



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock. Parish Newsletter 30th November/1st December 2019.

Priests:
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Parish Office:
Hours 10.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.
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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. each Sunday
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.

There may be parishioners or visitors, who come to Mass in St. John the Baptist Church, and who are unable to receive the Host in Holy Communion. On Sunday's please feel free to receive Holy Communion from the Chalice, which is available in front of the Statue of the Sacred Heart. On weekdays the Chalice is available at the Altar.



Confessions
Saturday: After 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Mass.
Eve of Holy Days & First Fridays after 10 a.m. Mass
Bank Holiday after 11a.m. Mass.
Baptisms
First Sunday of the month at 1 p.m. and third Saturday at 12 noon.
Marriages: By arrangement, 3 months' notice required to Parish in which you reside.

Pope's Intentions

That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

Light Up a Life

Remember your loved ones this Christmas at the annual remembrance ceremony Light up a life taking place in Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services. Sunday 1st December in Harold's Cross at 3.45pm. Special Guest: Andrea Corr will be our guest of honour, and we are delighted to welcome back Ian Dempsey as MC on our outdoor stage. www.lightupalife.ie

An Evening with Phil Coulter

Join Newtownpark Avenue parish for a magical evening of music with Phil Coulter on Thursday 5th December at 7.30pm in the Church of the Guardian Angels, Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock. Tickets €25 are available in the church, Newtownpark Pastoral Centre or the Texaco Garage on Newtownpark Avenue.

Daughters of Charity Christmas Gift Appeal.

Sr. Geraldine of The Daughters of Charity will speak about her work in the Missions at all Masses this weekend 30th November/1st December. Gifts will be available after Mass.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

This is not a Holyday of Obligation this Year. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is normally a holyday of obligation. However, if 8 December is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity is transferred to Monday 9 December, but is then no longer a Holyday of Obligation. This is what happens this year. It happened most recently in 2013 and 2002 and will happen again in 2024

Monthly Eucharistic Devotions

Devotions will take place next Thursday 5th December at 7.30 p.m. The Devotions consist of the celebration of Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a short period of Silent Prayer, Evening Prayer of the Church and the personal blessing of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

We invite and encourage you to attend.

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Collection

The Annual Collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take place during all Masses next weekend 7th /8th December.

It will replace the usual share Collection.

Parish Christmas Cards

The Parish Christmas Mass Cards are available in the Parish Office.

The intentions of those to whom the cards are sent will be remembered in a Triduum of Masses to be celebrated in preparation for the feast of Christmas.

Carysfort Carol Service

Carysfort National School Carol Service will take place in the Church on Thursday 12th December, at 7.30 p.m.

Service of Reconciliation

The Parish Service of Reconciliation will take place on Monday evening 17th December, at 7.30 p.m.

THE ADVENT WREATH

The **ADVENT WREATH** is made from **evergreen leaves** that are woven around a circle of wire. It has **FOUR CANDLES (3 purple AND 1 rose coloured)**. It is decorated with a **PURPLE** ribbon.

The circle of **EVERGREEN LEAVES** represents GOD who IS without beginning or end.

The **PURPLE RIBBON** and **PURPLE CANDLES** represent our need to grow and change from selfishness and sin.

The **ROSE CANDLE** is a sign of the joy that comes from living in God's way of love. (We will light the **ROSE** candle on the 3rd Sunday of Advent).