



HOLY CHILD NATIVITY PARISHES

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SUNDAY

18

OCT '26

Year A | 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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FROM DEACON DAMIAN MURRAY

Whose Image Do We Bear?

The readings for this Sunday invite us to look beyond our worldly commitments and remember our truest identity.

In the Gospel, the Pharisees and Herodians attempt to trap Jesus with a politically charged question: "Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" Instead of falling into their political snare, Jesus calls for a denarius and asks, "Whose head is this? Whose inscription?" When they reply, "Caesar's," He delivers a timeless truth: "Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar—and to God what belongs to God."

Jesus does not separate Church and state; rather, He distinguishes a hierarchy of authority. While the coin carries Caesar's likeness and currency, human beings carry the indelible image and likeness of God. This means that while civil authority has a legitimate place, our ultimate obedience, our hearts, and our very lives belong entirely to our Creator.



This divine sovereignty is echoed in the First Reading from Isaiah 45. The Lord uses Cyrus, a pagan Persian king, as an instrument to free the exiled Israelites. God reminds us that He is the ultimate master of history: "I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me."

Finally, in 1 Thessalonians, St. Paul commends the community for living out this reality through their "work of faith, labour of love, and fortitude in hope."

As Christians in modern Ireland, we navigate many civic duties, laws, and cultural pressures. This Sunday's liturgy invites us to audit our lives. We must ask ourselves: "While we rightfully pay our dues to the world around us, do we remember to give our whole hearts to the Creator who made us? Do our daily lives reflect that we ultimately belong to the world, or to God?"

TO PONDER THIS WEEK

We pay our dues to the world readily enough. Do we give our whole hearts to the God whose image we bear?

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: 100 YEARS

This weekend the Church celebrates one hundred years of World Mission Sunday, established by Pope Pius XI in 1926. For a century, Catholics everywhere have paused on this day to pray for and support the Church in the world's poorest and youngest places. Through Missio Ireland, our gifts sustain priests, sisters and catechists who bring the Gospel, schooling and care to communities in need. Mission begins with each of us.



ON THIS DAY

19 October 1997: On World Mission Sunday, Pope St John Paul II declared St Thérèse of Lisieux a Doctor of the Church. She never left her Carmelite convent, yet she is co-patron of the missions with St Francis Xavier.

19 October 2003: Six years later to the day, and again on World Mission Sunday, Mother Teresa of Calcutta was beatified in St Peter's Square. She was canonised in 2016. The Missionaries of Charity, which she founded in Calcutta in 1950, still serve the poorest of the poor around the world.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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This Weekend

World Mission Sunday -
100 Years

28
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Wed 7.30pm

Bethany Bereavement
Support Group, Holy
Child Parish Centre

29
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Thu 7.30pm

Adult Choir Table Quiz,
Comet Pub, Swords Road

30
OCT

Friday

Altar List of the Dead
envelopes due back

2
NOV

Mon, 7pm

Mass of Remembrance,
Holy Child, Whitehall

29
NOV

Sun 10am - 2.30pm

Joint Christmas Fair,
Beaumont Parish Centre

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary."

Pope Benedict XVI

HYMNS



10.30am Mass, **Church of the Holy Child, Whitehall** opening hymn no.8 closing hymn no.32

Praying together

Mass intentions · 17th Oct to 25th Oct 2026

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CHILD

- Sat 7pmPauline Fitzpatrick (1A) / Thomas Kelly (22A)
Paul Lynch (25A) / Jimmy Fay (40A) also remembering his wife Margaret and his sister Esther / Tommy Flaherty (A) & the Waite Family
Frances O’Mahony (A)
- Sun 10.30amSr. Bridget Callaghan (MM)
Paddy Blayne (10A) / Michael Murphy (14A)
- Sun 12.30pmMartin Stewart (2A) / Breda Ralph (30A)
Deceased members of the McLoughlin family RIP
- Mon 9.15amWilliam McDermott (A) also remembering his wife Mary RIP
- Tues 9.15amAvailable for Intention
- Wed 9.15amAvailable for Intention
- Thur 9.15amMick Brew (14A) / Betty, Frank & Frances Finnegan (A’s)
- Fri 9.15amAvailable for Intention
- Sat 7pmJames (Shay) O’Connor (2A) / Jimmy Nugent (3A)
Peg Fitzgibbon (22A) also remembering her grandson Cillian & brothers Sean & Phil
Rita Lynch (A) / Joe & Desmond Heller (A’s)
- Sun 10.30amChrissie McCabe (20A) also remembering her husband Christy
- Sun 12.30pmTony O’Connor (1A) / Kathleen Gibson (8A)
Frank Dunne (39A) / Felix Finlay (A)

CHAPEL OF BLESSED MARGARET BALL

- Sun 10amChristy Smith (5A) / Anne Murphy (6A)
Kathleen & Jackie Timmons (A’s)
- Wed 10amLiam Galvin (RD)
- Sun 10amAvailable for Intention

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

- Sat 6pmAnn O’Dwyer (A) / Peggy O’Dwyer (A)
- Sun 10amMichael Whelan (5A) / Alan Hickey (11A)
Derek Hickey (1A)
- Sun 12 NoonBrendan Daly (MM) / Nancy McKenna (MM)
Eddie Toomey (A) / Pat and Mary Conboy (A)
Kathleen Fitzpatrick (4A) / Paddy Fitzpatrick (6A)
Kitty Kelly (16A)
- Mon 10amAvailable for Intention
- Tues 10amTecla Caagbay (1A)
- Wed 10amAvailable for Intention
- Thur 10amAvailable for Intention
- Fri 10amAvailable for Intention
- Sat 10amCatherine Garvin (A)
- Sat 6pmGeorge Curran (2A) / Christy Hyde (20A)
Gerry Byrne (1A) / Brian Goodson (5A)
Thomas Raythorne (15A)
- Sun 10amMichael and Joan Bogan (A) / PJ Troy (A)
John & Mary Lyons (A) / Martin & Mary Troy (A)
Pat Lyons (A) / Kieran Murray (10A)
Tom Murray (A)
- Sun 12 NoonPaddy Mc Evoy (10A) / Bridget and Deirdre O Connor (3A) / Noel Thomas Hughes (7A)
Eamon Atkins (16A) / Michael O Reilly (A)

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

“He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness.”
REVELATION 21:4

WE REMEMBER

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

† Catherine Kearns

† Ann Blake

† Mary Hanlon

† Stephen Ryan



BAPTISMS

Patricia Colette Irwin
Rhea Anna Burke-Mahon
Bubbles Maeve Calugay
Séimí Winters

Congratulations and welcome into our parishes



COLLECTIONS 11 TH OCTOBER 2026		
	Whitehall & Santry	Beaumont
First	€1,910	€1,245
Share	€1,070	€820.55
Envelope	€876	€1,110.85
Upkeep	€60	€125
Thank you for your continued generosity		

This week in our parish

MON 19	TUE 20	WED 21	THU 22	FRI 23
9.45am - 11.45am Adoration, Oratory W	9.45am - 11.45am Adoration, Oratory W	9.15am Pilates W	9.30am - 11.30am Whitehall Coffee Shop	9.45am - 11.45am Adoration, Oratory W
8pm - 10pm Charismatic Prayer Group B	3pm - 5pm Beaumont Active Retirement Association	9.45am - 11.45am Adoration, Oratory W	9.45am - 11.45am Adoration, Oratory W	1.30pm - 2.20pm Pastoral Cafe B
1.30pm - 2.20pm Pastoral Cafe B	5pm Irish Dancing B	11.30am - 12.30pm Exercise Class W	11.45am - 12.45pm COPD Exercise Class W	1pm - 5pm Bridge W
2.00pm - 4.00pm WARA Whist W	6.30pm - 8.30pm Adoration B	11.30am - 1pm Crochet W	6pm - 7pm Tai Chi W	1.30pm - 2.30pm Drama Classes for kids B
7pm Crochet Class B	7pm - 8pm Zumba B	7pm Crochet Class B	6.30pm - 8.30pm Adoration B	2.30pm - 3.30pm Drama Classes for kids B
7.30pm - 9pm Adult Choir Rehearsal W		7.30pm Pilates W		3pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group B
		8pm Ardrose Ladies Club		

PARISH NOTICES



RECRUITMENT FOR NEW LEGION OF MARY PRESIDIUM

A recruitment drive to recruit members to a new presidium of the Legion of Mary in our parishes will take place starting this weekend.

Members of the Legion of Mary will be outside the Church of the Holy Child at all Masses **this weekend 17th and 18th October** and at Beaumont Parish on **24th and 25th October**.

TABLE QUIZ NIGHT

The Adult Choir for the 10.30am mass in Church of the Holy Child, is hosting a fundraising Table Quiz to raise funds to update sound equipment in the church. The quiz will be at **7.30pm in the Comet Pub** (Swords Road) on **Thursday October 29th**. €40 per table (max. 4 players). To book a table please contact 087 6386786

BEAUMONT PARISH LOTTO

Congratulations to Grace Higgins who was our weekly winner of our Lotto on the 8th October 2026. Join now at: www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/beaumontparish

CARMELITE OPEN DAY

Are you a man or woman aged 18–40 who would like some time for prayer and reflection? The Carmelite Friars and Nuns are holding an Open Day of Prayer, Reflection and Sharing on **Saturday 21st November 2026, from 10.30am to 4.30pm**, at the Avila Retreat Centre, Donnybrook, Dublin D04 YF66.

Everyone is welcome to come and spend the day with the Carmelite community. There is no charge, and a light lunch is provided.

Please register by Sunday 15th November by emailing opendayavila@gmail.com. For more information, www.carmelites.ie (Nuns) and www.o.cd.ie (Friars).

THANK YOU

Elaine Bannon is extremely grateful for the wonderful generosity of the Beaumont parishioners who responded so greatly to the collection for her work in Kenya. The **€4,200** will make a huge difference, especially to children.

THANK YOU

The total amount raised by the recent Thatch Road Coffee Morning in aid of St Francis Hospice was **€2,130**. Thanks to all who supported us.

ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD

Envelopes for the Altar List of the Dead are available in the Church. Please ensure that any completed envelopes are returned no later than **Friday 30th Oct 2026**.

WHITEHALL CHURCH SHOP

Call in and see our new Christmas items including cribs, cards and ornaments. We have children's cribs, colouring books and Advent calendars. The Irish Catholic newspaper is on sale. Shop open weekdays and weekends before and after each Mass.

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

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

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.

100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER 2026

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MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Join us to remember our loved ones whose funerals were celebrated in our churches in the past year.

Church of the Holy Child, Whitehall
Monday, 2nd November
7.00pm

Reception to follow

The Word of the Lord

Readings for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



FIRST READING

Isaiah 45:1,4-6

I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

‘It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95(96)

R: *Give the Lord glory and power.*

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **R**

The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R**

Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: God is king. He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R**



SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord:
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-21

Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, ‘Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man’s rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?’ But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, ‘You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.’ They handed him a denarius,

and he said, ‘Whose head is this? Whose name?’ ‘Caesar’s’ they replied. He then said to them, ‘Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.’

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:

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CHILD, WHITEHALL

Mon - Fri 9.15am
Sat 7pm
Sun 10:30am & 12.30pm
Bank Hol 10:00am

Masses are broadcast daily by webcam

OPEN

Mon - Fri 08:45 - 12:00
Sat 18:30 - 20:00
Sun 10:00 - 12:30

CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated after the 7pm Saturday Mass or on request.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, BEAUMONT

Mon - Fri 10am
Sat 10am & 6pm
Sun 10am & 12 noon
Bank Hol 11am

10am Mass is broadcast by webcam

OPEN

Mon - 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.

CHAPEL OF THE BLESSED MARGARET BALL, SANTRY

Wed 10am
Sun 10am

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.



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