



HOLY CHILD NATIVITY PARISHES

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The Measure of Mercy

It's said that holding onto a grudge is like drinking poison and waiting for the other person to die. Human nature being what it is, we are very good at keeping a quiet tally of who owes us an apology or who has slighted us. We nurse our grievances and, as the Book of Ecclesiasticus puts it in this Sunday's first reading, we can be incredibly stubborn when it comes to hugging our anger tight.

Yet, the Gospel completely disrupts our natural instinct for scorekeeping. When Peter asks the Lord if forgiving someone seven times is enough—thinking, no doubt, that he is being incredibly generous—Jesus turns the whole calculation on its head. Seventy-seven times, He says. In other words, there is no ledger left to audit. God's mercy isn't measured out in spoonfuls; it is a bottomless well.

The parable of the unforgiving servant brings it all right home to our own doorstep. We have all been let off the hook for a debt we could never hope to pay back to the God. So how can we justify standing over our neighbour, demanding payment for a few paltry pence?

Forgiveness isn't a soft option, nor is it about pretending a hurt didn't happen. It is hard work for the soul. It means choosing to break the cycle right there in our own hearts, refusing to pass the hurt down the line. As we gather for Mass this Sunday, we pray for the grace to hand over our burdens of resentment to the Lord. May He heal our wounds and grant us the freedom to love as generously as we have been loved.

Deacon Damian Murray

CROSSCARE COLLECTION

The annual collection for Crosscare takes place **next weekend 19th & 20th of September** in place of the usual Share collection.

🎵 **HYMNS** 🎵
10.30am Mass,
Church of the Holy Child, Whitehall
opening hymn no.37
closing hymn no.39



UNDERSTANDING THE MASS (Part 14)

The Lamb of God: "Agnus Dei"

What is Happening

As the Sign of Peace concludes, the priest breaks the consecrated host — a gesture called the Fraction. This breaking is not merely practical. It carries profound meaning: Christ's body was broken for us, and in that breaking we are fed. The earliest Christians referred to the Eucharist simply as "the breaking of bread."

During the Fraction, the congregation sings or recites the Agnus Dei — Lamb of God. The image is ancient, drawn from John the Baptist's cry at the Jordan: "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." It echoes through the Old Testament, through Isaiah's suffering servant, through the Passover lamb.

How We Should Respond

The threefold repetition builds deliberately — grant them rest, grant them rest, grant them eternal rest. Each invocation deepens the petition. Don't rush through it. The mercy being asked for here is immense — nothing less than the forgiveness of sins and the gift of peace.

Living This at Mass

As you sing or say the Agnus Dei, hold in mind someone who needs God's mercy particularly — yourself included. Let the prayer be specific rather than general. ✠

Reflection: This week, may we let go of resentment, forgive those who have hurt us, and show others the same mercy God shows us.

Eucharistic Adoration

Come and adore him – Eucharistic Adoration get together on **Saturday 26th September from 10am to 1pm** in Church of the Nativity and Parish Centre Beaumont D05 X8F8 **starting with Mass at 10am.**

This event featuring Fr Adrian Crowley and Rita Daly is for those who do Eucharistic Adoration and for those who want to promote or develop Eucharistic Adoration in their parish.

All welcome. Please bring a packed lunch.

Inquiries to John McCormack Dublin North Eucharistic Adoration Committee, phone **087 2208714** or **Mccormackjohn124@gmail.com**



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday 14th Sept

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

8pm - 10pm

Charismatic Prayer Group (B)

1.30pm - 2.20pm

Beaumont Pastoral Cafe

2.30pm - 4.30pm

Whitehall Active

Retirement Group (W)

Tuesday 15th Sept

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

3pm - 5pm

Beaumont Active

Retirement Association

5pm

Irish Dancing (B)

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Adoration (B)

7pm - 8pm

Zumba (B)

Wednesday 16th Sept

9.15am

Pilates (W)

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

11.30am - 12.30am

Exercise Class (W)

11.30am - 1pm

Crochet (W)

7.30pm

Pilates (W)

8pm

Ardrose Ladies Club

Thursday 17th 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 18th Sept

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

1.30pm - 2.20pm

Beaumont Pastoral Cafe

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

"Forgiveness obliterates the past and permits us to enter the land of new beginnings."

Billy Graham



MASS INTENTIONS - 12th Sept to 20th Sept 2026

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CHILD

Sat 7pm

Mary Bowes (A) / Kevin Burke (A) / Hughie Lynch (BR) / Elizabeth Crampton (BR)

Sun 10.30am

Available for Intention

Sun 12.30pm

Elizabeth Hewitt (MM) / Lillian Humphreys (1A)

Robert Breen (2A) / Noel Gilmer (6A)

Mon 9.15am

Available for Intention

Tues 9.15am

Imelda Keenan (14A)

Wed 9.15am

Available for Intention

Thur 9.15am

Available for Intention

Fri 9.15am

Jack Meehan (6A)

Sat 7pm

John Moore (8A)

Sun 10.30am

Available for Intention

Sun 12.30pm

Mary Noone (1A) / Rose Gorman (1A)

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Sat 6pm

Kathleen Devitt (MM) / Special Intention

Sun 10am

Pat Browne (4A) / Helen Murray (A) & her daughters Olive and Gertrude (Deceased) and her son Kevin (Deceased) and her grandsons Damien (RD) and Kevin Junior (RD)

Sun 12 Noon

Gary Byrne (MM) / Bernie McAleavey and Family (A)

Michael Sullivan (1A) / Paul Dunne (A) / Glen Hansard (RD)

Mon 10am

Available for Intention

Tues 10am

Mary Mullarkey (BR)

Wed 10am

Available for Intention

Thur 10am

Mary Doherty (A) / Mr Macmillan Madathil (2A)

Fri 10am

Available for Intention

Sat 10am

Available for Intention

Sat 6pm

Isabella & Geoff Peat (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance)

Desy Houghton (1A) / Mary Beirne (7A)

Sun 10am

Margaret O'Neill (A) / William and Bree MacCobb (A)

Sun 12 Noon

Patrick Naish (MM) / Margaret Boylan (MM)

William Murray (2A) / Stephen O'Connor (40A)

CHAPEL OF BLESSED MARGARET BALL

Sun 10am

Richard Barnwall (A)

Sun 10am

Carmel Healy (1A) / Michael Davitt (2A) / Patricia McGuirk (4A)

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 6th Sept

W

B

First: €1,621

€1,142.20

Share: €945

€755.80

Envelope: €708

€832.40

Upkeep: €210

€190

Thank you to all who support our collections



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

Colm O'Rourke RIP
Patrick McCormack RIP
Paul Anthony Mythen RIP
Teresa Haugh RIP



"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."
-Colossians 3:13



CONTACT INFORMATION

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WHITEHALL CHOIR

The 10.30am choir in Whitehall is currently recruiting new members. Experience or the ability to read music is not necessary, though would be helpful. Please feel free to join our first open rehearsal on **Monday September 14th at 7.30pm** if you'd like to try the choir. Entrance is via the back entrance to the church.

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.

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.

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

SEASON OF CREATION

The Care for Creation team will be participating in this local initiative "Biodiversity and Anti-Litter Showcase" on Saturday 19th September. We invite you to join us in meeting others who are caring for the environment in our locality. *See poster below.*

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group takes place on **Wed, 23rd Sept, 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.

CROSSCARE COLLECTION

The annual collection for Crosscare takes place **next weekend 19th & 20th of September** in place of the usual Share collection. Crosscare, the social support agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin, provides practical support to people at some of the most difficult moments in their lives. The theme of this year's appeal is Hope & Resilience. It reflects the remarkable courage shown by the people Crosscare serves every day and the hope made possible through the generosity of parish communities.

Beaumont Community Preschool
(located beside St Fiachra's school)

Spaces available

We offer ECCE and NCS.

Enquire today

Call: 087 6322 395 | Email: beaumontplaygroup@gmail.com

BEAUMONT PARISH LOTTO

Congratulations to Veronica Sexton who was our weekly winner of our lotto on the 3rd September 2026.

Join Now

Scan the QR code or go to our website

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

Beaumont Parish Centre

ACTIVITIES RECOMMENCING

September 2026

Zumba

Walk in Class

Ardrose Ladies Club

Ciara Duggan
SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING
Ciara Duggan: 086 8541515

New Members Welcome

See you There

Santry Community Garden

BIODIVERSITY AND ANTI-LITTER SHOWCASE

Join us to learn what's happening locally & nationally to keep our living environments clean, healthy & safe while caring for our natural world.

19 September 2026
11 am - 1 pm

Santry Resource Centre
Domville Court, Dublin 9, D09 E338

FEATURING:

Phibsboro' Village Tidy Towns, REDISCOVERY CENTRE, Ballymun Biodiversity Action Group, BALLYMUN Tidy Towns, URBAN CITIZENS 6.3.2, DARK SKY IRELAND, City of Dublin FET College, City of Dublin Peabody, The Dublin Peabody, An Boinn Ardú, Comhairle Centre, Fingal County Council, The Dublin Peabody, Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment, Nature • Community • Action • A Cleaner, Greener Tomorrow

FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9

*Forgive your neighbour
the hurt he does you; and
when you pray, your sins
will be forgiven*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 102(103):1-4,9-12

*R: The Lord is compassion
and love, slow to anger and
rich in mercy.*

My soul, give thanks to the Lord all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. *R*

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. *R*

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. *R*

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. *R*

SECOND READING

Romans 14:7-9

*Alive or dead, we belong
to the Lord*

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is
listening: you have the
message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

*To be forgiven, you
must forgive*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must

I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had

pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only
Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit, born of the
Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was
buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose
again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right
hand of God the Father
almighty;
from there he will come to
judge the living and the
dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray:

*May the working of this
heavenly gift, O Lord, we
pray, take possession of our
minds and bodies, so that its
effects, and not our own
desires, may always prevail
in us. 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 September

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.

