



# HOLY CHILD NATIVITY PARISHES

**Beaumont | Larkhill | Whitehall | Santry**



## DID YOU KNOW?

In today's Gospel, Jesus names his twelve apostles but did you know that several of them share names? There are two men called James (one son of Zebedee, one son of Alphaeus), two called Simon (Peter and the Zealot), and even two called Judas in the wider tradition. The name "apostle" comes from the Greek *apostolos*, meaning "one who is sent" perfectly reflecting today's mission. Of the Twelve, tradition tells us that eleven died as martyrs for the faith they proclaimed. Their courage continues to inspire every generation of those sent to bring good news.

## Gathered by God

One sometimes hears believers who stay away from church saying they don't believe in "organised religion." Perhaps beneath this phrase lies a deeper longing for a faith that feels more real, personal, and safe. But one is left to wonder: what is the alternative, "disorganised religion"?

Today's readings affirm how God's providential plan of salvation has always included gathering the People of God into a community with a structure that will remain until the kingdom of God is achieved. Church teaching reveals that this gathering is actually God's direct reaction to the chaos provoked by sin. Sin scatters humanity, but God's response is a "convocation"—the literal meaning of the word Church.

In fact, early Christians boldly proclaimed that "the world was created for the sake of the Church." God's eternal intention is the salvation of souls, which is realised through this visible, structured community. As we hear in our first reading, God begins this work by convoking a chosen nation at Mount Sinai.

Far from a human invention, this structure is a profound gift and mystery. The Church is both a visible organisation and a spiritual community. She is a single, complex reality woven from human and divine elements. Just as Christ is both true God and true man, His Church is both an earthly, hierarchical society and His invisible, Mystical Body.

In the gospel, Jesus gives this family its physical structure by appointing the Apostles. He endows them with authority to communicate His truth and grace to all men. Through the sacraments, the organised Church acts as the functional instrument of communion between God and humanity. Fed by the Eucharist, we are sent out to bring God's ordered peace to a scattered world.

*Deacon Damian Murray*

**Reflection:** *Sin scatters, but God gathers. The Church is not our invention, it is His answer. Come. Belong. Be sent.*



## UNDERSTANDING THE MASS (Part 3)

### The Collect: "Let us pray"

**What the Priest Is Doing**  
After the Gloria, the priest says "Let us pray" and invites a moment of silence.

This brief pause is intentional, the congregation is meant to collect their personal intentions, bringing whatever they carry that day before God. The priest then gathers those silent prayers into one voice, speaking on behalf of the whole assembly. This is why it is called the Collect.

The prayer follows an ancient structure: addressing God, recalling something of his nature, making a petition, and closing through Christ. Every word is chosen carefully.

### How We Should Respond

Don't let the silence after "Let us pray" catch you off guard. Use it. In those few seconds, name something specific, a worry, a person, a need, and consciously offer it to God. The priest's words then become your words.

### Living This at Mass

Arrive at Mass with one intention already in your heart. When the silence comes, place it before God deliberately. The Collect is not the priest's prayer alone, it is yours. ✠

## KIDS' CORNER



**PICK UP YOUR SHEET  
IN THE CHURCH  
TODAY!**

## Beaumont Parish Office Vacancy

Lisa will soon be moving to pastures new, and we will have an opportunity in the coming weeks to celebrate her immeasurable contribution to the work of our Parish Office over the last eleven years.

Beaumont Parish now seeks to recruit a Parish Secretary. For information on the role and how to apply, visit [www.holychildnativity.ie](http://www.holychildnativity.ie). **Closing date 18th June.**

**WE ARE  
HIRING**

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

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 16<sup>th</sup> June**

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 17<sup>th</sup> June**

9.15am

Pilates (W)

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

11.30am - 12.30pm

Exercise Class (W)

7.30pm

Pilates (W)

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

9.30am - 11.30am

Whitehall Coffee Shop

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

11.45am - 12.45pm

COPD Exercise Class (W)

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Adoration (B)

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

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**

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."

St Teresa of Calcutta



**MASS INTENTIONS - 13<sup>th</sup> June to 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026**

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CHILD**

Sat 7pm

Geraldine Mullen Macken (RIP) / Elaine Mullery (BR)

Sun 10.30am

Inis O'Brien (MM) / Joe Lacey (10A)

Tommy Power (A & BR) also remembering his wife Betty

Sun 12.30pm

Jean McKiernan (1A) / Philip McKiernan (30A) / William Murphy (3A) Dan Breen (8A)

Mon 9.15am

Available for Intention

Tues 9.15am

Available for Intention

Wed 9.15am

Available for Intention

Thur 9.15am

Available for Intention

Fri 9.15am

Vincent Sarren (MM) / James & Cecilia & Christopher Stapleton (A)

Sat 7pm

Available for Intention

Sun 10.30am

Betty (Eilís) Donegan (10A)

Sun 12.30pm

Available for Intention

**CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

Sat 6pm

Available for Intention

Sun 10am

Donal Cahalane (29A) / Gerry & Terry Whelan (A) / Special Intention All the deceased members of the Whelan Family (Remem)

Sun 12 Noon

Brian Peel (A) / William & Josie Peel (A) / The Macken Family (Remem) Catherine McBride (3A) / Charlie Mongey (10A)

Mon 10am

Elaine Bannon (Special Intention)

Tues 10am

Available for Intention

Wed 10am

Edward (Ted) Keenan (5A)

Thur 10am

Bernie Fleming (3A)

Fri 10am

Available for Intention

Sat 10am

Available for Intention

Sat 6pm

Breda Carroll (3A) / Joan Kinsella (1A)

Sun 10am

Available for Intention

Sun 12 Noon

Joseph Clarke (20A) / Marie Hutton (A) / Joe Maher (A)

**CHAPEL OF BLESSED MARGARET BALL**

Sun 10am

Mary Josephine McGorman (MM) / Mary McGuirk (1A)

Wed 10am

Available for Intention

Sun 10am

Tom Stafford (8A)

A: Anniversary MM: Month's Mind. BR: Birthday Remembrance

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 7<sup>th</sup> June**

	W	B
First:	€1,925	€957.05
Share:	€1,125	€602.75
Envelope:	€759.40	€1,124.18
Upkeep:	€140	€304.15

Thank you to all who support our collections



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

John Grant RIP  
Frank McCausland RIP  
Dr Mark F Whitty RIP  
John Byrne RIP



**Baptisms**

Theodore Kinneen

Congratulations and welcome into our parishes.

"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings." - Isaiah 52:7



**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group takes place on Wed, *24th June, 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.

**CASA**

Caring and Sharing Association CASA Outdoor Collection will take place in *Church of the Holy Child next weekend 20th and 21st June 2026.* CASA is a voluntary group providing social events to people with disabilities.

**WHITEHALL CHURCH SHOP**

Call into the Church Shop and see the selection of Bibles, books, cards and religious objects, including olive wood items from Bethlehem. If you would like to buy Pope Leo's encyclical Magnifica Humanitas the shop will take your order and contact you when it comes in. The Irish Catholic newspaper is on sale. The shop is open weekdays and weekends after each Mass.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**



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.

**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.

**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED**

Barnardos Wizard of Words (WOW) require volunteers aged 55 and above for primary schools in Dublin 11 to assist children in DEIS schools who need a little extra help with their reading. For more information, please contact Michelle on 0867760528 or email Lisa on [lisa.tobin@barnardos.ie](mailto:lisa.tobin@barnardos.ie)

**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.

**LOW-GLUTEN HOST**

For Holy Communion at each Mass, the priest-celebrant will have a ciborium containing a special section with hosts suitable for communicants with a coeliac condition. There is no need to queue separately - please just indicate to the priest that you wish to receive a reduced-gluten host.

**BEAUMONT PARISH LOTTO**

**Congratulations to Kevin Cope who was our weekly winner of our lotto on the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026.**



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**Summer Dues**

**SUMMER DUES APPEAL 2026**

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CHURCH OF THE HOLY CHILD

**SUMMER FAIR**

WHITEHALL PARISH CENTRE

**SUNDAY JULY 12TH**

**11:30AM TILL 13:30PM**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE ANY NEW UNWANTED GIFTS WHICH WE CAN USE AS SPOT PRIZES FOR OUR SPIN THE WHEEL WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO RECEIVE THEM AT THE PARISH OFFICE RECEPTION, WEEKDAYS FROM 9AM-1PM

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS THE UPKEEP OF THE PARISH

## FIRST READING

Exodus 19:2-6

*I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation*

From Rephidim the sons of Israel set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 99(100):2-3,5

*R:* We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

## SECOND READING

Romans 5:6-11

*Now we have been reconciled by the death of his Son, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son*

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Matthew 9:36-10:8

*The harvest is rich but the labourers are few*

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then

he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

## 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.*

## 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: 08:45 - 12:00  
Sat: 18:30 - 20:00  
Sun: 10:00 - 13:30

### 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.

