



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock. Parish Newsletter 6th /7th September, 2025.

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Priests Fr. Peter O'Connor P.P. 01 288 21 04 Fr. Eddie Conway P.C. 01 288 22 48	Times of Mass Sunday: Vigil (Saturday) 6.30 p.m. 10.00 a.m. 12.00 noon Weekdays: 1.05 p.m. Saturday: 6.30 p.m. Vigil
Parish Office Hours: 10.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. Monday to Friday. Tel: 01 288 21 04 Email: office@sjb.ie	

Confessions: Available on request.

Baptisms: Held on the 1st Sunday and the 3rd Saturday of the month. All enquires welcome through the Parish Office on 01 288 2104, or email, office@sjb.ie

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

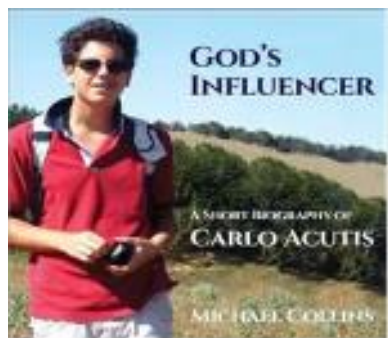
Join us for Café Conversations in the context of our place in God's Creation.

**Dates: Monday Sept 1st, 8th & 15th
10.30 – 12 noon.**

**Venue: Church of the Guardian Angels,
Newtownpark Ave.**

**Facilitators: Tony Horgan MSC,
Anna Byrne DC**

**Further Information & registration please
contact: annabyrne@daughtersofcharity.ie
by August, 29th.**



Carlo Acutis (3 May 1991 – 12 October 2006) was a British-born Italian teenager known for his devotion to the Eucharist, which became a core theme of his life prior to his death from leukaemia at the age of 15 in 2006.

In 2013, a cause for his canonization was opened. He was beatified by Pope Francis on 10 October 2020. After a second miracle attributed to the intercession of Acutis was confirmed in May 2024, Pope Francis granted approval in July 2024 to continue forward with canonization, which is scheduled for this Sunday 7th September 2025 at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, City Quay.

(Copies of God's Influencer written by Fr. Michael Collins are available to purchase in the Church).

Prayer

**O God our Father,
we thank you for giving us Carlo,
a model of life for young people,
and a message of love for all.**

**You made him fall in love with your
son Jesus,
making the Eucharist his "highway
to heaven."**

**You gave him Mary as a beloved
mother,
and you made him, through the
Rosary,**

**a cantor of her tenderness.
Receive his prayer for us.
Look above all upon the poor,
whom he loved and assisted.
Grant me too, through his
intercession, the grace
that I need (mention your
intention).**

**And make our joy full, raising Carlo
among
the saints of your Church,
so that his smile shines again for
us**

**to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Dear Parishioners,

Just a brief note to let you know some of the recent and coming events in our Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Our Parish Pastoral Council met this week, and they will be hosting a **Coffee Morning this Sunday morning 7th September**, in the Parish Centre after the **10.00 a.m. Mass**. You are all very welcome. The Parish Pastor Council's theme for the year starting in September is **"Belonging"**.

Carysfort National School belongs to our parish and there will be meetings for parents in the Church of the children who are preparing for Confirmation, The Sacraments of First Penance and First Holy Communion. Dates are below.

We continue as a Parish to support the **Building of Hope** initiative with the Parishes of Foxrock, Guardian Angels, Holy Family Deansgrange, and Monkstown. Two Partnership meetings were held during the summer and we formed a Partnership Committee consisting of two members from each parish – we have begun to share our parish newsletters with the various parish offices; the Partnership is also looking for a name - any ideas?

We welcome back the choir will be returning next Sunday 14th September.

The Finance Committee will be meeting on Wednesday 24th September. During the summer months part of the front porch was damaged due to a mini flood from the roof, this has recently been repainted. You may have noticed that the outside steps of the Church have been painted, to improve visibility of the steps and of the Church. We are currently looking to paint the railings surrounding the Church.

I hope to attend a Priest's Pilgrimage to Japan during late October and early November to visit the Catholic Shrines. I will keep you updated with the details! Thank you again for all your support, and no matter where you are from and who you are I hope St. John the Baptist Church will be a place of welcome and belonging.

Fr. Peter O'Connor Adm.

Dates for your Diary.

- **Sacrament of First Penance and First Holy Communion Parent's Meeting 17th September at 7.30 p.m.**
- **Crosscare Collection and Blessing of Schoolbags. 20th/21st September.**
- **Sacrament of Confirmation Parent's Meeting 24th September at 7.30 p.m.**
- **Safeguarding Sunday and Outdoor Collection for the Parish Maintenance Fund 27th/28th September.**
- **Harvest Weekend and Blessing of Pets 4th/5th October.**
- **Mission Sunday and Home and Away Weekend 18th/19th October.**
- **Annual Mass of Remembrance 11th November. 7.30 p.m.**