



HOLY CHILD NATIVITY PARISHES

Beaumont | Larkhill | Whitehall | Santry



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.

Lost Property

Please browse the contents of the lost property box in Beaumont Church for any belongings that you may have left behind. The remaining items will be donated to charity at the end of July.



The Gentle Wisdom of Jesus' Parables

Over these three consecutive Sundays, the Gospel invites us into a school of listening. Each week, Jesus teaches through parables —stories that ask us not only to hear, but to open our hearts. Last Sunday the disciples asked Him, “Why do you speak to them in parables?” This Sunday, He offers three vivid images: the weeds and the wheat, the mustard seed, and the yeast. Saint Matthew even notes a striking detail about Christ’s ministry: “He would never speak to them except in parables”.



Why would Jesus choose a method that seems to conceal the Kingdom from some? Pope Benedict XVI offers a profound insight in Jesus of Nazareth: parables are an act of divine mercy that safeguard human freedom. Jesus does not use parables to exclude. Rather, they act as a spiritual filter. For the proud or closed-hearted, the story remains just a tale about farming or baking, preventing shallow or premature belief. But for the humble seeker, the parable awakens holy curiosity. As St. John Chrysostom observed, Jesus uses ordinary images to “provoke them to inquiry”—to draw sincere hearts forward, inviting them to ask, seek, and enter deeper relationship with Him.

This theme resonates beautifully with our first reading from Wisdom. The sacred author reminds us that because God is the master of all might, He judges with extraordinary gentleness, patience, and kindness, giving His sons “the good hope” of granted repentance. Jesus mirrors this divine patience. He does not force His truth upon us; He invites us gently through story, allowing grace to unfold freely. As we hear this Sunday's readings, may we ask for the heart of a true disciple—one that listens with trust, welcomes God’s quiet work within us, and longs to bear fruit in the ordinary soil of daily life.

Deacon Damian Murray

Reflection: “God speaks gently to us through parables, patient with our hearts, inviting us to seek, wonder, and grow in faith.”

UNDERSTANDING THE MASS (Part 7)

The Gospel: "The Lord Be With You"

What the Priest Is Doing

The Gospel is the summit of the Liturgy of the Word. Only a priest or deacon may proclaim it — a sign of its singular weight. Before reading, he bows before the altar and prays quietly that God would cleanse his heart and lips, as Isaiah's lips were purified by the seraph's coal. He is about to speak the words of Christ. The small cross traced with the thumb on forehead, lips and heart — which we mirror — is a prayer in gesture: may I understand this word, speak it, and love it.

How We Should Respond

When the priest announces the Gospel, we respond "Glory to you, O Lord" — acknowledging that Christ himself is present and speaking. This is not metaphor. The Church teaches that when the Gospel is proclaimed at Mass, Christ speaks to his people directly and personally. Listen not just for information but for the moment something lands — a phrase that arrests you, a detail you hadn't noticed before.

Living This at Mass

After Mass, try to recall the Gospel from memory. Even a single image or sentence retained is the Word taking root. ✠

Thankyou

The Summer Fair took place last Sunday in The Parish Centre and was a great success thanks to our generous parishioners who donated prizes, cakes, plants etc. We would also like to thank local businesses, **The Middle Child, Flower Child, Barry's Pick of The Crop, Supervalu, Haven Pharmacy, Tesco Omni, Karizma Hair Design, Centra, Adrian Dunne Pharmacy, Shay's Costcutter and O'Sullivan's Life Pharmacy** for the very generous donations. Also, a big thank you to all who volunteered their time on the day. Thank you for your help, kindness and wonderful community spirit. We are delighted to say we raised €1,766 and these funds will go towards the upkeep of the Parish. ❤️

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday 20th July

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

8pm - 10pm

Charismatic Prayer Group (B)

Tuesday 21st July

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Adoration (B)

7pm - 8pm

Zumba (B)

Wednesday 22nd July

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

11.30am - 12.30pm

Exercise Class (W)

Thursday 23rd 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 24th 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

"We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us."

Pope St. John Paul II



MASS INTENTIONS - 18th July to 26th July 2026

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CHILD

Sat 7pm

Mary D'Arcy (1A) / Joe Herron (5A) / Sally O'Neill (9A)

Thomas Derwin (A) / Christina & Frederick Neary (A's)

Available for Intention

Sun 10.30am

Sun 12.30pm

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

Carol O'Reilly (5A)

Available for Intention

Mon 9.15am

Tues 9.15am

Wed 9.15am

Thur 9.15am

Fri 9.15am

Available for Intention

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Ciarán Nolan (BR)

Available for Intention

Sat 7pm

Tony Brown (MM) / Lyn Mullery (1A)

Sun 10.30am

Kitty Murphy (10A) / Andrew Cordial (A)

Sun 12.30pm

Eddie Cummins also remembering his sister Anne and Yvonne O'Brien (A's)

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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 Byrne (MM)

Richard Brennan (10A)

Sun 10am

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

Sun 12 Noon

Peter Mooney (10A)

Mon 10am

Tom Rogers (A)

Tues 10am

Mabel McDermot (A)

Wed 10am

Available for Intention

Thur 10am

Lily and Michael O'Brien (A)

Fri 10am

Available for Intention

Sat 10am

Available for Intention

Sat 6pm

Available for Intention

Sun 10am

Jerry O'Neill (A) / Kathleen & Sean Kenny, The Kenny and Boyle Families (R)

Tom and Margaret Chambers (A) / Brian Kennedy (7A)

Sun 12 Noon

Derek Rossiter (MM) / Denis McKenna (4A)

CHAPEL OF BLESSED MARGARET BALL

Sun 10am

Gerald Donlon (25A)

Sun 10am

Denis Curry (RD) / Roisin O'Riordan (RD)

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

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 12th July

	W	B
First:	€1,842	€1,046.55
Share:	€1,175	€713.80
Envelope:	€948.50	€968.75
Upkeep:	€60	€10

Thank you to all who support our collections



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

Richard Flanagan RIP
Margaret Dadabhay RIP



Baptisms

Croia Ellie Moran-Hutchinson
Marcelo Romero Quiroz
Congratulations and welcome into our parishes.

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." -Philippians 4:6



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 Noreen O'Prey who was our weekly winner of our lotto on the 9th July 2026.



Join Now

Scan the QR code
or go to our website



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



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

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

Wisdom 12:13,16-19

*You will grant
repentance after sin*

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.

You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 85(86):5-6,9-10,
15-16**

*R: O Lord, you are
good and forgiving.*

SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-27

*The Spirit himself
expresses our plea in a
way that could never be
put into words*

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-43

*Let them both grow
till the harvest*

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it

out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one;

the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

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.

