



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock. Parish Newsletter 23rd / 24th May, 2026.

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Priests
 Fr. Peter O'Connor P.P. 01 288 21 04
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Parish Office
 Hours: 10.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.
 Tel: 01 288 21 04
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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

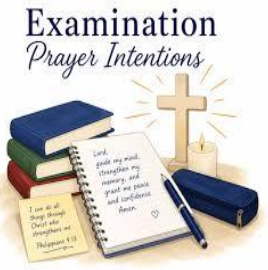
Confessions: Available on request.

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.

GOOD NEWS STAND

We have a range of candles, books, prayer cards, and The Irish Catholic newspaper available at our Good News Stand. Payment can be made at any of the shrines.



Prayer for Examination Students
Lord, as I prepare to sit my exams send your Holy spirit to guide me and be with me.

Thank you for the many talents, gifts and the opportunity of education you have given me.

Calm my nerves & anxiety, help me to remember all that I have studied, to express it clearly and to answer the questions to the very best of my ability.

Holy Spirit, be with me in my exams – and always.

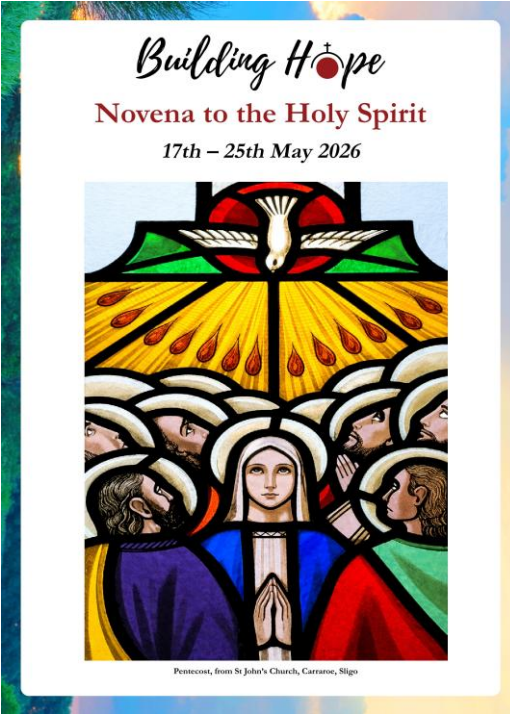
Amen.

PARISH OFFICE
 THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE **CLOSED** ON **WEDNESDAY, 27TH MAY.**

PASTORAL LETTER OF ARCHBISHOP FARRELL
24TH MAY 2026.

Archbishop Dermot Farrell has issued a Pastoral Letter.
 Copies are available at the Church doors. We encourage you to take home a copy to read at your leisure.

EXCERPT FROM THE ARCHBISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER
 "Without doubt, we must find new ways of binding ourselves together as disciples of Christ, sharing our efforts, establishing flexibility, renewing our energy. This is the challenge for the Church across the world. In the words of Pope Leo:
Today we need to look to the future with hope and build the hope of the future. Do not be afraid to do so! (Homily, Kilamba, Angola, 19th April 2026)."



Mary, Mother of the Church,
 stand with us at this Spirit-filled time.
 Grace us with your faithful presence
 as we pray, reflect and plan.

Mary, our Mother,
 wrap your mantle of gentleness and courage around us.
 Inspire us to say 'yes' to your Son,
 as we breathe in the Spirit of Truth and Love,
 to renew our communities of faith around Jesus.

Holy Mary,
 you stood at the foot of the Cross, broken-hearted.
 You witnessed the joy of the resurrection
 and the wonder of Pentecost.
 You walked great distances in your time.
 Be with us now on our Synodal Journey, Building Hope.

Beloved Mother,
 open our hearts generously to our baptismal calling.
 Encourage us into ever deepening communion with your Son, with each other,
 with those most in need, and with all of God's creation.

A Mhuire Mháthair,
 hold us close to you
 as we embrace God's loving invitation
 to wholeness, healing and peace.

Amen.

