



HOLY CHILD NATIVITY PARISHES

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“My Ways Not Your Ways”

This Sunday's readings challenge our normal human tendency to keep score. In the Gospel (Matthew 20:1-16), workers who laboured all day are furious when latecomers receive the same wage. Their anger makes sense from a workplace perspective, especially looking at those arriving at the eleventh hour. But as Isaiah reminds us in the First Reading, God's ways do not mirror ours: “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.”

The tension in the vineyard isn't about economics; it's about grace. It is easy to fall into an accounting mindset, treating faith like a transaction where we earn points for good behaviour. When we think this way, envy easily slips in. We view a neighbour's unexpected blessing with grievance, as if their gain is our loss. This highlights the unfathomable chasm between human logic and the mind of God.

Yet, divine justice doesn't use a calculator; it functions through divine mercy. God looks at us not with a stopwatch, but with a deeply pastoral, attentive gaze that constantly seeks to rescue people from being left behind. His mercy is the fulfilment of justice—meeting human need with a love that cannot be divided into fractions. We see such a tiny corner of the big picture. A late-hour turning point in someone's life is not an injustice to us, but a beautiful manifestation of a mercy that waits for everyone.

The invitation this week is to lay down our spiritual scorecards and let go of comparison. When we stop measuring our worth against others, resentment disappears. We can simply enjoy working in the vineyard together, grateful to a God who is beautifully “rich in forgiving.”

Deacon Damian Murray



UNDERSTANDING THE MASS (Part 15)

The Communion Rite: “Lord, I Am Not Worthy”

What is Happening

Before receiving Communion, the priest holds up the host and says: “Behold the Lamb of God... Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.” The congregation responds with one of the most beautiful acts of humility in the entire Mass — the words of the Roman centurion who asked Christ to heal his servant: “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.” A Roman soldier's faith, spoken two thousand years ago, becomes our faith today.

How We Should Respond

These words matter enormously. We are about to receive God himself — Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity — under the appearance of bread and wine. Worthiness is not the question; readiness is. We come not because we deserve this gift but because we desperately need it. Approach the altar with reverence — unhurried, recollected, conscious of what is happening.

Living This at Mass

In the moments after receiving Communion, resist the urge to look around or reach for a hymn book. This is the most intimate moment of the entire Mass. Give it the silence it deserves — even just sixty seconds of quiet, personal thanksgiving.✠

CROSSCARE COLLECTION

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

Reflection: Lord, help us release comparison and envy, trusting Your ways, rejoicing in others' blessings, and accepting Your mercy.

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**



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

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday 21st Sept

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

8pm - 10pm

Charismatic Prayer Group (B)

1.30pm - 2.20pm

Beaumont Pastoral Cafe

7pm

Crochet Class (B)

Tuesday 22nd 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 23rd 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

Ardrise Ladies Club

Thursday 24th 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 25th 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

"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us to love."

St. Augustine of Hippo



MASS INTENTIONS - 19th Sept to 27th Sept 2026

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CHILD

Sat 7pm

John Moore (8A) / Ann Callaly (A) / Kevin Barry (A)

Sun 10.30am

Tom, Nodie and Mary Walsh (A's) also remembering

Jim & Noreen Whyte and Roisin Lambert

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

Mary Noone (1A) / Marie Keane (20A)

Anne O'Donoghue (31A)

Available for Intention

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Josephine Bonar (A) & deceased members of the Bonar family

Patrick Canny (MM) / Peter Ellis (5A) / Albert O'Keeffe (100th Birthday Celebration)

Marie Fox (MM) / Betty Power (A) also remembering her husband Tommy

Noel Comiskey (BR)

Sun 12.30pm

John Foley (MM) / Vincent Turner (1A) / Mary Rogan (3A)

Paul McCormack (4A) / Paul Carragher (14A)

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Sat 6pm

Isabella & Geoff Peat (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance)

Desy Haughton (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)

Available for Intention

Mon 10am

Terry O'Neill (RD) / Seamus Murphy (BR)

Tues 10am

Ann Devitt (A) / Elizabeth Roche (A)

Wed 10am

Available for Intention

Thur 10am

Available for Intention

Fri 10am

Sr Joan Halley (Special Intention) / Fr Tony McHugh (A) / Fr Leo Layden (A)

Sat 10am

Monica and Tom Glavey (A) / Aileen Gibson (1A)

Sat 6pm

Oliver Ryan and his wife Helena (4A) and his brother in law Jonathan Garrett (Deceased)

Patrick & Teresa Kearney (Deceased) and their son Patrick Joesph and

Margaret & Jack Smyth and their son Francis (Deceased)

Catherine Doyle (14A) / Jack Lynch (7A)

Sun 10am

Sun 12 Noon

Thomas Harney (1A) / William Walsh (18A) / Laurence and Margaret Walsh (A)

Nicky White (Remembrance) / Paddy and Carmel Elliott (A)

CHAPEL OF BLESSED MARGARET BALL

Sun 10am

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

Sun 10am

Pauline Berry (MM) / Bernard & Dorothy Keyes (A's)

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 13th Sept

W

B

First:

€1,627

€1,164.20

Share:

€945

€787.40

Envelope:

€852.55

€847.20

Upkeep:

€105

€70

Thank you to all who support our collections



Baptisms

Beth Freda Kerins
Croia Maureen Hannigan
Brian Chiemezie Atueyi
Samuel Hollingsworth
Conor Hollingsworth

Congratulations and welcome into our parishes

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

Eamonn Keller RIP
Paul Kelly RIP
Patrick Mc Cormack RIP
Paul Anthony Mythen RIP
Michael Brennan RIP
Maura Murphy RIP



"He saved us, not because of any righteous deeds we had done, but because of his mercy."

-Titus 3:5



CONTACT INFORMATION

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COFFEE MORNING

The annual Thatch Road Coffee Morning in aid of St. Francis Hospice will take place on **Thursday 24th September from 9.45am - 12.30pm at**

14 The Thatch Road, Whitehall

As well as Tea/Coffee and Cakes, there will be a raffle with lovely prizes. Please support this worthy cause.

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.

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, 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

This weekend, we welcome the Crosscare Annual Appeal to our parish. Crosscare is the social support agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin, supporting people experiencing homelessness, families facing hardship, young people, older people, migrants and refugees, and many others in our communities. Your generosity helps bring hope and strengthen resilience for people facing difficult circumstance. Thank you for supporting this year's Crosscare Annual Appeal. Donations can also be made online at www.crosscare.ie

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 Keith Hughes who was our weekly winner of our lotto on the **10th September 2026.**

Join Now

Scan the QR code or go to our website

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

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

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Volunteering SUNDAY

Many Gifts • A Brighter Tomorrow

Volunteering Sunday takes place on **27th September** at all weekend Masses in the three churches of Holy Child Nativity Parishes - Beaumont | Larkhill | Whitehall | Santry

GET INVOLVED

Tables will be placed at the back of the churches and other suitable points, where volunteers will provide information on the different Ministries in our churches.

A cup of tea will also be available in the Parish centres where volunteers can have a chat and find out more about the different Ministries.

Come along, meet our volunteers, discover how you can get involved and help build a stronger, more vibrant parish community.

Your Time • Your Talents • Make a Difference

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others."
1 Peter 4:10

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 144(145):2-3,8-9, 17-18

R: The Lord is close to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. *R*

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. *R*

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. *R*

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:20-24,27

Life to me is Christ; but death would bring me more

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

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 20:1-16

Why be envious because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard.

Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

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.**

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.

