



HOLY CHILD NATIVITY PARISHES

Beaumont | Larkhill | Whitehall | Santry



Feast of The Assumption

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times across the parishes are as follows:

Friday 14th Aug
7.00pm: Whitehall
(Vigil Mass)

Saturday 15th Aug
10.00am: Beaumont
10.00am: BMB
10.30am: Whitehall
6.00pm: Beaumont
7.00pm: Whitehall

Donnycarney / Beaumont Local Care Centre Meals on Wheels

is currently seeking volunteer drivers to help deliver meals for this valuable service in the local area. If you have some time to spare and would like to help out your local community, your support would be greatly appreciated. Please contact **Ann** on 01-8319783 if you are interested in volunteering.

"You Give Them Something to Eat".

In this Sunday's Gospel, we encounter Jesus seeking out a "lonely place". It is a setting of profound quiet, yet it quickly fills with thousands of people starving for both truth and physical healing. When evening falls, the disciples panic at the lack of resources, urging Jesus to send the crowds away to buy food for themselves. However, Jesus completely upends their human, commercial logic with a direct challenge: "You give them something to eat".



Looking at our own lives, our parish, and our world, we often feel just like the disciples. Faced with immense burdens, family struggles, or the material and spiritual poverty around us, we count our "five loaves and two fish" and declare it hopelessly insufficient. We fall into the trap of assuming we do not have enough to make a difference.

But the miracle of the multiplication reveals a beautiful truth about the divine economy. Jesus does not ask the disciples for what they do not have. He simply asks them to offer the little they do possess. He takes their meagre offering, looks up to heaven, breaks the bread, and hands it back. In His hands, human scarcity is transformed into a superabundance that leaves twelve baskets of fragments leftover.

This miracle directly prefigures the Holy Eucharist we celebrate today. When we approach the altar, we bring our small, fractured lives to the Lord. He takes our limited strength, blesses it, and transforms us into nourishment for a hungry world. This week, let us stop letting fear dictate what we can offer. Trust that when we give our "little" to Christ, His grace will always multiply it to meet the need.

Deacon Damian Murray

Reflection: *Don't count what's lacking—give what you have. Christ takes our small offerings and multiplies them into abundance.*

Lough Derg Pilgrimage

One Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg, Saturday **22nd August 2026**.

Bus from Whitehall Church at 6.30am. Cost is 85.00 includes fare, day on the island, morning tea & coffee and a light lunch.

A pilgrimage removes us from our daily routine and gives us time to encounter God more deeply.

For more information, **please contact Marie McAllister on 086 3990998.**



UNDERSTANDING THE MASS (Part 9)

The Creed: "I Believe"

What Is Happening

Having heard God speak in the readings and homily, the congregation now speaks back, not with petition or praise, but with belief. The Creed is the assembly's formal response to the Word, a public declaration of the faith into which we were baptised and within which we worship.

The Nicene Creed, most commonly used at Sunday Mass, was forged in the great councils of the fourth century — hammered out by bishops who understood that precise words about God matter enormously. Every line was hard won.

How We Should Respond

Notice the shift from plural to singular — "I believe", not "we believe." Each person makes this profession personally. This is not crowd agreement; it is individual conviction expressed in community. When you reach the lines about the Incarnation — "and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man" — the Church bows. On Christmas and the Annunciation, we kneel. Don't let this gesture pass unnoticed. God became flesh. That deserves more than words.

Living This at Mass

Choose one line of the Creed this Sunday and sit with it during the week. Not to analyse it — simply to believe it more deeply. ✠

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday 3rd Aug

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

8pm - 10pm

Charismatic Prayer Group (B)

Tuesday 4th Aug

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Adoration (B)

7pm - 8pm

Zumba (B)

Wednesday 5th Aug

9.45am - 11.45am

Adoration (W Oratory)

11.30am - 12.30pm

Exercise Class (W)

Thursday 6th Aug

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 7th Aug

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

"The Eucharist is the supreme proof of the love of Jesus. After this, there is nothing more but Heaven itself"

St. Peter Julian Eymard



MASS INTENTIONS - 1st Aug to 9th Aug 2026

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CHILD

Sat 7pm

Sam Bolton (1A) / Michael O'Prey (4A) Michael Murray (12A) Winnie Brady (BR)

Sun 10.30am

John Dolan (A) / Mick & Mertie Murphy (A's) / Margaret & John Martin RIP

Sun 12.30pm

Lisa Donohoe (MM) / Anthony & Elizabeth Flynn (A's)

Mon 9.15am

Available for Intention

Tues 9.15am

Available for Intention

Wed 9.15am

Sean Whelan (BR)

Thur 9.15am

Jack O'Donoghue (25A)

Fri 9.15am

Altar List of the Dead

Sat 7pm

Richard Flanagan (MM) / Michael O'Prey (4A) / Anna Colley (5A)

Sun 10.30am

Thomas Kane (9A)

Sun 12.30pm

James Phillips (14A)

Peter Finn (25A)

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Sat 6pm

Available for Intention

Sun 10am

Frances Connie Power (1A)

Sun 12 Noon

Available for Intention

Mon 10am

Available for Intention

Tues 10am

Available for Intention

Wed 10am

Available for Intention

Thur 10am

Mary and Bernie Finnegan (A)

Fri 10am

Available for Intention

Sat 10am

Brigid Peat (60A)

Sat 6pm

Tom Maher (A) & also remembering his wife Bridget / Ann Cunnane (MM)

Sun 10am

John and Elizabeth Kenna (A)

Sun 12 Noon

Eugene Shannon (2A)

CHAPEL OF BLESSED MARGARET BALL

Sun 10am

Ger Maloney (1A) also remembering her dad Gerry

Sun 10am

Marie Brady (6A) / Tony Fox (14A)

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 26th July

	W	B
First:	€1,787	€1,087.25
Share:	€1,085	€772.75
Envelope:	€786.46	€541.60
Upkeep:	€85	€31

Thank you to all who support our collections



Baptisms

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

Seamus Whiston RIP
Maureen Ledwidge RIP
Liam Brennan RIP

Isabelle Pascoli
Leo Thomas O'Hara
Olivia Karen Bell
Jamie Ella Bell

Congratulations and welcome into our parishes.



"Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man

who takes refuge in him."

-Psalm 34:8



CONTACT INFORMATION

Priests: Very Rev. Robert Smyth P.P. / Rev. Martin Harte C.C. / Very Rev. John Jones P.C.
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COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

We would like to remind parishioners that we have a community board in the Parish Centre and that suitable notices are very welcome. Please drop by the office if you would like to place something on the notice board.

FIRST FRIDAY FAST

As a suggestion from our Parish Pastoral Council, each First Friday of the month let us observe a day of Abstinence and Fasting. This is an opportunity to take part together as a parish community in Praying for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life.

CHANGING GEARS – FREE COURSE FOR 50+

Age & Opportunity, in collaboration with Dublin City Council, is running Changing Gears at Whitehall Parish Centre this autumn. This free 5-week course helps those aged 50+ navigate life transitions such as retirement, bereavement, job loss, ill health, caring roles or relationship change, building resilience and confidence for the next stage of life.

See Community Notice Board for full details

SUMMER SCHEDULE - NO BLESSED MARGARET BALL MASS ON WEDNESDAY

There will be no Wednesday Mass in The Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball during the summer months.

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group takes place on Wed, 26th August, 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. Our team is there to listen and offer support to all who attend.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Collection this weekend - CHC Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd August. 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.

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.

WHITEHALL CHURCH SHOP

Call in and browse our new selection of books by various authors, including Richard Rohr, Bishop Robert Barron and Fr. Brian Grogan. We now have Pope Leo's encyclical Magnifica Humanitas in stock. We have 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.

BEAUMONT PARISH LOTTO

Congratulations to Deirdre Comiskey who was our weekly winner of our lotto on the 23rd July 2026.



Join Now

Scan the QR code or go to our website



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

YOUTH 2000

SUMMER FESTIVAL

NEWBRIDGE COLLEGE, KILDARE

13TH - 16TH AUGUST 2026

AGES 16-35

DONATION ONLY

FREE BUSES

REGISTER NOW



"I WILL TRUST AND WILL NOT BE AFRAID, FOR THE LORD GOD IS MY STRENGTH AND MY SONG" - ISAIAH 12:2

COME AND SEE!

WWW.YOUTH2000.IE

Pathways INTO PASTORAL MINISTRY

This course is aimed at adults of all ages looking to explore and grow their faith through inputs, small group sharing and retreats.

Especially useful for members of PPCs and those in parish ministry

WHEN?

Thursday evenings
from 7.15pm to 9.15pm
24th September 2026
to 13th May 2027

WHERE?

DCU St Patrick's Campus
Mater Dei Centre
for Catholic Education
Drumcondra Road Upper, Dublin 9

COURSE CONTENT

MODULE 1: WELCOME

- Journey of Faith
- Images of God
- Images of Jesus
- Missionary Discipleship
- Being a Synodal Church

MODULE 2: WITNESS

- Call of Baptism
- Role of Laity
- Justice & Peace
- Outreach to Young People

MODULE 3: WORSHIP

- What is Liturgy?
- Godly Play
- Shape of the Mass
- Prayer of the Church
- Leading Prayer & Liturgies

MODULE 4: SACRAMENTS

- Of Initiation
- Of Healing & Commitment
- RCIA
- Sacramental Preparation
- Accompanying Families

MODULE 5: MINISTRY

- Creation/Laudato Si'
- Servant Leadership
- Ministry of Catechist
- Journeying with adults

PLUS 3 RETREAT EXPERIENCES

Cost
€300

Scan the QR code to Register online



For more information please visit

www.dublindiocese.ie/missionministry/adult-faith-pastoral-councils/pathways/
or contact peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-3

Come and eat

Thus says the Lord:
Oh, come to the water all
you who are thirsty;
though you have no money,
come!
Buy corn without money,
and eat, and, at no cost, wine
and milk.
Why spend money on what
is not bread, your wages on
what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and you
will have good things to eat
and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will
live.
With you I will make an
everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised
to David.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 144(145):8-9,15-18

*R: You open wide your
hand, O Lord; you
grant our desires.*

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 eyes of all creatures
look to you and you give
them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all
who live. *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

Romans 8:35,37-39

*No created thing can ever
come between us and the
love of God made visible
in Christ*

Nothing can come between
us and the love of Christ,
even if we are troubled or
worried, or being
persecuted, or lacking food
or clothes, or being
threatened or even attacked.
These are the trials through
which we triumph, by the
power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this:
neither death nor life, no
angel, no prince, nothing
that exists, nothing still to
come, not any power, or
height or depth, nor any
created thing, can ever come
between us and the love of
God made visible in Christ
Jesus our Lord.

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 14:13-21

*The feeding of the
five thousand*

When Jesus received the
news of John the Baptist's
death he withdrew by boat to
a lonely place where they
could be by themselves. But

the people heard of this and,
leaving the towns, went
after him on foot. So as he
stepped ashore he saw a
large crowd; and he took
pity on them and healed
their sick.

When evening came, the
disciples went to him and
said, 'This is a lonely place,
and the time has slipped by;
so send the people away,
and they can go to the
villages to buy themselves
some food.' Jesus replied,
'There is no need for them
to go: give them something
to eat yourselves.' But they
answered 'All we have with
us is five loaves and two
fish.' 'Bring them here to
me' he said. He gave orders
that the people were to sit
down on the grass; then he
took the five loaves and the
two fish, raised his eyes to
heaven and said the
blessing. And breaking the
loaves handed them to his
disciples who gave them to
the crowds. They all ate as
much as they wanted, and
they collected the scraps
remaining; twelve baskets
full. Those who ate
numbered about five
thousand men, to say
nothing of women and
children.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' 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

Accompany with constant
protection, O Lord,
those you renew with these
heavenly gifts and, in your
never-failing care for them,
make them worthy of
eternal redemption.
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 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.

