



HOLY CHILD NATIVITY PARISHES

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Back to School Blessings

As summer draws to a close, we welcome our teachers and students back to the classroom. We give thanks for our dedicated teachers, who share their gifts so generously in shaping young minds and hearts. We pray for our students, that they may approach this new year with curiosity, courage, and joy. May God bless every classroom in our parish community, granting patience to teachers, enthusiasm to students, and peace to all families adjusting to new routines.

Let us keep them all in our prayers.



Radical Discipleship

In this Sunday's Gospel, we witness a profoundly unsettling moment between Jesus and Peter. Just after Peter is named the "rock," Jesus reveals that He must go to Jerusalem to suffer grievously and be put to death. Peter, looking at things from a purely human perspective, tries to talk Him out of it. Jesus' response is stinging: "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's."

Peter's blunder represents the ultimate human temptation: opting for comfort, safety, and self-preservation over the divine mission. We naturally want a faith that brings instant victory without any of the cost. Yet, a fundamental spiritual paradox remains: if our primary goal in life is to keep ourselves safe and protected, we end up spiritually empty.

True life is found only in the rhythm of self-emptying love. This radical call is echoed in the Second Reading, where St. Paul challenges us to become a "living sacrifice," completely unformed by the superficial, self-serving standards of our culture. We are called to stop managing our lives by the world's metrics of success and start living for the kingdom.

Living this way is not an easy, passive choice. Like the Prophet Jeremiah in our First Reading, who felt God's word burning like an uncontainable fire in his bones, true discipleship changes us from the inside out. It fills us with a passion that refuses to settle for a safe, mediocre faith.

This week, let us pray for the courage to step out of our comfort zones. As we receive Christ in the Eucharist, let us take up our cross, trusting that losing our lives for His sake is the only way to truly find them.

Deacon Damian Murray

Reflection: True discipleship means losing comfort and safety to gain real life—choosing God's way, not our own.

The **Lourdes Invalid Fund Collection** will take place this weekend **29th & 30th August**. The diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is from September 3rd - 8th next. Your generosity over the last number of years has enabled many sick pilgrims to travel who might not otherwise be able to do so.



UNDERSTANDING THE MASS (Part 12)

The Our Father: "Dare We Call God Father"

What the Happening

After the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest introduces the Our Father with a striking phrase — we dare to say... The word dare is ancient and deliberate. Calling the Creator of the universe "our Father" is an audacity made possible only by Christ, who invited us into his own filial relationship with God.

The Our Father sits here at Mass with perfect logic. We have offered, consecrated, and given thanks. Now, immediately before receiving Communion, we pray as a family — because that is what we are about to demonstrate at the altar rail: one Body, one family, one table.

How We Should Respond

Pray it slowly. These are Christ's own words, given to us as a gift when the disciples asked him how to pray. Every line repays a lifetime of reflection — thy kingdom come, forgive us as we forgive, deliver us from evil. None of it is casual. Notice too that every petition is plural. Not my daily bread — our daily bread. The Our Father cannot be prayed selfishly.

Living This at Mass

This Sunday, pray the Our Father at Mass as though for the first time. Let one petition land differently than it usually does. ✠

Today is the **Feast of St Fiacre** (c. 600–670), Irish-born monk who settled in France as a hermit near Meaux. Famed for his garden and healing herbs, he became patron saint of gardeners, herbalists, and taxi drivers — the latter after Parisian cabs were named "fiacres" near his shrine.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday 31st Aug

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

8pm - 10pm

Charismatic Prayer Group (B)

Tuesday 1st Sept

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Adoration (B)

7pm - 8pm

Zumba (B)

Wednesday 2nd Sept

9.15am

Pilates (W)

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

11.30am - 12.30am

Exercise Class (W)

7.30pm

Pilates (W)

Thursday 3rd Sept

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 4th Sept

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

"It is not enough to desire
goodness; we must take
up and carry the cross
that leads to it."

St. Ignatius of Loyola



MASS INTENTIONS - 29th Aug to 6th Sept 2026

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CHILD

Sat 7pm

Joseph Ryan McMahon (RD) / 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) / Jimmy Moran (7A) / Mr. Cecil Graham (13A)

Sean Collins (RD)

Sun 12.30pm

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

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

P.J. Matthew (6A) / Noel Comiskey (A)

Available for Intention

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Maureen McKiernan (3A)

Altar List of the Dead

Agnes Millar late of Lorcan Ave (1A) / Bridget McMahon (1A)

Kay Lynch (1A) / Marie Gilligan (2A) / Teresa Moriarty (9A) / Tom Moriarty (R)

Bridget McMahon (1A) / Helen O'Reilly (6A)

Sean, James and Margaret Noone & deceased relatives (A's)

Thank you Mass, for all who sent condolences & Mass cards for Maureen O'Brien

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Sat 6pm

Jack O'Shea (1A) / Pat Kerr (A) / Ann Sullivan (6A)

Sun 10am

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

Sun 12 Noon

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

Catherine O'Doherty (RD) / Daniel Kiernan (A)

Mon 10am

Patrick Costello (A)

Tues 10am

Available for Intention

Wed 10am

Available for Intention

Thur 10am

Available for Intention

Fri 10am

Maureen Keane (RD)

Sat 10am

Available for Intention

Sat 6pm

Available for Intention

Sun 10am

Barbara Degnan (A) / Robert Reid (6A) / Eoin O'Neill (30A)

Sun 12 Noon

Arlene Latham (MM) / Patrick and Elizabeth Hart (A)

CHAPEL OF BLESSED MARGARET BALL

Sun 10am

Michael O'Prey (A)

Sun 10am

Seamus Whiston (MM) / Kay Black (14A) / Ted Redmond (A)

Frank Jones (24A) also remembering his wife Hildegard

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 23rd Aug

	W	B
First:	€1,836	€1,009.85
Share:	€1,080	€753.10
Envelope:	€994.73	€626.30
Upkeep:	€13	€40

Thank you to all who
support our collections



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

Muriel Hill RIP
Patricia (Pat) Murphy RIP
Marie Fox RIP
Patrick Canny RIP



Baptisms

Bella Jane Bryan
Jack Francis Bryan
Sadie Patricia Bryan
Bonnie May Bryan
Taivan Duffy
Congratulations and
welcome into our
parishes



"Do not love the world or the things of the world. If anyone loves
the world, the love of the Father is not in him."
-1 John 2:15



CONTACT INFORMATION

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DOGS AID DRESS4LESS FASHION EVENT

Join us on Sunday **Sept 6th** in **St Brigid's Resource Centre Killester from 11am-4pm.**



Fabulous Fashion / Delicious Cakes
Tea & Coffee / Fantastic Raffle Prizes
Fr Joseph's Pet Blessing in the
Peace Garden after 11am Mass
And of course Doggie Treats



THE PRIORY INSTITUTE

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The monthly collection for St Vincent de Paul will take place **next weekend, 5th and 6th of September.** 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.

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.

LEGION OF MARY PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Sunday **27th Sept 2026.** Bus leaves Whitehall Church Car-Park (Lay-by on Swords Rd right outside pedestrian gates) at **7.30am sharp.** Or you can get the same bus at the main pick-up point, our office at 28 Mountjoy Sq at 8am sharp. Cost €60 includes trip, morning tea & evening meal. Pay me on the bus (Cash). If joining the others on this trip from Marino parish, please indicate your preferred pick-up point. Expected back between 8-9pm. Contact **Anna 087 1861554 by 1st Sept**



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.

There will be **no Wednesday Mass in The Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball** during the month of September.

BEAUMONT PARISH LOTTO

Congratulations to Susan Harrison who was our weekly winner of our lotto on the 20th August 2026.



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

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at Beaumont Parish

Administrative Assistant

- 19.5 hours a week
- CE Scheme Based

Cleaner

- 19.5 hours a week
- CE Scheme Based

Please contact us at Beaumont Parish Centre Ph: 01-8477740 or drop in for further details

We look forward to hearing from you



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

Jeremiah 20:7-9

The word of the Lord has meant insult for me

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim:

'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, 'I will not think about him,

I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,

I could not bear it.

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R**

For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-2

Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

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 16:21-27

'Get behind me, Satan!'

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?'

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The 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:

Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table, we beseech you, Lord, that, being the food of charity, it may confirm our hearts and stir us to serve you in our neighbour.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 62(63):2-6,8-9

R : *For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.*

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **R**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **R**

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.

