

Church of the Holy Child

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve Saturday, December 24th

Masses for Christmas Eve -6.00p.m.
Night Mass for Christmas -9.00p.m.

Christmas Day Sunday, December 25th

10.30a.m. & 12.30p.m.

No Evening Mass on Christmas Day

Monday 26th – Friday 30th December

10.00am.

Saturday, 31st December 2022

7.00p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday 1st January 2023

10.30a.m. & 12.30p.m.

Monday – Thursday 5th January -10.00a.m.

Friday 6th January Feast of the Epiphany

Holy Day of Obligation

9.15a.m.

Please note no 11.15a.m. Mass



Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball

Christmas Eve Sat, December 24th

7.00p.m. Night Mass for Christmas

Christmas Day Sun 25th December

10.00a.m. Mass

Please note Mass will not be

celebrated on Wednesday 28th

December in Blessed Margaret Ball

Sunday, 1st January 2023

10.00a.m. Mass

Friday 6th January 2023 Feast of the Epiphany Holy Day of Obligation



Christmas Message

I would like to take this opportunity to thank most sincerely all parishioners who have supported the parish throughout the past two years. It has been a very difficult and challenging time for all and your generosity to this parish has been amazing.

This is a wonderful parish with fantastic people involved. It has been noted for its excellent volunteerism and Pastoral Teams. I look forward to the coming year and pray it will be a vibrant time for our parish with all involved.

On behalf of the priests I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and every blessing for the new year.

God bless – *Fr. Paul*

Recently Deceased: We remember our friends and loved ones who have recently died in Christ. Philomena Gray, Francis Roche, Anthony Armstrong, Frank Kilkelly, Frances Russell

May they enjoy perfect peace and reconciliation in the presence of God.



PARISH OF LARKHILL/WHITEHALL/SANTRY



NEWSLETTER



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“Amid all the many problems of our time, hope prevails, “for to us a child is born”

25th December 2022

about Christmas:

“Today we celebrate the mystery of Bethlehem, the mystery of an incomparable night which is, in a sense, within time and beyond time. From the Virgin’s womb was born a Child, a manger became the cradle of immortal Life. Christmas is the festival of life, because Jesus, [was] born like all of us.”

Christ who was born of Mary in Bethlehem wants to be born in all our lives. We can really celebrate Christmas well when we show the face of Christ to each other, when God’s love becomes real in our own lives as it became flesh in Jesus. We remember with gratitude today all those who have shown the face of Christ to us and we pray that our own relationships with Christ will deepen during this Christmas time.

The birth stories about Jesus are found only in the gospels of Matthew and Luke. In the birth of Jesus, we see our God made

As we gather for mass on this Christmas week, we give thanks to God for the gift of this son Jesus to us. Christmas is not an event that was frozen in the history of 2,000 years ago but is for Christian but the fulfilment of the hope of many generations in the centuries before Christ as born. As we are told in the gospel of Saint Matthew:

“For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it”. (Matt 13:17)

Our great hope of this Christmas Season, which extends from Christmas Eve to January 5th, is that Christ will once more be born in our hearts. As we rush around, we must remember that Christmas is a season not just one day, so there is plenty of time for visiting and to get things done.

Speaking in the Millennium year, Pope John Paul II said the following

visible. The thrilling reality of the Word made flesh is both gift and call. We are challenged to love the God we cannot see in the neighbour we can see. There can be no separation of these two realities: to love God is to love your neighbour and to love your neighbour is to love God.

When speaking about Christmas, Pope Francis said:

“Dear brothers and sisters, amid all the many problems of our time, hope prevails, “for to us a child is born” (Is 9:6). He is the word of God, who became an infant, capable only of crying, and in need of help for everything. He wished to learn how to speak, like every other child, so that we might learn to listen to God, our Father, to listen to one another and to dialogue as brothers and sisters. O Christ, born for our sake, teach us to walk beside you on the paths of peace”.

Christmas can be a difficult and challenging time for many people whether through bereavement, illness or family circumstances. We have also mixed with other people less in recent years and have begun to return to a more normal way of life.

If you have got out of the habit of attending mass, you might consider returning to church over the Christmas season for mass and to visit the crib. This is a prayer that you could say:

“Hail and Blessed be the hour and moment when the Son of God was born to the most pure Virgin Mary at midnight in the stable at Bethlehem in the piercing cold. In that same hour and moment, vouchsafe, Oh my God, to hear my prayer and grant my request. Amen.”



Whatever our circumstances this Christmas, I hope that you will have some time to relax and reflect on God’s mercy, forgiveness and love. And, in particular, the gift of his son Jesus to us at this very special time of the year.

I would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.
Gerard Reilly - Permanent Deacon in Malahide and Portmarnock parishes



Holy Child NS

Enrolment for Junior Infants and our Junior ASD class for September 2023 will open on Monday 9th January. The Junior Infant enrolment will close on 30th January and the Junior ASD class will close on 10th March.

Please see the enrolment section of our website www.holychildns.ie for more information.

Mass Intentions for the coming week Church of the Holy Child

Sat 24th Dec	6.00p.m. & 9.00p.m.	Christmas Eve
Sun 25th Dec	10.30a.m. & 12.30p.m.	Christmas Day
Mon 26th Dec	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Tues 27th Dec	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Wed 28th Dec	10.00a.m.	Robert (Bobby) Smith – 1st Anniversary
Thurs 29th Dec	10.00a.m.	Brian Byrne – Anniversary Brendan Mulvey – Anniversary Carmel Butler – Anniversary
Fri 30th Dec	10.00a.m.	John McKiernan – Anniversary
Sat 31st Dec	7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Sun 1st Jan	10.30a.m. 12.30p.m.	Richard O’Flynn – Anniversary Garrett & Eileen Sinnott – Anniversaries Elizabeth Whitford – Anniversary Miriam Malawski – Anniversary Deceased members of the Nolan Family – R.I.P.

Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball

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Sun 1st Jan	10.00a.m.	Michael McArdle – 1st Anniversary Simon Kenny – 35th Birthday Remembrance (RIP)

What if the Christmas story happened today?

(adapted from Sr Julian Burrows)

Imagine the Christmas story happening in our day:

Mary and Joseph travelling on a motorway.

Instead of bright and guiding star headlights from car, after car, after car.

The night: foggy, wet and cold. The bus they are in: rickety and old.

Joseph: an anxious man, with fears since Mary, his beloved’s time is near.

He spoke to the driver - a kindly man

“Not to worry” he said “I’ll do what I can”

He took the next exit and set them down at the hospital in a busy town.

The lady at the desk shook her head “due to HSE cuts, we don’t have a bed.

Perhaps you could go private at the Nursing Home?”

Joseph and Mary begin to roam.

Searching for shelter from door to door and when they could walk no more

They came upon a homeless group who smiled at them and shared their soup.

The story’s different no donkey or ox, the Son of Man in a cardboard box.

