



HOLY CHILD NATIVITY PARISHES

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Letting Go of the Warhorse

Pride, in the biblical sense, is an attitude of self-exaltation and self-sufficiency that exalts human desires above God's authority. It is viewed as the root of all sin because it leads individuals to take credit for God's blessings and reject their dependence on Him. Where pride demands dominance, today's scriptures present a quiet revolution, revealing that true strength is found in Christian humility.

The prophet Zechariah shatters worldly expectations of power. Instead of a proud ruler arriving on a majestic warhorse, Jerusalem's king comes humble and riding on a donkey. This image subverts human pride, proving that lasting peace is established through gentleness rather than force.

St. Paul addresses the internal battle against self-exaltation in his letter to the Romans. He reminds us that our true identity is found not in the flesh, but in the Spirit. Humility requires admitting our limitations. By putting to death worldly desires and trusting the Spirit of God dwelling within us, we replace prideful self-reliance with divine grace.

In the Gospel, Jesus reveals that spiritual truths are hidden from the proud and learned but revealed to "little ones". He extends a comfort-filled invitation to all who are weary from carrying the heavy burdens of ego and ambition. Christ says, "Learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart." His yoke offers real rest because it frees us from the exhausting demand of putting ourselves above God.

This week, let us ask ourselves where we are still riding the "warhorse" of our own ego. True rest begins the moment we dismount, swap our heavy self-reliance for Christ's gentle yoke, and allow the Holy Spirit to lead us in the quietways of peace.

Deacon Damian Murray

Reflection: *True rest begins when pride is set aside, and we trust Christ's gentle heart to lead us in humility and peace.*



UNDERSTANDING THE MASS (Part 5)

The Second Reading: "From the Letters of the Apostles"

What is Happening

The Second Reading is drawn almost exclusively from the New Testament letters, Paul, James, Peter, John. Unlike the First Reading and Gospel, it doesn't always share the same theme as the other readings. It follows its own separate cycle, moving steadily through entire letters over successive weeks.

Think of it as sitting down with the early Church. These letters were written to real communities; struggling, questioning, sometimes failing and yet the Holy Spirit breathed through them words that remain alive and searching today.

How We Should Respond

Because the Second Reading can feel disconnected from the Gospel, it's easy to hear it passively. Instead, receive it on its own terms. Ask simply: what is the apostle most urgent about here? Paul especially writes with intensity — there is nearly always something he is pressing his readers towards.

Living This at Mass

Note which letter is being read and find where it sits in your Bible. Reading even one chapter around the Sunday passage transforms a fragment into a conversation — and you begin to hear the apostle's full voice.

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.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL OUTDOOR COLLECTION



The monthly collection for St Vincent de Paul will take place this **weekend**, **4th and 5th of July.**

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday 6th July

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

8pm - 10pm

Charismatic Prayer Group (B)

Tuesday 7th July

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Adoration (B)

7pm - 8pm

Zumba (B)

Wednesday 8th July

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

11.30am - 12.30pm

Exercise Class (W)

Thursday 9th July

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 10th July

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

1pm - 5pm

Bridge (W)

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 always be close to Jesus,
that's my life plan."

St. Carlo Acutis



MASS INTENTIONS - 4th July to 12th July 2026

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CHILD

Sat 7pm

Sun 10.30am

Sun 12.30pm

Mon 9.15am

Tues 9.15am

Wed 9.15am

Thur 9.15am

Fri 9.15am

Sat 7pm

Sun 10.30am

Sun 12.30pm

Rita Maguire (A)

Adrienne Downey (6A)

Marion Fossett (MM) / John Grant (MM) / Frank McCausland (MM) /
Kathleen Evans (7A) / Jim O'Conner (20A) / Christina & Tom Traynor (A)
Philomena O'Keeffe (7A)

Máiréad Dowdall (8A) also remembering her husband Alan

Available for Intention

Available for Intention

Available for Intention

Pertolino Martins RIP

Christopher Murray (1A) / James Eastwood (10A)

William & Elizabeth Colley and Family (A's)

Joe Madden (1A)

Patrick McCormack (20A) / Josie O'Neill & Peggy Burke (A)

Kitty & Mary Costello & Margaret Rankin (A's)

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Sat 6pm

Sun 10am

Sun 12 Noon

Mon 10am

Tues 10am

Wed 10am

Thur 10am

Fri 10am

Sat 10am

Sat 6pm

Sun 10am

Sun 12 Noon

Available for Intention

Kathleen & Patrick Gilheaney (A) / Tom Craffey (A)

Agnes Kiernan (A)

Available for Intention

Available for Intention

Available for Intention

John Good (A)

Patrick & Mary O'Donovan (A)

Available for Intention

Available for Intention

Kathleen Byrne (22A)

Patricia Higgins (1A) / Rose Ball (4A) / Margaret Kiernan (A)

CHAPEL OF BLESSED MARGARET BALL

Sun 10am

Sun 10am

Available for Intention

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 28th June

W

B

First:	€1,740	€1,124.90
Peter's P:	€1,695	€951.40
Envelope:	€1,000.40	€693.85
Upkeep:	€1600	€1,322.90

Thank you to all who
support our collections



Baptisms

Killian Martin Murphy Moore
Brooke Victoria Scarff
Harper Annie Bonney McCormick
Oliver Leslie Redmond
Aleksandra Graziella Martinello
Tomas Martinello
Cara Jane Faherty
Isla Marian Mockler-Redmond

Congratulations and welcome into our parishes.

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

Derek Rossiter RIP
Elizabeth (Lily) Ronan RIP



CONTACT INFORMATION

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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.

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group takes place on Wed, 8th and 22nd July, 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

Call in and browse our new selection of books by various authors, including Richard Rohr, Bishop Robert Barron and Fr. Brian Grogan. We now have Pope Leo's encyclical Magnifica Humanitas in stock. We have a wide selection of cards and religious objects including olive wood items from Bethlehem. The Irish Catholic newspaper is on sale. Shop open weekdays and weekends after each Mass.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The monthly outdoor collection will take place this weekend, 5th & 6th July. 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.

SUMMER SCHEDULE - NO BLESSED MARGARET BALL MASS ON WEDNESDAY

There will be no Wednesday Mass in The Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball during the summer months.

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 more information:

www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

BEAUMONT PARISH LOTTO

Congratulations to Susan O'Neill who was our weekly winner of our lotto on the 25th June 2026.



Join Now

Scan the QR code or go to our website



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



SUMMER FESTIVAL

NEWBRIDGE COLLEGE, KILDARE
13TH - 16TH AUGUST 2026

AGES 16-35

DONATION ONLY

FREE BUSES

REGISTER NOW



"I WILL TRUST AND WILL NOT BE AFRAID, FOR THE LORD GOD IS MY STRENGTH AND MY SONG" - ISAIAH 12:2

COME AND SEE!

WWW.YOUTH2000.IE

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CHILD

SUMMER FAIR

WHITEHALL PARISH CENTRE

**SUNDAY
JULY 12TH**

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

ALL WELCOME

COME JOIN US AT OUR SUMMER FAIR AND CELEBRATE THE SEASON TOGETHER

COFFEE SHOP, BAKE SALE
BOOK STAND, SPIN THE WHEEL AND MUCH MORE

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO
TOWARDS THE UPKEEP OF THE
PARISH

FIRST READING

Zechariah 9:9-10

See now, your king comes humbly to you

The Lord says this:
Rejoice heart and soul,
daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness,
daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king
comes to you;
he is victorious,
he is triumphant,
humble and riding
on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal
of a donkey.
He will banish chariots
from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war
will be banished.
He will proclaim peace
for the nations.
His empire shall stretch
from sea to sea,
from the River to the
ends of the earth.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 144(145):1-2,8-11,13b-14

*R: I will bless your name
for ever, O God my King.*

SECOND READING

Romans 8:9,11-13

*If by the Spirit you put an
end to the misdeeds of the
body, you will live*

Your interests are not in the
unspiritual, but in the
spiritual, since the Spirit of
God has made his home in
you. In fact, unless you

possessed the Spirit of Christ
you would not belong to
him, and if the Spirit of him
who raised Jesus from the
dead is living in you, then he
who raised Jesus from the
dead will give life to your
own mortal bodies through
his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there
is no necessity for us to obey
our unspiritual selves or to
live unspiritual lives. If you
do live in that way, you are
doomed to die; but if by the
Spirit you put an end to the
misdeeds of the body you
will live.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries
of the kingdom
to mere children.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30

*You have hidden these
things from the wise and
revealed them to little
children*

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless
you, Father, Lord of heaven
and of earth, for hiding these
things from the learned and
the clever and revealing
them to mere children. Yes,
Father, for that is what it
pleased you to do.
Everything has been
entrusted to me by my
Father; and no one knows

the Son except the Father,
just as no one knows the
Father except the Son and
those to whom the Son
chooses to reveal him.
'Come to me, all you who
labour and are
overburdened, and I will
give you rest. Shoulder my
yoke and learn from me, for
I am gentle and humble in
heart, and you will find rest
for your souls. Yes, my
yoke is easy and my burden
light.'

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.**



*"Truly I tell you, anyone
who will not receive the
kingdom of God like a
little child will never
enter it."
Luke 18:17*

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: No Mass
during summer months
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.

