



HOLY CHILD NATIVITY PARISHES

Beaumont | Larkhill | Whitehall | Santry



Did You Know?

August 9th marks the feast day of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, better known as Edith Stein. Born Jewish, she became a brilliant philosopher, converted to Catholicism, and entered the Carmelite order. Arrested by the Nazis in 1942, she was martyred at Auschwitz for her faith and heritage. Pope John Paul II canonised her in 1998 and later named her a co-patroness of Europe. Her life reminds us that intellectual searching and deep faith can walk hand in hand.



"All those who seek truth, seek God, whether this is clear to them or not."

Edith Stein



Finding Peace amidst the Storms

Life often brings sudden storms that leave us feeling overwhelmed and afraid. In today's gospel, the disciples find themselves tossed about by waves in the dark of night. In Sacred Scripture, the stormy sea represents the chaotic forces of fear, anxiety, and division that threaten to pull us under. Yet, it is precisely in the midst of this terrifying chaos that Jesus approaches, walking on the water, proving that He is master over every storm we face.



This mastery over chaos connects deeply to the First Reading, where the prophet Elijah seeks God while fleeing for his life. Elijah encounters a shattering wind, an earthquake, and a raging fire—the very elements of worldly chaos—but the Lord is not in them. Instead, God reveals Himself in a tiny whispering sound, a gentle breeze. Just as God commands the roaring elements to reveal His quiet presence to Elijah, Jesus comes through the crashing waves to speak peace to His terrified disciples.

Peter's reaction is a profound image of our own spiritual journey. In a moment of bold faith, he steps out of the safety of the boat. As long as his eyes are locked onto Jesus, he does the impossible and walks on the water. However, the moment Peter shifts his gaze to the strength of the wind, fear takes over, and he begins to sink. When we focus entirely on our problems, our anxieties swell. Yet, even in his doubt, Peter models the perfect prayer, crying out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reaches out His hand to catch him. This week, let us refuse to let the noise of the world distract us. Keep our eyes fixed on Him, let us listen for His quiet whisper, and let us trust His saving hand.

Deacon Damian Murray

Reflection: When storms of fear arise, fix your eyes on Christ—not the wind—and trust His hand will save you.

Feast of the Assumption 15th Aug 2026

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times across the parishes are as follows:

Friday 14th Aug
7.00pm: Whitehall (Vigil Mass)

Saturday 15th Aug
10.00am: Beaumont
10.00am: BMB
10.30am: Whitehall
6.00pm: Beaumont
7.00pm: Whitehall



UNDERSTANDING THE MASS (Part 9)

The Prayer of the Faithful: "Lord, Hear Our Prayer"

What Is Happening

Having professed what we believe, we now act on it. The Prayer of the Faithful, sometimes called the Universal Prayer, is the congregation exercising its baptismal priesthood, interceding before God on behalf of the whole world. This is not a parish noticeboard read aloud. It is the Church fulfilling her deepest vocation: standing before God for others. The intentions move outward deliberately — the Church universal, civil leaders, the sick and suffering, the local community. We pray first for those beyond ourselves. This ordering is intentional and quietly counter-cultural.

How We Should Respond

Each petition ends with a response, "Lord, hear our prayer", which we should mean rather than merely repeat. Behind every intention read aloud are real people, real suffering, real need. Let the response be an act of genuine intercession, not a verbal reflex. If a particular intention strikes close to home — illness, conflict, grief — allow yourself to hold it a moment longer before responding.

Living This at Mass

This Sunday, add your own silent intention after each petition. The printed prayers are a framework, not a ceiling. The Universal Prayer is universal precisely because it has room for everything you carry. ✚

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday 10th Aug

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

8pm - 10pm

Charismatic Prayer Group (B)

Tuesday 11th Aug

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Adoration (B)

7pm - 8pm

Zumba (B)

Wednesday 12th Aug

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

11.30am - 12.30pm

Exercise Class (W)

Thursday 12th 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 14th 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

"Do not accept anything as love which lacks truth, and do not accept anything as truth which lacks love."

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)



MASS INTENTIONS - 8th Aug to 16th Aug 2026

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CHILD

Sat 7pm

Richard Flanagan (MM) / Michael O'Prey (4A) / Anna Colley (5A)
Thomas Kane (9A)

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

Cathal Murray (MM) / Nuala Gilmer (3A) / Peter Finn (25A)

Michael Towell (7A) / Pertolino Martins RIP

Available for Intention

Available for Intention

Charles & Valerie McShane (A's)

Available for Intention

Dermot O'Hanlon (A & BR)

Available for Intention

Mary Campbell (A) / Liam Maher (A)

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Sat 6pm

Ann Cunnane (MM) / Tom Maher (A) & also remembering his wife Bridget
John and Elizabeth Kenna (A) / Adrienne & Jimmy Kinsella (46A)

Sun 10am

Sun 12 Noon

Mon 10am

Tues 10am

Wed 10am

Thur 10am

Fri 10am

Sat 10am

Sat 6pm

Sun 10am

Sun 12 Noon

Jack Fernandes (Thanksgiving)

Eugene Shannon (2A) / Bernie O'Leary (22A)

Available for Intention

Thomas Farrelly (RD)

Available for Intention

Available for Intention

Available for Intention

Available for Intention

Available for Intention

Available for Intention

Available for Intention

CHAPEL OF BLESSED MARGARET BALL

Sun 10am

Sun 10am

Marie Brady (6A) / Tony Fox (14A)

Available for Intention

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 2nd Aug

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First: €1,797 €1,048.50

Share: €995 €680.40

Envelope: €789.15 €666.70

Upkeep: €22 €7.60

Thank you to all who support our collections



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

Patrick (Paddy) Flynn RIP
Gregory Howard
Arlene Latham (Traynor) RIP
Maureen Ledwidge RIP



Baptisms

Belle Josephine McAdam

Congratulations and welcome into our parishes.



"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

-Joshua 1:9



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.

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.

See Community Notice Board for full details

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 Liam Fitzpatrick who was our weekly winner of our lotto on the 30th July 2026.



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Scan the QR code
or go to our website



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

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
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NEWBRIDGE COLLEGE, KILDARE

13TH - 16TH AUGUST 2026

AGES 16-35

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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!

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FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:9,11-13

The Lord was not in the wind, or the earthquake, or the fire

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 144(145):8-9,15-18

R: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. *R*

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. *R*

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. *R*

SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my brothers

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on the King who comes,
in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest heavens!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus walks on the water

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

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

May the communion in your Sacrament that we have consumed, save us, O Lord, and confirm us in the light of your truth. Through Christ our Lord. 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.

