



HOLY CHILD NATIVITY PARISHES

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A Willing Heart for the Vineyard

True faith is measured not by what we promise, but by what we actually do. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus challenges us on this very point through the parable of a father and his two sons. The father commands the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." This son bluntly replies, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The second son answers respectfully, "Certainly, sir," but did not go.



This parable exposes a universal human challenge: the gap between our words and our actual deeds. It is a stark warning against spiritual complacency. It is easy to say the right things, attend Mass, and project an image of faith, yet remain completely unchanged internally. True obedience to the Father is not found in empty promises or superficial piety, but in concrete acts of conversion.

The First Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel beautifully mirrors this dynamic. The Lord challenges the House of Israel, declaring that when a sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, "he deserves to live". This reminds us that our past mistakes do not define us; what matters is our present willingness to change our minds and choose the path of life.

To do this, we need the virtue highlighted in the Second Reading from the Philippians: humility. We are urged, "In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus," who emptied himself to take the form of a servant. Only through humble hearts can we honestly evaluate ourselves, repent where we have strayed, and step into the vineyard to do the Father's will. This week, let us pray that our actions match our faith, allowing God's grace to transform our words into a living witness of love.

Deacon Damian Murray

Reflection: True obedience isn't spoken but lived—God calls us to humble action, not empty promises, transforming words into faith.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL OUTDOOR COLLECTION



The monthly outdoor collection will take place **next weekend, 3rd & 4th October 2026**

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

Whitehall Active Retirement Assoc.

Invites you to

Open House

Celebrating Positive Ageing Week

Monday, 28th September, 2026

Drop in from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Starting with special affordable lunch

in The Parish Centre, Holy Child Church, Swords Road, Whitehall,

Friendship Activity Community

Positive Ageing Brighter Tomorrows

WARA Positive Ageing Week events supported by

Comhairle Cathrach
Bhaile Atha Cliath
Dublin City Council

Dublin Northwest Partnership
Empowering Communities

Larkhill & District Credit Union
PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

UNDERSTANDING THE MASS (Part 16)

Prayer After Communion "Let Us Pray"

What is Happening
Communion has been received. The sacred vessels are quietly purified. A moment of silence settles over the congregation — and then the priest says once more: "Let us pray." The Prayer After Communion is brief, almost understated. Yet it carries something important: it asks God that what we have just received might bear fruit in our lives. We did not simply attend a ceremony. Something happened. The prayer acknowledges this and asks that it not stop here — that the grace of the Eucharist might continue working in us as we return to ordinary life.

How We Should Respond
This prayer is easily missed — we are still settling after Communion, perhaps still absorbed in personal thanksgiving. But it deserves our attention. It is the Church's collective voice asking: "Lord, may this change us." That is a prayer worth making our own. Not just at Mass, but in the moments after — in the car, on the walk home, over Sunday lunch.

Living This at Mass
After Mass this Sunday, carry the question with you: what am I asking God to do with what I have just received? The Eucharist is not a conclusion — it is a commissioning. The Prayer After Communion points us forward, back into the world, changed. ✠

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday 28th Sept

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

8pm - 10pm

Charismatic Prayer Group (B)

1.30pm - 2.20pm

Beaumont Pastoral Cafe

3.30pm

Shingle Vaccination Clinic (B)

7pm

Crochet Class (B)

Tuesday 29th 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 30th Sept

9.15am

Pilates (W)

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

11.30am - 12.30pm

Exercise Class (W)

11.30am - 1pm

Crochet (W)

7pm

Crochet Class (B)

7.30pm

Pilates (W)

8pm

Ardrose Ladies Club

Thursday 1st Oct

9.30am - 11.30am

Whitehall Coffee Shop

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

11.45am - 12.45pm

COPD Exercise Class (W)

3.30pm

Shingle Vaccination Clinic (B)

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Adoration (B)

Friday 2nd Oct

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



MASS INTENTIONS - 26th Sept to 4th Oct 2026

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CHILD

Sat 7pm

Jackie Hannigan (RD) / Patrick Canny (MM) / Peter Ellis (5A)

Albert O'Keeffe (100th Birthday Celebration)

Sun 10.30am

Marie Fox (MM) / George & Annie O'Brien (A) / Noel Comiskey (BR)

Betty Power (A) also remembering her husband Tommy

Sun 12.30pm

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

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

Available for Intention

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Altar List of the Dead

Mon 9.15am

Tues 9.15am

Wed 9.15am

Thur 9.15am

Fri 9.15am

Sat 7pm

Aidan Dunne (3A) / Noel Kirwan (20A) / Rachel Callaly (A) / Liam O'Brien (A)

Sean McAllister (23A) also remembering Debra, John & Mary Ann McAllister

Available for Intention

Sun 10.30am

Sun 12.30pm

Lorraine Crowley (1A) / Paddy Fitzpatrick (6A)

John & Rose Fallon (A) / John & Mary Cruise (A)

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Sat 6pm

Irene Keller (MM) / Monica and Tom Glavey (A) / Aileen Gibson (1A) / Vera Langan 1A

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

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

Margaret & Jack Smyth and their son Francis (Deceased)

Sun 10am

Catherine Doyle (14A) / Jack Lynch (7A) / Albert O'Keefe (Special Intention)

Thomas and Teresa Traynor (A) / Leo and Mary Kane (A) / Paddy O'Reilly (A)

Deceased members of the Kane Family

Sun 12 Noon

Irene Keller (MM) / Thomas Harney (1A) / Laurence and Margaret Walsh (A)

William Walsh (18A) / Nicky White (Remembrance) / Paddy and Carmel Elliott (A)

Available for Intention

Mon 10am

Tues 10am

Wed 10am

Thur 10am

Fri 10am

Sat 10am

Sat 6pm

Patrick McCormack (MM) / Anne Hutchinson (MM) / Nuala Carroll (A)

Sun 10am

Annie & Peter Kelly (A) / Sarah & William Murray (A)

Sun 12 Noon

Liam Sheehy (A)

CHAPEL OF BLESSED MARGARET BALL

Sun 10am

Fíonbar O'Riordán (RD) / Pauline Berry (MM) / Ciaran O'Toole (2A)

Stephanie Kavanagh (4A) / Bernard & Dorothy Keyes (A's)

Sun 10am

Richard & Philomena Heaney (A's)

A: Anniversary MM: Month's Mind. BR: Birthday Remembrance RD: Recently Deceased



Collections 20th Sept

W

B

First:

€1,985

€1,006.90

Crosscare:

€2,445

€1,280.05

Envelope:

€838.50

€520.15

Upkeep:

€75

€110

Thank you to all who
support our collections



Baptisms

Kobi Colclough

Aoibhí Carol

McLoughlin

Congratulations and
welcome into our
parishes



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

Rosaleen Carroll RIP

Marie Moore RIP

Brendan Daly RIP

John Forde RIP

Nancy Mc Kenna RIP

Michael Brennan RIP

Maura Murphy RIP

Michael Hestor RIP



*"In just the same way, I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the
angels of God over one sinner who repents."*

-Luke 15:10



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DUBLIN WHITEHALL SCOUT GROUP

Come along and join the fun while learning new skills - 1st Aid, Knots, Camp fire to name a few at 44th Dublin Whitehall Scout Group. We meet on Wednesdays at Larkhill Road D09Y176
Ages 6-8yrs 6.30pm-8.00pm
Ages 9-16yrs 8.00pm-9.30pm

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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"It is not enough to do good; it must be done well, and with humility." -St. Vincent de Paul

ANNUAL BLESSING OF PETS

We ask the Lord's blessings on all his creatures, great and small, in this month of October when we celebrate the Feast of St Francis of Assisi.



Parishioners are invited to bring their pets to the grounds of the **Church of the Nativity of Our Lord** in Beaumont for the annual blessing of pets on **Sunday 4th of October at 14.30pm**



THE LEGION OF MARY

We are privileged to host the Relics of St. Thérèse and her parents, S.S. Louis and Zélie Martin at Legion of Mary headquarters De Montfort House, D07 VA03 on Friday **2nd October** and **Saturday 3rd October 2026**. Please see parish noticeboard for more information

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group takes place on **Wed, 14th & 28th Oct, 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.

Beaumont Charismatic Prayer Group

An evening of uplifting worship, scripture reflection, and prayer.

Come as you are.

Contact:
Paschal Robinson

Phone:
087-6309-109

Meeting:
Mondays at 8 o'clock
Venue: Beaumont Parish Centre

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BEAUMONT PARISH LOTTO

Congratulations to Jim Woods who was our weekly winner of our lotto on the 17th September 2026.

Join Now

Scan the QR code or go to our website

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

Holy Child Nativity Parishes

JUBILEE YEAR 2027

FAITH • COMMUNITY • TOGETHER

Church of the Nativity of our Lord

50 YEARS

Church of the Holy Child

70 YEARS

The PPC would like to establish a **Jubilee Committee** to help us celebrate.

Those willing to get involved can contact the parish office.

Email: info@holychildnativity.ie **Tel:** (01) 8477740

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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

Ezekiel 18:25-28

When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 24(25):4-9

R: *Remember your mercy, Lord.*

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R**

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, He guides the humble in the right path, He teaches his way to the poor. **R**

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-11

Be united in your love

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:28-32

Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

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.**

Let us pray:

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to whose suffering we are united whenever we proclaim his Death. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CHILD

MASSSES

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

MASSSES

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

MASSSES

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.

