



HOLY CHILD NATIVITY PARISHES

Beaumont | Larkhill | Santry | Whitehall



Readings at Mass

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103/104

℟: Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

In the one spirit we were all baptised

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the heart of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia.

Gospel

John 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit



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Pentecost Sunday: The Birthday of the Church

Pentecost is often called the “birthday of the Church”, and it really is something worth celebrating. It’s the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and Our Lady, filling them with courage and sending them out to share the Good News with the world.

There’s a beautiful connection between Christmas and Pentecost. At Christmas, Jesus—God Himself—comes to be with us. He takes on our humanity so that we can share in His divine life. Then, at Pentecost, that same divine life is poured into us through the Holy Spirit. If Christmas is God with us, Pentecost is God living within us.

And Mary is there at both moments. She welcomed the Spirit when Christ was conceived in her womb, and she is there again as the Church is born. Just as she was a mother to Jesus, she becomes a mother to the whole Church, and to each of us.

Pentecost isn’t just something that happened long ago. It’s something that continues even now. The same Holy Spirit is given to us, bringing us grace when we’re weak, courage when we’re afraid, and wisdom when we don’t know the way forward.

So today isn’t just about remembering, it’s about celebrating who we are as the Church, alive and filled with the Spirit.

Happy Birthday! *Deacon Damian Murray*

Reflection: *Let the Holy Spirit guide your words, your choices, and your relationships each day. Where there is fear, ask for courage; where there is division, choose peace; and where there is weakness, trust that God can renew you.*



UNDERSTANDING THE MASS

The Sign of the Cross

“In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

What the Priest Is Doing

When Mass begins, the priest makes a large, deliberate Sign of the Cross over himself. This gesture publicly proclaims two core mysteries: the Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) and the Cross of Christ (the instrument of our salvation). By signing himself, the priest sanctifies the entire celebration and invites us into sacred time and space where heaven and earth meet.

How We Should Respond

As the priest makes the Sign of the Cross, we join him, not passively, but with conscious, active faith. This is our first “yes” of the Mass.

Bring your mind and heart to each movement:

- **Forehead:** “In the name of the Father”, Acknowledge God as Creator, source of all life.
- **Breast:** “and of the Son”, Acknowledge Jesus Christ, whose Sacred Heart loves you personally.
- **Shoulders:** “and of the Holy Spirit”, Acknowledge the Spirit who empowers you to carry your cross.
- **Amen:** “So be it”, Give your consent. Say “yes” to God’s plan and presence.

Living This at Mass

This Sunday, when the priest begins Mass with the Sign of the Cross, pause before joining him. Take a breath. Become present. Then make the Sign slowly and deliberately, not rushing through familiar words.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW COMBINED PARISH NEWSLETTER!

As Holy Child Nativity Parishes, we are delighted to bring you this first edition of our shared newsletter. What were once two separate newsletters have now come together as one, reflecting the spirit of cooperation and community that unites us. We are still experimenting with the format and finding our feet, so please bear with us, and we warmly welcome any feedback or suggestions you may have.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible
and invisible.
I believe in one Lord
Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father
before all ages.
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all
things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
*(all bow during the
next three lines)*
and by the Holy Spirit was
incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right
hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom
will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the
Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through
the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic
and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for
the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world
to come.
Amen.

KIDS' CORNER



**GOD
HOLY
SPIRIT
LIFE
GOOD
EVIL
LAW
BLESSED
HEART
WISDOM**

S	C	S	P	I	R	I	T	O	H
V	A	G	O	D	G	Y	L	O	H
C	U	S	N	Q	U	F	I	N	E
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A	S	O	D	O	M	H	E	O	R
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W	I	S	D	O	M	L	A	X	R
X	S	B	L	E	S	S	E	D	B



CHURCH OF THE HOLY CHILD

MASSES

Mon to Fri: 9:15am
Saturday: 7pm
Bank Holidays: 10:00am
Sunday: 10:30am & 12:30pm
Masses are broadcast daily by webcam

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

Mon to Fri: 09:30 - 13:00
Sat: 09:30 - 19:00
Sun: 09:30 - 16:00

CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated after the 7pm Saturday Mass or on request.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

MASSES

Mon to Fri: 10:00am
Saturday: 10:00am & 6.00pm
Bank Holidays: 11:00am
Sunday: 10:00am & 12:00pm
10am Mass is broadcast by webcam

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

Mon to Fri: 09:30 - 13:00
Sat: 09:30 - 19:00
Sun: 09:30 - 16:00

CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated after the 10am and 6pm Masses on Saturdays and on request.

BLESSED MARGARET BALL

MASSES

Wednesday: 10:00am
Sunday: 10:00am

BAPTISMS

The Sacrament of Baptism is normally celebrated on Saturdays. This can be arranged by appointment with the Parish at least one month in advance of the Baptism.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday 25th May

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

1.30pm - 2.30pm

Pastoral Café (B)

5pm - 8pm

The Duggan School

of Dancing (B)

8pm - 10pm

Charismatic Prayer Group (B)

Tuesday 26th May

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

10am - 11am

Arthritis Ireland

Adapted Exercise (W)

3pm - 5pm

Active Retirement Group (B)

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Adoration (B)

7pm - 8pm

Zumba (B)

Wednesday 27th May

9.15am

Pilates (W)

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

11.30am - 12.30pm

Exercise Class (W)

7.30pm

Pilates (W)

Thursday 28th May

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

11.45am - 12.45am

COPD Exercise Class (W)

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Adoration (B)

Friday 29th May

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

1pm - 5pm

Bridge (W)

1.30pm - 2.30pm

Pastoral Café (B)

3pm

Divine Mercy

Prayer Group (B)

W: Whitehall B: Beaumont

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to book one of our rooms

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The Church of Christ is always, so to speak, in a situation of Pentecost: she is always gathered in the Upper Room in prayer, and at the same time, driven by the powerful wind of the Spirit, she is always on the streets preaching."

Pope St. John Paul II



MASS INTENTIONS - 23rd May to 31st May 2026

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CHILD

Sat 7pm

Jim & Delia Barry (2A) / Dympna Rourke (22A) / Con O'Mahony (A)
Jimmy Coleman (A) / The Clarke, Moore & Murphy families (Remem)

Sun 10.30am

Enda Keogh (A)

Sun 12.30pm

Available for Intention

Mon 9.15am

Pauline Power (A) / Paul Towell (Birth Remem)

Tues 9.15am

Available for Intention

Wed 9.15am

Available for Intention

Thur 9.15am

Available for Intention

Fri 9.15am

Menandro Custodio (Birth Remem) / Zenaida Custodio (8A)

Sat 7pm

Available for Intention

Sun 10.30am

Mary Finlay (1A) / Mildred Cahill (10A)

Sun 12.30pm

Sean Byrne (A)

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Sat 6pm

Noel McConnell (1A)

Sun 10am

Mary Byrne (67th Birth Remem) / Michael & Joan Bogan (A) /
Maureen Byrne (Birth Remem)

Sun 12pm

Alessio Gunn (17th Birth Remem) / Tommie Keenan (A) / Mrs Anne Ryan (3A)
Ian Bedford (MM & Birth Remem) / Rose Laird (17A) / Pat Butler (9A)

Mon 10am

Available for Intention

Tues 10am

Available for Intention

Wed 10am

Available for Intention

Thur 10am

Available for Intention

Fri 10am

Carmel Meehan (1A)

Sat 10pm

Available for Intention

Sat 6pm

Mary Hughes (2A) / Bernadette McElduff (3A) / William (Bill) Collins (10A) &
The Loftus Family (Remem)

Sun 10am

Margaret Kelly (A) / May O'Reilly (10A) / Mary Kate Murray (A)

Sun 12pm

Available for Intention

CHAPEL OF BLESSED MARGARET BALL

Sun 24th 10am

Available for Intention

Wed 27th 10am

Available for Intention

Sun 31st 10am

Deceased Members of Magenta Ladies' Club (Remem)

A: Anniversary MM: Month's Mind

If you would like your Mass intentions to be included in the parish newsletter, please submit them to the Parish Office on or before the Tuesday preceding the requested date of the Mass.



Collections 17th May

	W	B
First:	€1,748	€991.10
Share:	€1,165	€591.15
Envelope:	€874.88	€793.50
Upkeep:	€70	€350.90

Thank you to all who support our collections



Your prayers have been requested for those who have been called to God this week

Annette Carney (RIP)
Mary McGorman (RIP)
Vincent Farren (RIP)



Baptisms

Penelope Alessia
Gunn

Congratulations and welcome into our Parish.

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit." (2 Corinthians 3:17-18)



CONTACT INFORMATION

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COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to all the boys and girls across our parishes who celebrated their First Holy Communion and Confirmation over the last two weeks.

SUMMER FAIR

Whitehall Parish Centre will be holding a Summer Fair on **Sunday July 12th 2026**. If you would like to donate any new unwanted gifts which we could use as spot prizes for our Spin the Wheel, we would be grateful to receive them at the Parish Centre reception any weekday morning between 9am and 1pm.

‘COME, HOLY SPIRIT, FILL OUR HEARTS WITH THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE’

Please follow the link below for Archbishop Dermot Farrell’s Pastoral Letter for Pentecost.

<https://www.dublindiocese.ie/pastoral-letter-may-2026/>

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

If you or your family need assistance, our Parish Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul is here to help. Contact the East Region helpline: 01-8550022.

DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

From the **3rd to 8th September 2026**, led by Archbishop Farrell. The Pilgrimage is a fully escorted tour including: direct return flight from Dublin to Lourdes, airport transfers and assistance between Lourdes Airport and the hotels, five nights’ accommodation, meals, 20kg check-in luggage plus one small personal item in the cabin and full services of Joe Walsh Tours guides and representatives throughout. Further information from info@joewalstours.ie or phone 01 2410800.

Enquiries about travelling as a Sick/Assisted Pilgrim should be made to the Pilgrimage Office, 51 Home Farm Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9, D09 W5W4.

Deirdre Daly, Administrative Secretary
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PARISH UPKEEP ENVELOPES

Sincere thanks to our parishioners and friends who have generously supported our upkeep appeals as we prepare to celebrate 70 years of the Church of the Holy Child and 50 years of the Church of the Nativity of Our Lord next year. Your contributions help us to renew our churches for today and for the generations to come. Envelopes continue to be available in our churches and parish centres.

LAUDATO SI’ WEEK 2026

This past week the Church commemorated the late Pope Francis’s letter Laudato Si on Care for Our Common Home. The Parish Care for Creation team has been busy growing seeds for summer planting. Our homegrown plants will be available for sale outside the *Church of the Holy Child this Sunday 24th May after the 10.30 and 12.30 Masses*. All donations will help with the upkeep of the garden in our church grounds. Your support is always very much appreciated.

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group takes place on **Wednesday, 27th May, from 7:30 to 9:00pm in the Church of the Holy Child, Whitehall, Parish Centre**. The group provides a welcoming space to share your bereavement journey or to listen to others’ experiences. Our team is there to listen and offer support to all who attend.

WHITEHALL CHURCH SHOP

Why not drop into the Church Shop and see the new selection of books, cards, statues and other religious objects, items for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The Irish Catholic newspaper is also on sale. The shop is open daily after each Mass.

CARE FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

If you know somebody in the Parish who would like to receive a visit from a priest for Confession, Holy Communion and/or the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office.

Teen Hope
LEADER'S TRAINING

7 pm to 9 pm - Training offered in 3 locations
Attendance at the 3 Sessions Compulsary

<p>Whitehall Parish Centre D09 E2R2</p> <p>Tuesday May 19th May 26th June 2nd</p>	<p>Maynooth Parish Centre W23 EV2X</p> <p>Wednesday May 20th May 27th June 3rd</p>	<p>Arklow Parish Centre Y14 R822</p> <p>Thursday May 21st May 28th June 4th</p>
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REGISTER NOW natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

If any Parishioner would like to join the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Team, please contact the Parish Office for information on joining and training.

BEAUMONT PARISH LOTTO

Congratulations to Valerie Byrne who was our weekly winner of our lotto on the 14th May 2026.

Join Now
Scan the QR code or go to our website

<https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/beaumontparish>