



HOLY CHILD NATIVITY PARISHES

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SUMMER FAIR

Whitehall
Parish
Centre

**Today
12th July**

11:30am
till
1:30pm

Coffee Shop
Bake Sale
Book Stand
Spin the Wheel
and much more!

Come join us at
our Summer Fair
and celebrate the
season together!

**ALL
WELCOME**



Cultivating the Rich Soil

The Sunday readings invite us into a profound mystery: Jesus Christ is the living Word of the Father. When the prophet Isaiah declares that God's word descends like rain to water the earth, accomplishing its purpose, we see a beautiful prophecy of the Incarnation. Jesus is that divine Word sent from heaven, deeply nourishing the dry soil of our human existence.

In the Gospel parable of the sower, Jesus is both sower and seed. He scatters His life, truth, and grace across our hearts. To truly hear the Word is not just to listen to scripture text, but to encounter a living Person. When we become "rich soil," we actively welcome Jesus to take root within us, transforming our thoughts and actions from the inside out.

St. Paul reminds us in the Epistle to the Romans that setting our minds on the Spirit brings life and peace. This spiritual life flows directly from our connection to Christ. In a world full of competing voices and exhausting demands, Jesus stands as the gentle Word of truth cutting through the noise. He invites us, as we heard last Sunday, to lay down our heavy burdens and find rest in Him.

Ultimately, faith is not a solo effort of self-improvement, but a relationship. By opening our hearts to Jesus—the Word made flesh—we allow His divine life to grow within us, becoming a living harvest of His peace and love. To guide us, Mary is given to us as the ultimate model of this "good soil." She completely received the Father's Word, allowing Him to take human flesh. Let us ask for Mary's help to nurture this divine seed within our own hearts and to share its fruits with the world around us.



Deacon Damian Murray

Reflection: *God's word never returns void. Whatever soil we bring today, patient trust lets grace quietly take root and grow.*

UNDERSTANDING THE MASS (Part 6)

The Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia"

What is Happening

Something shifts before the Gospel. The congregation rises, and a single word rings out — Alleluia — a Hebrew exclamation meaning simply "Praise God." It is one of the oldest words in Christian worship, carried unchanged across two millennia. The Alleluia is not an introduction. It is a procession of the heart — preparing us to receive Christ himself, who is uniquely present in the Gospel proclamation in a way distinct from the other readings.

During Lent, the Alleluia is silenced and replaced with an alternative acclamation. This absence is itself instructive — we don't realise how much joy a single word carries until it is taken away.

How We Should Respond

Stand attentively. The short verse sung between the Alleluias is drawn from Scripture and points directly to the Gospel about to be proclaimed. Listen to it — it is a gift, a one-line lens through which to hear what follows.

Living This at Mass

When you sing the Alleluia this Sunday, mean it as welcome. Christ is about to speak. Let the word be less a musical cue and more a genuine greeting. ✠

Lough Derg Pilgrimage

One Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg, Saturday **22nd August 2026**. Bus from Whitehall Church at 6.30am. Cost is 85.00 includes fare, day on the island, morning tea & coffee and a light lunch. A pilgrimage removes us from our daily routine and gives us time to encounter God more deeply. For more information, *please contact Marie McAllister on 086 3990998.*



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday 13th July

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

2.30pm - 4.30pm

Whitehall Active

Retirement Group (W)

8pm - 10pm

Charismatic Prayer Group (B)

Tuesday 14th July

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Adoration (B)

7pm - 8pm

Zumba (B)

Wednesday 15th July

9.15am

Pilates (W)

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

11.30am - 12.30pm

Exercise Class (W)

7.30pm

Pilates (W)

Thursday 16th 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 17th 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

"Sacred Scripture is the word of God given to us. And if we do not hear it, we cannot know the heart of God."

Pope Benedict XVI



MASS INTENTIONS - 11th July to 19th July 2026

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CHILD

Sat 7pm

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

William & Elizabeth Colley and Family (A's)

Joe Madden (1A)

Sun 10.30am

Sun 12.30pm

Ann McEnerney (MM) / Christina (Chrissy) Dean (1A) / Margaret Morris (5A)

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

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

Maureen, Delia & Margaret Mulrooney (A)

Mon 9.15am

Tues 9.15am

Wed 9.15am

Thur 9.15am

Fri 9.15am

Sat 7pm

Mary D'Arcy (1A) / Joe Herron (5A) / Thomas Derwin (A)

Sun 10.30am

Available for Intention

Sun 12.30pm

Eileen Quinn (1A) / Oliver McEnerney (2A) / Treasa Gray (2A)

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Sat 6pm

Available for Intention

Sun 10am

Kathleen Byrne (22A)

Sun 12 Noon

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

Mon 10am

Available for Intention

Tues 10am

Jim Fallon (6A) / Kathleen Fallon (A)

Wed 10am

Available for Intention

Thur 10am

Jack O'Gorman (A)

Fri 10am

Agnes Quinn (A)

Sat 10am

Available for Intention

Sat 6pm

Jackie Dalton (5A) / Kathleen Dalton (A) / Michael O'Carroll (A)

Shay Dawson (1A) / Carmel Sheridan (2A) / Oliver McCaughley (A)

Ann McCaughley (A) / Charles McCaughley (A)

John and Eileen Sweeney (A) / Mark Monson (A)

Sun 10am

Sun 12 Noon

Peter Mooney (10A)

CHAPEL OF BLESSED MARGARET BALL

Sun 10am

Tim Barry (2A)

Sun 10am

Gerald Donlon (25A)

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 5th July

	W	B
First:	€1,835	€1,100.30
Share:	€975	€718.20
Envelope:	€802.39	€654.85
Upkeep:	€65	€298

Thank you to all who support our collections



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

Lisa Donohoe RIP

Anna Walsh RIP

"Those who sow in tears will reap with cries of joy."

Psalms 126:5



CONTACT INFORMATION

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ABIDE IN HIS LOVE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran,
20-22 November 2026

Join women from across Ireland for a faith-filled weekend with inspiring speakers including Sarah Swafford, Danielle Noonan, Fr Mark Wharton, Fr Barry Braum, Fr Oisín Martin, the Dominican Sisters of Nashville, Bishop Fintan Gavin, and more.

A conference not to be missed!

Register now: <https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com/>

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group takes place on Wed, 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

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 Grace Higgins who was our weekly winner of our lotto on the 2nd July 2026.



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

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SUMMER FESTIVAL

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13TH - 16TH AUGUST 2026

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"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

Pathways INTO PASTORAL MINISTRY

This course is aimed at adults of all ages looking to explore and grow their faith through inputs, small group sharing and retreats.

Especially useful for members of PPCs and those in parish ministry

WHEN?

Thursday evenings
from 7.15pm to 9.15pm
24th September 2026
to 13th May 2027

WHERE?

DCU St Patrick's Campus
Mater Dei Centre
for Catholic Education
Drumcondra Road Upper, Dublin 9

COURSE CONTENT

MODULE 1: WELCOME

- Journey of Faith
- Images of God
- Images of Jesus
- Missionary Discipleship
- Being a Synodal Church

MODULE 2: WITNESS

- Call of Baptism
- Role of Laity
- Justice & Peace
- Outreach to Young People

MODULE 3: WORSHIP

- What is Liturgy?
- Godly Play
- Shape of the Mass
- Prayer of the Church
- Leading Prayer & Liturgies

MODULE 4: SACRAMENTS

- Of Initiation
- Of Healing & Commitment
- RCIA
- Sacramental Preparation
- Accompanying Families

MODULE 5: MINISTRY

- Creation/Laudato Si'
- Servant Leadership
- Ministry of Catechist
- Journeying with adults

PLUS 3 RETREAT EXPERIENCES

Cost
€300

Scan the
QR code
to Register online



For more information please visit
www.dublindiocese.ie/missionministry/adult-faith-pastoral-councils/pathways/
or contact peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-11

*The word that goes out
from my mouth does not
return to me empty*

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 64(65):10-14

R: *Some seed fell into
rich soil and produced
its crop.*

SECOND READING

Romans 8:18-23

*The whole creation is
eagerly waiting for God
to reveal his sons*

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God.

From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-23

A sower went out to sow

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied, 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who

hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. **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: 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.

