



**Priests:**  
 Fr John Delany 01 283 23 02  
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**Parish Office:**  
 Hours 10.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.  
 Tel: 288 21 04  
 www.sjb.ie

**Times of Mass:**  
 Saturday: Vigil 6.30 p.m.  
 Sunday 9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 12 noon  
 First Sunday of the Month 9 a.m. Gaeilge  
 Family Mass: 10.30 a.m. 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Sun. of month  
 Weekdays: 10.00 a.m. and 1.05 p.m.  
 Saturday 11.00 a.m.  
 Holy Days: Vigil 6.30 p.m. 10 a.m. 1.05 p.m.  
 and 6.30 p.m.

*There may be parishioners or visitors, who come to Mass here in St. John the Baptist, on Sunday, and Weekdays, who are unable to receive the Host in Holy Communion. Please feel free to receive Holy Communion from the Chalice, which is placed on the table in front of the Sacred Heart, on Sundays and on the side of the altar on Weekdays*

**Confessions**

Saturday: After 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Mass.  
 Eve of Holy Days & First Fridays after 10 a.m. Mass.  
**Miraculous Medal**  
**Novena** : Monday after the 10 a.m. Mass.  
 Bank Holiday after 11a.m. Mass.

**Baptisms**

First Sunday of the month at 1 p.m. Other weekends:  
 Saturdays at 12 noon.

**Marriages:** By arrangement, 3 months' notice required to Parish in which you reside.

**Pope's Intentions**

**That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generation.**

**Carols By Candlelight**

For Laura Lynn Children's Hospice  
 With  
 Paul Byrom  
 Live  
 Monkstown Church, Monkstown.  
 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 8 p.m.  
 Tickets: €27  
 Tickets Available online  
[www.mermaidartscentre.ie](http://www.mermaidartscentre.ie)  
 Box Office: 01 2724030

**Christmas**

**Christmas time is about the birth of Christ. It is also about family, at this time we think of those who are away from home or are no longer with us. You might like to remember someone this Christmas by placing their names on the tree. Cards for this purpose are available alongside the tree.**

**Christmas Programme 2017**

**Christmas Eve, Sunday Family Mass at 6.00 p.m. Vigil Mass 9.00 p.m. preceded by Carols with the choir from 8.45 p.m.**

**Christmas Day Monday Mass 9.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m., and 12 noon**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> through to Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Mass will be celebrated at 11.00 a.m.**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December Vigil Mass at 6.30 p.m.**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December. Masses: 9.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m., and 12 noon.**

**An Irish Christmas Moya Brennan**

**The Voice of Clannad with her band presents her festive, fundraising concert of season songs, Carols and traditional music in the magnificent atmosphere of MONKSTOWN PARISH CHURCH**  
**Date: Thursday 21st December at 7.30 p.m.**  
**Special guests: Craobh Phiarais Uí Ghréagáin Trad Groups**  
**Tickets €15/10 from Hewetts & Monkstown Post Office, Carrick Brennan Road, Monkstown and online at [www.moyabrennan.com](http://www.moyabrennan.com)**  
**Enquiries 086 813 9981**

**Advent Eucharistic Devotions**

Eucharistic Devotions in preparation for Christmas will take place on Thursday 21st December, at 7.30 p.m. The devotions consist of Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Prayer and Evening Prayer of the Church and an individual blessing of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. We invite and encourage you to attend.

**St. Vincent de Paul Annual Collection**

**The Blackrock Conferences of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul gratefully acknowledge the very generous response to their Christmas appeal last weekend which amounted to €12,000 in cheques and €6,800 in cash. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the intentions of all the Benefactors. May God reward you for your generosity.**

**Child Safeguarding**

As the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 is fast approaching, we ask those members of the following groups who have not as yet engaged in the Garda Vetting process to please ensure you submit your completed Invitation Form and ID to Fr. John Delany in advance of that date: **Baptism, Collectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Family Mass, Mass Co-ordinators, Music, Parish Pastoral Council, Readers and Staff.** When you receive your online application form you **must complete it within 30 days** as otherwise it will lapse and it will be necessary for you to start the process from the beginning again. Invitation forms are available at the back of the Church or they may be downloaded from the Diocesan website [www.csp.dublindiocese.ie](http://www.csp.dublindiocese.ie)

**Service of Reconciliation**

**The Parish Service of Reconciliation will take place on Monday evening 18<sup>th</sup> December, at 7.30 p.m.**

**Christmas Carol Service**

**Carysfort National School Carol Service will take place in the Church Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 p.m.**

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
 To free your captive Israel,  
 That mourns in lonely exile here,  
 Until the Son of God appear. Refrain

Rejoice, rejoice, O Israel,  
 To you shall come Emmanuel.

O royal branch of Jesse's tree,  
 Redeem us all from tyranny;  
 From pain of hell your people free,  
 And over death win victory. Refrain

**O Comfort My People**

O comfort my people and calm all their fear;  
 And tell them the time of salvation draws near.  
 O tell them I come to remove all their shame;  
 Then they will forever give praise to my name.

Proclaim to the cities of Juda my word;  
 That gentle yet strong is the hand of the Lord.  
 I rescue the captives, my people defend,  
 And bring them to justice and joy without end.

**Receive, O Father, in thy love**

Receive, O Father, in thy love,  
 These humble gifts of bread and wine:  
 That with ourselves we offer Thee,  
 Returning gifts already thine.

Behold this host and chalice, Lord,  
 To Thee on high the gifts we raise:  
 Through them may we our honour pay,  
 Our adoration and our praise.

**Behold a Virgin Bearing Him**

Behold a Virgin bearing Him,  
 Who comes to save us from our sin;  
 The prophets cry: prepare his way,  
 Make straight His paths to Christmas day.

Behold our hope and life and light,  
 The promise of the holy night; We lift our pray'r and  
 bend our knee  
 To his great love and majesty.