



HOLY CHILD NATIVITY PARISHES

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Did You Know?

The "keys of the kingdom" Jesus gives Peter directly echo today's First Reading, where God gives Eliakim "the key of the house of David" as royal steward over Israel (*Isaiah 22:22*).

In ancient royal courts, whoever held the master key had full authority to open or shut the palace on the king's behalf. By using this same image, Jesus establishes Peter — and his successors — as a steward entrusted with authority over His Church.



Who Do You Say That I Am?

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus asks a question that echoes down through the centuries to each one of us: "But who do you say that I am?"

It is easy to look at Jesus as a great historical figure or a wise teacher. But when Simon Peter declares, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God," the entire dynamic changes. Jesus reveals that this recognition did not come from human cleverness. He tells him, "it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven". True faith is a supernatural gift of divine revelation from the Father.

When we truly understand who Jesus is, it changes our identity too. Jesus gives Peter the authority to guide the community of faith, symbolised by the keys of the kingdom. This church structure is an earthly reflection of a heavenly reality. As we pray in the Responsorial Psalm, "Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands." The Church is protected by His hands, built on a rock-solid foundation that the gates of the underworld cannot overpower.

This truth plunges us into the mystery of God's design. In the second reading, Saint Paul stands in awe of this plan, exclaiming, "How rich are the depths of God – how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods!"

Pondering this immense mystery naturally stirs deep religious feelings within us, moving our hearts into true, profound adoration. We cannot completely figure God out with human intellect alone. Instead, we must surrender to His grand vision.

This week, move past a casual faith. Allow Jesus to ask you that same direct question in the quiet of your heart. When we answer with conviction, we find our true purpose in His beautiful, inscrutable plan.

Deacon Damian Murray

Reflection: "When Jesus asks 'Who do you say I am?', answer with Peter's conviction and let that truth transform your life."



UNDERSTANDING THE MASS (Part 11)

The Eucharistic Prayer: "The Heart of the Mass"

What the Priest is Doing

Everything in the Mass has been moving towards this moment. The Eucharistic Prayer is the longest, most sacred prayer of the entire celebration — the great act of thanksgiving through which bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

The priest alone speaks it, but he does not pray alone. He prays with the Church, through Christ, to the Father, in the Holy Spirit. Every word carries the weight of two thousand years of faith. At its centre comes the consecration — the words of Christ at the Last Supper — at which point the bread and wine are truly transformed.

How We Should Respond

This is not a moment for distraction or private prayer elsewhere. Follow every word. The great "Amen" that concludes the Eucharistic Prayer — sometimes called the Great Amen — is the congregation's ratification of everything the priest has prayed. It should be the most emphatic word we speak at Mass.

Living This at Mass

At the consecration, when the priest elevates the host and then the chalice, look up. The Church rings bells precisely to call our attention. This is the summit. Be present to it completely. ✠

On This Day 23rd August

Feast of St Rose of Lima (1586–1617), first canonised saint of the Americas. Known for her deep prayer life, penances, and care for the poor and sick, she became patroness of Peru, Latin America, and the Philippines. Canonised in 1671.



Beaumont Parish is looking for a Building Cleaner to join the team at the Parish Centre. The position is through the CE Scheme for 20 hours a week in the morning. More details available here - <https://jobsireland.ie/en-US/job-Details?id=2462285> or please drop into the centre. We look forward to hearing from you.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday 24th Aug
9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

8pm - 10pm

Charismatic Prayer Group (B)

Tuesday 25th Aug

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Adoration (B)

7pm - 8pm

Zumba (B)

Wednesday 26th Aug

9.15am

Pilates (W)

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

7.30pm

Pilates (W)

Thursday 27th 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 28th 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

"The Catholic Church is the only thing which saves a man from the degrading slavery of being a child of his age."

G.K. Chesterton



MASS INTENTIONS - 22nd Aug to 30th Aug 2026

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CHILD

Sat 7pm

Hannah Lynch (1A) also remembering her husband Brendan Lynch (8A)

Joseph O'Sullivan (2A) / John V Bourke (4A) / Caroline Timlin (5A)

Rachel Partridge (7A)

Sun 10.30am

Sun 12.30pm

Mon 9.15am

Tues 9.15am

Wed 9.15am

Thur 9.15am

Fri 9.15am

Sat 7pm

Gregory Howard (MM) / Jim & Mary Crowley (A) / Paddy & Noreen Leahy (A's)

Rose Cordial, Maureen Kirby & Eileen Uí Mhuirí (A's)

Sun 10.30am

Thomas Coleman (3A) / Mr. Cecil Graham (13A)

Sun 12.30pm

Martin Lynn (3A) / Anthony Hogg (3A)

Frank McGeough (13A) / Regina Witka (A)

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Sat 6pm

Available for Intention

Sun 10am

Bobbie & Una Laird (A)

Sun 12 Noon

Special Intention (Thanksgiving)

Mon 10am

Available for Intention

Tues 10am

Paddy Neylon (6A)

Wed 10am

Available for Intention

Thur 10am

Available for Intention

Fri 10am

Available for Intention

Sat 10am

Eleanor Kelly (1A) / Jean Murphy (1A)

Sat 6pm

Jack O'Shea (1A)

Sun 10am

John Kelly (A) / Private Edward Darcy (A)

Sun 12 Noon

Gertie Lawlor (A) & Tom Lawlor (A) / Ned Kellett (A)

CHAPEL OF BLESSED MARGARET BALL

Sun 10am

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

Sun 10am

Michael O'Prey (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 16th Aug

	W	B
First:	€2,192	€1,443.60
Share:	€1,315	€978.25
Envelope:	€1,163.67	€793
Upkeep:	€50	€60

Thank you to all who support our collections



Baptisms

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

Patricia Deegan RIP
Elizabeth Hewitt RIP
Margaret Boylan RIP
Patrick Naish RIP
John Foley RIP

Sol Olivia Lynch Smullen
Harrison Joe Condon
Congratulations and welcome into our parishes.



"You are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone."

-Ephesians 2:20



CONTACT INFORMATION

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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.

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.

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 Patrick Hughes who was our weekly winner of our lotto on the 13th August 2026.



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Scan the QR code
or go to our website



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

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

ORATORY OF THE SACRED HEART

Dún Laoghaire

A Visit to the Oratory of the Sacred Heart, Dún Laoghaire
A tiny hidden gem chapel, built in 1919 as a World War I Peace Memorial

Friday 25th September 2026

View the hand-painted work of Dominican Sister Concepta Lynch, alongside Harry Clarke stained glass

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

For further information, please contact Noreen O'Prey 086 293 9935

FIRST READING

Isaiah 22:19-23

I place the key of the House of David on my servant's shoulder

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 137(138):1-3,6,8

R: Your love, O Lord, is eternal: discard not the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart: you have heard the words of my mouth. In the presence of the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. *R*

I thank you for your faithfulness and love, which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. *R*

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. *R*

SECOND READING

Romans 11:33-36

All that exists comes from him; all is by him and from him.

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some

Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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:

*Complete within us,
O Lord, we pray,
the healing work of your
mercy and graciously
perfect and sustain us,
so that in all things
we may please you.
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.

