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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 Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

Lenten Eucharistic Devotions

By way of preparing ourselves for the feast of Easter we will have an evening Mass each Thursday during Lent at 7.30 p.m. 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 all of you to make an effort to join in this Lenten devotion.

**Thursdays: March: 28th
April: 4th & 11th.**

Daily Lenten Prayer

Today Lord, I choose life,

I choose your love and the challenge to live it and share it,

I choose hope, even in moments of darkness,

I choose faith, accepting you as Lord and God,

I choose to let go of some part of my burdens,

day by day handing them over to you,

I choose to take hold of your strength and power ever more deeply in my life.

May this truly be for me a time of new life, of change, challenge and growth.

May I come to Easter with a heart open to dying with you

and rising to your new life, day by day.

Amen

PARISH MAINTENANCE FUND

**The collection for the Parish Maintenance Fund, for repairs to the Church buildings, will take place this week-end 23rd /24th March, 2019.
Your support is much appreciated.**

Blackrock College Kenya Appeal

Next weekend 30th and 31st of March, the 6th Year Students of Blackrock College will be holding their annual appeal for the Outreach Programme that enables over 250 boys to attain a secondary level education in Sultan Hamud in Kenya. The boys will be speaking briefly at all Masses.

We look forward to welcoming them back this year and supporting them in this endeavour.

All monies raised goes solely towards the building fund

ALL SAINTS' BLACKROCK CHURCH AND SCHOOL

SPRINGTIME SALE

SATURDAY 6th April, 2019.

Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Venue: Church Grounds, Carysfort Avenue

Plants; Books; Records; Treasure-Trove; Collectables; Homebakes; Children's Corner Toys/ Games/Books; Games of Skill & Luck; Raffle

Tea/Coffees/ Homemade Goodies/ Burgers and Hotdogs

special attractions

All are most welcome

Gospel reflection for the 3rd Sunday of Lent

The Parable of the Fig Tree...

In our dealings and encounters with other people, we are often quick to dismiss them or even write them off when they don't meet our standards or expectations. Thankfully this is not how God treats us. Just as God is love, so also God is patient. Time and time again, God offers us the opportunity to change, repent and start again. This is beautifully illustrated in the gospel for the third Sunday of Lent. The owner of the orchard is quick to up root and cut the down the fig tree because it bears no fruit. However the gardener gives the tree yet another chance to mature and produce fruit.

During Lent, the voice of God calls to each of us with these words, 'Come back to me with all your heart, for I am all tenderness and compassion'. Tempted as we might to give up on others and even ourselves, when we feel or Lenten promises are producing no fruit, God never gives up on each. God calls us by our name and waits, and waits.