

Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 27th /28th January, 2018.

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. 2nd/4th 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.

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 Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

Laudate Festival

Primary School Music Programme & an evening of Music and Reflection. The Laudate Festival is a project of the Archdiocese of Dublin, which brings school and parish together to build a common repertoire of hymns that can be shared in liturgical, sacramental and school events. The Laudate Festival is co-ordinated jointly by the Education Secretariat and the Diocesan Liturgy Office. It provides a basis for young people to have a greater sense of belonging at liturgical events when hymns are familiar to them and invite participation. It takes place during Catholic Schools Week, embracing the theme of Families of Faith leading into the World Meeting of Families 2018. A large choir of children will lead each of the events from Catholic schools. Approximately 2,000 children will be taking part over three nights in three different venues. Wednesday 31st January at 7.00 p.m. Church of the Guardian Angels, Newtownpark Ave, Blackrock. Co. Dublin.

Habitat for Humanity – Collection

There will be a church gate collection after Mass next weekend, 3rd and 4th February to raise funds for building materials for Habitat for Humanity in Zambia. One of our young parishioners will be travelling to Zambia with Gonzaga College to take part in the building project.

Sign of Peace

Given the increase in the numbers of people affected by flu in recent weeks, it is a good time to remind ourselves of sensible practices. It is good to remember that those with flu symptoms are dispensed from their Sunday obligation to attend Mass. In times of flu alerts the HSE states "Shaking hands while exchanging the 'Sign of Peace' involves a low risk of spreading the virus".

However if some parishioners still feel uncomfortable about shaking hands during the flu season, at the Sign of Peace, they are very welcome to wish others the Peace of Christ without hand contact (with a smile or bow).

The Monthly Eucharistic Devotions

Next Thursday 1st February, at 7.30 p.m. Mass will be celebrated followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Prayer and Evening Prayer of the Church. We invite and encourage you to attend.

The Feast of St. Blaise

Next Saturday 3rd February is the Feast Day of St. Blaise. Blessing of Throats will take place after the 11.00 a.m. Mass.

Repairs and Maintenance Fund

The monthly collection for the repairs to the Parish buildings will be held after all Masses this weekend 27th/28th January.

Thank you for your on-going support

Invitation

We are delighted to announce that Rev. Fr. Kieran O'Mahony, OSA, Diocesan Academic Co-ordinator of Biblical Studies for the Diocese, will continue to present a Scripture course on St. Mark's Gospel in our Parish Centre, St. John the Baptist, Blackrock. Co. Dublin at 7.30 p.m. The lectures will run on each consecutive Wednesday – 31st January and the 7th, 14th and 21st February, 2018.

All are most welcome to attend

Take The First Step to Overseas Volunteering!

Viatores Christi runs Overseas Volunteer training weekend courses in Dublin – if you are interested in becoming an overseas volunteer or just want to learn more about social justice at home or away, this course is for you. Call us today - Viatores Christi +353-1-8689986 or email apply@viatoreschristi.com for more info.

Consider Becoming a Volunteer for the World Meeting of Families 2018

Thousands of volunteers are needed. No experience is required. We know your experience and abilities will contribute greatly to the success of our Holy Father's presence among us. We appreciate your kindness in helping us to make this historic, joyous event a truly wonderful occasion.

Volunteer Services

World Meeting of Families 2018 - Phone: 353 1567681

E-mail: volunteer@worldmeeting2018.ie
Web: www.worldmeeting2018.ie

Address: WMOF2018, Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe Road., Dublin 3. Ireland

Consider putting 'Volunteer for WMOF2018' on paper – have someone take a photo of you displaying the paper –

then share it on Facebook, Twitter etc.

FAMILY PRAYER

God, our Father, we are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, One family in the Spirit of your love.

Bless us with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind, Gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need.

Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.

Protect all families with your loving care,
Especially those for whom we now pray:

(We pause and remember family members and other by name).

Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love,
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.
This we ask, through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Mary, mother and guide, pray for us,
Saint Joseph, father and Protector, pray for us.
Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.
Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.