



HOLY CHILD NATIVITY PARISHES

Beaumont | Larkhill | Whitehall | Santry



Mercy Beyond Boundaries

The rich theological tradition of the Church reminds us that faith is not a rigid list of rules or an exclusive club. Instead, this Sunday's readings weave together a single, beautiful reality: true faith is a living relationship with God that demands daily conversion and the widening of our hearts.

We see this unfold in stages across today's readings. In the First Reading from the prophet Isaiah, the Lord shatters any narrow view of grace. He speaks to people whose hearts must expand to welcome "Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name". It is a call to a deep conversion of perspective—realising that God's covenant is dynamic, alive, and meant to draw all nations, declaring, "my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples".

The Responsorial Psalm reinforces this global invitation. It acts as a communal prayer for conversion, crying out, "let all the peoples praise you" so that "all nations learn your saving help".

St Paul echoes this profound mystery in the Second Reading. He wrestles with the unexpected ways God works, comforting us with the truth that "God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice". Paul teaches that God acts precisely so that He can expand the circle of His grace, intending "only to show mercy to all mankind". This reminds us that faith requires trusting God's mysterious plans, even when they surprise us.

Finally, the Canaanite woman in the Gospel embeds this active, relational faith. She does not debate abstract theories; she simply calls out His name, hooks her heart to His mercy, and moves past barriers of culture and initial silence. Even when challenged, her radical humility shines through as she points out that "even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table".

Together, the readings challenge us to step away from a safe, self-centred faith. We are invited into a dynamic relationship with a God whose mercy is constantly breaking boundaries, transforming our lives, and calling us to daily conversion.

Deacon Damian Murray

Reflection: *God's mercy knows no boundaries—it reaches every nation and heart. Like the Canaanite woman, let humble, persistent faith break down our walls.*

Did You Know?

Ireland is one of relatively few countries where the Assumption remains a holy day of obligation regardless of which day it falls on. The feast traces back to the "Dormition of Mary," commemorated by Eastern Christians since at least the 5th century. In art, Mary is often depicted rising amid roses or lilies — flowers traditionally found in her empty tomb by the apostles, according to ancient tradition, in place of her body.



UNDERSTANDING THE MASS (Part 10)

The Offertory: "Blessed are you, Lord God of all Creation"

What the Priest is Doing

The Liturgy of the Word is complete. Now the altar is prepared, gifts are brought forward, and the Mass moves into its second great movement — the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The priest receives bread and wine, lifts each slightly, and offers quiet prayers of blessing drawn from ancient Jewish table prayers.

These are humble gifts, bread and wine, fruit of the earth, work of human hands. But that ordinariness is precisely the point. God does not ask for the extraordinary. He takes what we bring and transforms it entirely.

How We Should Respond

The collection taken up at this moment is not an interruption, it belongs here. Money represents our labour, our time, our life. Placing it in the basket is a small but genuine act of offering ourselves alongside the bread and wine.

As the gifts are brought forward, make an interior offering of your own. Whatever you are carrying this week — work, worry, joy, grief — place it consciously on that altar alongside the bread and wine.

Living This at Mass

The Offertory is easily overlooked as a moment of transition. Reclaim it. When the priest lifts the bread, lift something of yourself with it. ✠

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday 17th Aug
9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

8pm - 10pm

Charismatic Prayer Group (B)

Tuesday 18th Aug

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Adoration (B)

7pm - 8pm

Zumba (B)

Wednesday 19th Aug

9.15am

Pilates (W)

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

7.30pm

Pilates (W)

Thursday 20th Aug

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 21st Aug

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

"Prayer is nothing else but an
intimate friendship, a frequent
heart-to-heart conversation with
him by whom we know ourselves
to be loved."

St. Teresa of Ávila



MASS INTENTIONS - 15th Aug to 23rd Aug 2026

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CHILD

Sat 7pm

Bridget Foye (6A) also remembering her late husband Michael Foye (A)
Dermot O'Hanlon (A & BR)

Sun 10.30am

Grace Connolly (MM) / Kathleen Kearns (MM)

Sun 12.30pm

Tony Gray (9A) / Mary Campbell (A) / Liam Maher (A)
Gary Emmett (BR)

Mon 9.15am

Available for Intention

Tues 9.15am

William Meade (14A) / Kathleen & William Bedford (A)

Wed 9.15am

Available for Intention

Thur 9.15am

Dolores Corcoran (1A) / Joseph, Annie & John McDonagh (A's)

Fri 9.15am

Available for Intention

Sat 7pm

Hannah Lynch (1A) also remembering her husband Brendan Lynch (8A)
John V Bourke (4A) / Caroline Timlin (5A)

Sun 10.30am

Rachel Partridge (7A)

Sun 12.30pm

Mai McCarthy (6A)

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Sat 6pm

Betty Kelly (1A) / Connie Doyle (A)

Sun 10am

Mary (Molly) Dolan (10A) / James Mullarkey (A)

Mary & Joseph Kelly (A's) / Deirdre Kelly (RD)

Sun 12 Noon

Maisie Perrie & Molly Fields (A) / Laurence Dodd (9A) / Deirdre Burke (40A)
Kit Bourke (10A) / Austin Bourke (3A) / Síle Hoban (A) / Paddy & Sadie Kelly (A)

Mon 10am

Available for Intention

Tues 10am

Available for Intention

Wed 10am

Caroline Regan (BR)

Thur 10am

Available for Intention

Fri 10am

Available for Intention

Sat 10am

Available for Intention

Sat 6pm

Available for Intention

Sun 10am

Bobbie & Una Laird (A)

Sun 12 Noon

Available for Intention

CHAPEL OF BLESSED MARGARET BALL

Sat 10am

Conor McGowan (RD)

Sun 10am

Available for Intention

Sun 10am

Sean Fitzpatrick (20A) / Tony Finn (A)

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 9th Aug

	W	B
First:	€1,791	€1,093.90
Share:	€1,035	€763.65
Envelope:	€951.80	€909
Upkeep:	€75	€10

Thank you to all who
support our collections



Baptisms

Bretlin Philip Matovu
Cara June Murray
Bobby Lynch

Ellie Byrne
Adaline Murphy
Cal Burton

Rayne-Ériu Fox Hand
Caoimhín Bernard Horan O'Brien

Congratulations and welcome into our parishes.

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

Catherine Devitt RIP

Gary Byrne RIP



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.

DONNYCARNEY / BEAUMONT LOCAL CARE CENTRE MEALS ON WHEELS

Currently seeking volunteer drivers to help deliver meals for this valuable service in the local area. If you have some time to spare and would like to help out your local community, your support would be greatly appreciated. Please contact **Ann on 01-8319783** if you are interested in volunteering.

PRAYER APP

Deacon Gerry Malone has developed a free Prayer App to provide support in our daily prayer life. The App contains various types of Prayer for different times of the day including; the Liturgy of Hours, Daily Mass Readings, The Rosary, Praying with Pope Leo for his monthly intentions and much more. This is completely free and is available through www.thesower.net.

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.

WHITEHALL CHURCH SHOP

Call in and browse our selection of books by various authors, including Richard Rohr, Bishop Robert Barron and Fr. Brian Grogan. We stock 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.

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.

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.

BEAUMONT PARISH LOTTO

Congratulations to Noreen O'Prey who was our weekly winner of our lotto on the 6th August 2026.



Join Now

Scan the QR code or go to our website



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

CAPUCHIN DAY CENTRE SUMMER FAIR

A Summer Fair will be held on **Saturday 29th August 2026** in 58 Shanliss Way, Santry, D09P6AO **from 11am-2pm**

Stalls will include Cakes, Books, Toys, Jewellery and much more.

All Welcome!

With homelessness being at the highest level ever we are currently providing over 300 breakfasts and 700 dinners six days a week, free of charge to the homeless in our society.

We would greatly appreciate your support on the day

LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE

ONE DAY PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG

SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST 2026

Bus from Whitehall Church at 6.30am.

Cost €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**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1,6-7

I will bring foreigners to my holy mountain

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 66(67):2-3,5-6,8

R/ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. *R/*

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. *R/*

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. *R/*

SECOND READING

Romans 11:13-15,29-32

With Israel, God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

The Canaanite woman debates with Jesus and saves her daughter

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray:

Made partakers of Christ through these Sacraments, we humbly implore your mercy, Lord, that, conformed to his image on earth, we may merit also to be his coheirs in heaven. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. 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.

