Church of the Holy Child
The Thatch Road, Whitehall,
Dublin 9

PARISH of LARKHILL WHITEHALL & SANTRY

Parish Newsletter 5th January 2025

Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball
Oak Park Avenue,
Santry, Dublin 9

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CHILD

MASSES

Monday to Friday: 9:15am
Saturday: 7:00pm
Bank Holidays: 10:00am
Sunday at 10:30am & 12:30 pm
All Masses are broadcast daily by webcam

CONFESSIONS

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

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

Mon to Fri: 08:45am - 12:00pm
Saturday: 6:30pm until after Mass
Sunday: 10:00am until after 12:30pm Mass

BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is normally celebrated on Saturdays at 12pm. This can be arranged by appointment with the Parish Office at least one month in advance of the Baptism.

ADORATION

Monday to Friday from 9.45am to 11.45am in the Oratory.

CHAPEL OF BLESSED MARGARET BALL

MASSES

Wednesday: 10:00am*
Sunday: 10:00am
** Wednesday Masses will resume on the 8th Jan 2025*

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into light."
(Helen Keller)

MASS INTENTIONS

(FROM SATURDAY 4TH JANUARY TO SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY 2025)

Saturday 7pm	Available For Intention	
Sunday 10:30am	Deceased members of the Molloy, Nolan & Mongey Families	Remembrance
Sunday 12.30pm	Phyllis Walsh	Month's Mind
	Audrey Scott	3rd Anniversary
	Elizabeth Whitford & Miriam Malawski	5th Anniversary
	Garry & Eileen Synott	Anniversaries
	Charles Hyland	Anniversary
	Patrick Hyland	Anniversary
	Rachel Partridge	Birthday Remembrance
	Available for Intention	
Monday 9.15am		
Tuesday 9.15am	Carmel Butler	13th Anniversary
Wednesday 9.15am	Available For Intention	
Thursday 9.15am	Gladys Fagan	4th Anniversary
Friday 9.15am	Available for Intention	
Saturday 7pm	Patrick (Paddy) Kilmurray	Month's Mind
	Dominick Duffy	Anniversary
Sunday 10.30am	Kevin Traynor	Month's Mind
Sunday 12.30pm	Matthew Carolan	Month's Mind
	Ronnie Burke	2nd Anniversary
	Mona Burke	7th Anniversary
	Kay O'Connor	19th Anniversary
	Frank Maguire	Anniversary
	Jack & Rose Leonard	Anniversary
CHAPEL OF BLESSED MARGARET BALL		
Sun 5th Jan 10am	Available for Intention	
Weds 8th Jan 10am	Available for Intention	

We remember in prayer our friends and loved ones who have died in the peace of Christ:

Michael Murphy, Patrick Dempsey
Margaret Wynne, Rosemary Downes
Anna Harrington, Phyllis Rutherford
Carmel Butler, Anne Hislop

PARISH CENTRE ROOM RENTAL

There are rooms available for rent if anyone would like to book meetings / events or start new classes in 2025.

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Lord, we look toward you, our hope, our peace, and our comfort in this New Year. As we enter into the unknown of the coming year, we ask for your guidance and wisdom. Illuminate our path with your light so that we may walk in your ways and make choices that align with your will. Help us to seek first your kingdom and trust that all other things will be added unto us. Amen.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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PARISH & DIOCESAN NOTICES

BLESSED MARGARET BALL

Significant renovations are required for the Chapel and you will be able to enjoy the enhancements when visiting, e.g. the replacement of all the original heaters and improvements to the lighting. More renovations are still required and we will continue with the work. It is estimated that we require €30,000 in order to complete all of the work and we would make a special appeal to Parishioners to donate using the special 30th anniversary collection envelopes which are available in the Church. Parishioners have generously donated €3,965 to this work already but as you can see from the barometer, we would appreciate further donations in order to reach our target.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

The 6th January is a Holy day of Obligation. Mass times are as follow: 9:15am Holy Child, 10:00am Beaumont, 10:00am Blessed Margaret Ball, 7.00pm Holy Child Evening Mass.

FAMILY OFFERING ENVELOPES

Thanks to the parishioners who have signed up to give to the Parish by weekly envelope or monthly standing order and thanks too to those who have resolved to increase the amount that they give per year. It is a sign of hope that the Parish can overcome its financial difficulties and have confidence in its future.
A clerical error has come to light in the booklet that was produced with the 2023 accounts. In the letter that accompanied the accounts, the amounts of recent losses were specified with one mistake. For 2019, the figure for total expenses was included instead of the figure for the loss. The amounts should read: **2017: Loss €20,162. 2018: Loss €134,278. 2019: Loss: €165,261*. 2020: Loss €45,669.**

WHITEHALL PARISH TEAM VACANCY

We have a vacancy in Whitehall Church for a general operative / cleaner who would be employed as part of the Community Employment (CE) Scheme.

For more information, please ask at Reception or go to www.jobsireland.ie to apply.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The SVDP would like to thank parishioners from the Church of the Holy Child and Blessed Margaret Ball for the wonderful Christmas collection which raised €8,846.22.

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.

BOOKS

Why not visit our new book section located in the Parish Centre? Pop by for a browse and if you see something you like why not take it away for a small donation.

HOLY CHILD NS OPEN EVENING

Holy Child NS will hold an open evening on **Thursday 23rd January from 6:30 - 7:30pm** for parents of children who are due to start school in September 2025.
Enrolment for Junior Infants and the Junior ASD class opens on the 6th January. Please see www.holychildns.ie for more information.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Christmas Raffle draw took place on Monday 16th December and was a great success thanks to our generous parishioners who donated prizes and bought tickets. We would also like to thank local businesses, Trends Hair and Beauty, Adrian Dunne Pharmacy and O'Sullivan's Life Pharmacy for the very generous donations. We are delighted to say we raised €1328 and these funds will go towards the upkeep of the Parish. Prize winners who were not present at the draw have been contacted. One prize winner did not provide a contact number, pink ticket number 40 could they please contact the parish office to collect the prize.

CHURCH SHOP

Why not pop by the Church Shop and browse a great selection of Cards, Calendars, Diaries, Etc. The shop is open weekdays and weekends after each Mass.

PARISH LOTTO

Our fundraiser lotto is temporarily suspended. The team is working to relaunch the lotto in the coming months. Thank you all for your loyal support.

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group will resume on **Wednesday January 8th 2025, from 7:30 to 9:00 pm** in the Parish Centre. Please note that our meetings will take place on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month. We would like to invite any parishioner who feels they might benefit from attending. The group provides a supportive space to share your bereavement journey or simply listen to others' experiences. Our team will be present to listen and support all who attend. At Bethany, we want you to know that you are not alone in your grief. We hope you can join us.

PARISH UPKEEP FUND

Envelopes for the Parish Upkeep Fund will continue to be available in the Church and Parish Centre.

CHAIR PILATES

Exercises for joint mobility, a full body workout while seated. Males and Females welcome. A six-week course starting Weds Jan 8th at 11.30am. Please contact Anne-Marie 087-2361517