartok and Ludwig van Beethoven, on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2018, at 3pm in the College Hall, St Malachy's College, 36 Antrim Road, Belfast. Ticket prices (at the door): Students £5, Non-students £10. All enquiries to [g.magee@downandconnor.org](mailto:g.magee@downandconnor.org)



Fitness and Yoga class at Ligoniel Community Centre Tuesday 7pm to 8:15pm for £4, all ladies welcome!