



HOLY CHILD NATIVITY PARISHES

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Changing Gears – Free Course for 50+

Age & Opportunity, in collaboration with Dublin City Council, is running Changing Gears at Whitehall Parish Centre this autumn. This free 5-week course helps those aged 50+ navigate life transitions such as retirement, bereavement, job loss, ill health, caring roles or relationship change, building resilience and confidence for the next stage of life.

Dates: Mondays 7, 14, 21, 27 Sept & 5 October 2026
Time: 9.30am–12pm (refreshments provided)
Venue: Whitehall Parish Centre, Whitehall, Dublin 9
Booking: Fiona, engage@ageandoppportunity.ie / 01 9133922

See Community Notice Board for full details

Seeking the Kingdom

This Sunday's readings invite us to reflect on what we truly value and pursue in life. In the First Reading from 1 Kings, young King Solomon encounters God in a dream and is offered anything he desires. Instead of riches, long life, or victory over enemies, he humbly asks for "a heart to understand" to discern between good and evil and govern God's people wisely. God is pleased and grants him unparalleled wisdom—along with blessings he did not request.



The Responsorial Psalm echoes this love for God's law: "Lord, how I love your law!... The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold." True wisdom begins with reverence for God's word, which illuminates even the simple and draws our hearts closer to Him.

St. Paul, in the Second Reading from Romans, reassures us that "by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose." We are part of a divine plan: known by God, called, justified, and destined to be conformed to the image of His Son. Our lives, with all their twists, serve a greater purpose when rooted in love for Him.

In the Gospel from Matthew 13, Jesus paints vivid pictures of the Kingdom of heaven. It is like a hidden treasure in a field or a pearl of great price: upon discovering it, a person joyfully sells everything to possess it. The Kingdom is also like a net that gathers all kinds—yet at the end, the good are kept and the worthless discarded. These parables challenge us: Are we willing to reorder our priorities, letting go of lesser things for the surpassing worth of life with Christ?

As we gather for Mass, let us pray for Solomon's wisdom, trust in God's providence, and the courage to embrace the Kingdom above all else. May our parish community reflect this treasure in generous service, faithful prayer, and joyful witness.

Deacon Damian Murray

Reflection: Like Solomon, seek wisdom above riches; like the merchant, joyfully surrender all lesser things for Christ's Kingdom.

UNDERSTANDING THE MASS (Part 8)

The Homily: "Breaking Open the Word"

What the Priest Is Doing

The homily is not a speech, a lecture, or a personal reflection. It is an act of the liturgy — the Church's official unpacking of the Scripture just proclaimed. The priest's task is to build a bridge between the ancient Word and the living congregation before him, helping ordinary people hear what God is saying to them today, in their actual lives. A good homily costs the priest something. Preparation, prayer, honest self-examination. When it works, it is because the preacher has first allowed the Word to break him open before breaking it open for others.

How We Should Respond

Resist the temptation to evaluate the homily as a performance. Instead, listen receptively — asking not "is he a good preacher?" but "what is God saying to me through these words?" Even an imperfect homily can carry a genuine word if we are genuinely listening.

Living This at Mass

Carry one sentence from the homily into your week. Write it down if necessary. A single idea, genuinely lived, is worth more than a brilliantly delivered homily forgotten by Sunday afternoon. ✠

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 27th July

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

8pm - 10pm

Charismatic Prayer Group (B)

Tuesday 28th July

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Adoration (B)

7pm - 8pm

Zumba (B)

Wednesday 29th July

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

11.30am - 12.30pm

Exercise Class (W)

Thursday 30th 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 31st 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

"God has created me to do him some definite service; he has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another."

St. John Henry Newman



MASS INTENTIONS - 25th July to 2nd August 2026

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CHILD

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)

Mon 9.15am

Kathleen Lattin (16A)

Tues 9.15am

Denis Ryan (A)

Wed 9.15am

Available for Intention

Thur 9.15am

Available for Intention

Fri 9.15am

Available for Intention

Sat 7pm

Sam Bolton (1A) / Michael O'Prey (4A)

Sun 10.30am

John Dolan (A)

Sun 12.30pm

Anthony & Elizabeth Flynn (A's)

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Sat 6pm

Special Intention

Sun 10am

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

Tom and Margaret Chambers (A) / Brian Kennedy (7A) / Thomas Costello (2A)

Sun 12 Noon

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

Mon 10am

Maria O'Neill and Tommy Fox (A) / Sarah & John Fox (BR)

Tues 10am

Breda Mulhern (12A)

Wed 10am

Available for Intention

Thur 10am

Mary and Patrick McGrath (A)

Fri 10am

Available for Intention

Sat 10am

Available for Intention

Sat 6pm

Available for Intention

Sun 10am

Frances Connie Power (1A)

Sun 12 Noon

Available for Intention

CHAPEL OF BLESSED MARGARET BALL

Sun 10am

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

Sun 10am

Ger Maloney (1A) also remembering her dad Gerry

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 19th July

W

B

First:	€1,856	€1,137.55
Share:	€1,080	€742.60
Envelope:	€1,115.20	€1,005.90
Upkeep:	€90	€95

Thank you to all who support our collections



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

Kathleen Kearns RIP
John Meehan RIP



Baptisms

Rohan Ferreira
Sharma

Charlie Doyle

Congratulations and welcome into our parishes.



"The peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

-Philippians 4:7



CONTACT INFORMATION

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COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

We would like to remind parishioners that we have a community board in the Parish Centre and that suitable notices are very welcome. Please drop by the office if you would like to place something on the notice board.

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.

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group takes place on Wed, 26th August, 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.

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.

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/>

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Collection next weekend - CHC Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd August. 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.

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.

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.

BEAUMONT PARISH LOTTO

Congratulations to Marie McCann who was our weekly winner of our lotto on the 16th 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

1 Kings 3:5,7-12

Solomon chooses the gift of wisdom

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 118(119):57,72,76-77,127-130

R: *Lord, how I love your law!*

SECOND READING

Romans 8:28-30

Those he called, he justified

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44-52

He sells everything he owns and buys the field

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when

he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' 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: 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.

