



HOLY CHILD NATIVITY PARISHES

Beaumont | Larkhill | Whitehall | Santry



Prayers in Glass: New Artwork for Our Churches

The radiant Nativity image, designed and created in stained glass by parishioner Jackie Noonan, visually unites our three churches. It stands as a visual expression of the unity shared by Holy Child Nativity Parishes — the communities of The Holy Child (Larkhill / Whitehall / Santry) and The Nativity of Our Lord (Beaumont).



At its heart is the mystery of the Incarnation — Christ, the Holy Child, cradled in the embrace of Mary and Joseph. The flowing, interwoven lines and circular composition draw us into a moment of stillness, love, and divine presence. Each figure is formed from seven curved lines, a number evoking divine grace and completeness.

In Jackie's words: The colours carry meaning: blue, green, and white represent our two parish communities and our shared humanity; blue and white together reflect the mystery of Christ's divinity and humanity united; clear glass at the centre reflects his purity and inner light. The three golden halos denote sanctity, while the surrounding circle represents God's eternal love and the unity of our parishes — distinct, yet drawn together in shared faith. Mary leads us to her Son; Joseph stands as quiet guardian; Jesus is placed at the very centre — of the image, our lives, and our mission.

This is not merely decoration, but a prayer in glass — a reminder that the Word became flesh and dwells among us still.



Fr Robert & Jackie at the unveiling

On the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, 12 June 2026, a second stained glass work by Jackie Noonan was unveiled in the Church of the Holy Child, Whitehall. A circular panel set within a lightbox, it draws parishioners to the Sacred Heart Shrine. The Sacred Heart in deep red glass is surrounded by twelve thorns and twelve golden rays representing the Apostles. A flame and descending dove above the cross signify divine love and the Holy Spirit.

Like the Nativity image, it is designed not for decoration alone, but as an aid to prayer — inviting the faithful to contemplate the Passion of Christ and respond in love and service.



UNDERSTANDING THE MASS (Part 4)

The First Reading: "The Word of the Lord"

What the Reader Is Doing

The First Reading is proclaimed by a lay minister, a reminder that the whole People of God participate in the Liturgy of the Word. Almost always drawn from the Old Testament, it has been chosen to resonate thematically with the day's Gospel. The reader doesn't merely relay information, they proclaim. The words spoken are living and active, not historical archive.

How We Should Respond

When the reading ends and the reader says "The Word of the Lord," our response, "Thanks be to God", is not a polite formality. It is an act of faith, acknowledging that what we just heard was genuinely God speaking to us today.

Listen for one word or phrase that catches your attention. Don't analyse it, simply notice it. The Holy Spirit often works through exactly that instinct.

Living This at Mass

Before Mass, find the First Reading online and read it quietly at home. Arriving already familiar with the text transforms listening into a much richer encounter. ✠

Day For Life 2026 Today, Sunday 21 June, the Church across Ireland celebrates Day for Life on the theme The humanity of the unborn child, which invites us to reflect on the wonder of human life from the moment of conception. We remember how the Lord Jesus Christ Himself sanctified and experienced the beginning of life in the world as an unborn child, hidden in the womb of Mary. Mary knew that she was carrying the Son of God - God and man - as soon as He was conceived. John the Baptist leapt in his mother Elizabeth's womb when Mary greeted her. Our Lady treasured Our Lord in her heart and womb until His birth. To read the full bishops' message visit www.councilforlife.ie



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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday 22nd 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 23rd 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 24th June

9.15am

Pilates (W)

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

11.30am - 12.30pm

Exercise Class (W)

7.30pm

Pilates (W)

Thursday 25th 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 26th 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

"To have courage for whatever comes in life, everything lies in that."

St Teresa of Ávila



MASS INTENTIONS - 20th June to 28th June 2026

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CHILD

Sat 7pm

Bernadette & Paddy McEvoy (1A) / Peter, Brigid & Pat Gunshinan (A)
John & Julia Kelly & Family (A)

Sun 10.30am

Betty (Eilís) Donegan (10A) / Jean McGuigan (12A) / Maura Flynn (A)
Seamus & Mary Fogarty (A)

Sun 12.30pm

Noel, Teresa, Ray, Joan Byrne & Hans Berkhout (A)

Mon 9.15am

Available for Intention

Tues 9.15am

Fred & Doreen Begley (A)

Wed 9.15am

Available for Intention

Thur 9.15am

Available for Intention

Fri 9.15am

Available for Intention

Sat 7pm

Tomás & Mary Shiel (A)

Sun 10.30am

Available for Intention

Sun 12.30pm

Available for Intention

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Sat 6pm

Breda Carroll (3A) / Joan Kinsella (1A) / Bernie & John Fleming (A)
Teresa Doyle (A)

Sun 10am

Available for Intention

Sun 12 Noon

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

Mon 10am

Available for Intention

Tues 10am

Rita Denver (BR) / Jimmy McHugh (1A)

Wed 10am

Terry Doyle (3A) / Pat Heneghan (Recently Deceased)

Thur 10am

Available for Intention

Fri 10am

Ignatius O'Gorman (A) / Catherine Vickers (3A)

Sat 10am

Victor Spillane (A)

Sat 6pm

Caroline Regan (6A) / Miriam McBride (1A)

Sun 10am

James & Mary Byrne (96A) / Maura Higgins (A) / Bridget Bridie Boland (BR)

Sun 12 Noon

Rita Garvin (A) / Lily McGoldrick (A) / Annette Carney (MM & BR)

May Meehan (3A)

CHAPEL OF BLESSED MARGARET BALL

Sun 10am

Tom Stafford (8A)

Wed 10am

Available for Intention

Sun 10am

Available for Intention

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 14th June

	W	B
First:	€1,805	€1,124.55
Share:	€1,035	€744.15
Envelope:	€2,076.20	€973.65
Upkeep:	€255	€71

Thank you to all who support our collections



Baptisms

Krzysztof Celarek Maya Celarek
Frederick Coy Stevie Kate Carroll
Bláithín Ellen Kearins

Congratulations and welcome into our parishes.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." - Joshua 1:9



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 this 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.

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Dardistown Cemetery, Sunday 5th July at 3pm. All those buried in Dardistown will be remembered in the Church of the Holy Child at 12:30pm Mass on the day.

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.

ANNUAL NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE



CELEBRATING THE WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Sunday, 26th July 2026 · Knock Shrine
Commencing at 2.30pm with the Anointing of the Sick

A day of grace and blessing for the whole family as we honour grandparents and the elderly.

All are welcome. Visit our website for resources:
www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

Communion & Confirmation Programme Meeting

Parents, guardians and parishioners are invited to a meeting to share ideas and help shape the future of our Communion and Confirmation preparation programmes.

Saturday 27th June
 10.30am – 1.30pm
 Beaumont Parish Centre

- Our aim is to create a programme that is meaningful, inclusive and works for all families.
- Everyone is welcome to attend and give their input.
- There will also be an opportunity to join a Communion and Confirmation Committee, but there is no obligation to do so.
- Tea and coffee will be provided.

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

Jeremiah 20:10-13

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side!" Denounce him! Let us denounce him! All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!'

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 68(69):8-10,14,17,33-35

R: *In your great love, answer me, O Lord.*

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-15

The gift considerably outweighed the fall

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:26-33

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be

uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

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



PICK UP YOUR SHEET IN THE CHURCH TODAY!

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.

