Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Priests: Fr John Delany 01 283 23 02 Fr. Eddie Conway 01 288 22 48 01 288 21 04 Sacristy Parish Office: Hours 10.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. Monday to Friday. Tel: 288 21 04 www.sjb.ie

Times of Mass: Saturday: Vigil 6.30 p.m. 10.00 a.m. 12 noon Sundav First Sunday of the Month 10.00 a.m. Gaeilge Family Mass: 10.00 a.m. 2nd/4th Sun. of month Weekdays: 1.05 p.m. Saturday 11.00 a.m. Holy Days: Vigil 6.30 p.m. 10 a.m. 1.05 p.m.

Parish Newsletter 4th / 5th January, 2020.

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. Miraculous Medal Novena : Monday after the 10 a.m. Mass. Bank Holidav 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

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

The Priests of the Parish

Wish you and your families every blessing for the New Year.

We thank all who those who were involved in helping out over the past year. Those who have cleaned and decorated the church, the flower arranging group, those who built the crib, the collectors, the choirs, organists and instrumentalists, ministers of the Word and ministers of the Eucharist. Our Sacristans and the office staff, as well as those who serve during the year on the Parish Pastoral Council, the Parish Finance Committee, and on the Parish Centre Management Committee, and Baptism and hospitality teams. Thanks also to those who helped deliver the Christmas and Easter dues envelopes.

A big thank you to you all.

Feast of the Epiphany

Monday, 6th January is the Feast of the Epiphany and a Holyday of Obligation.

Masses will be celebrated at 10.00 a.m. 1.05 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would again like to thank you for your generous response to our Annual Appeal. If you have not already had an opportunity to contribute, you might like to return the Freepost envelope circulated before Christmas. Envelopes are also available at the back of the Church.

There will be no collection this month outside the Church.

Prayer for the New Year

Lord as I quench the lamp and close the door on the past year May I find the words of gratitude to honour this passing time The gift of your design

For all that's come and gone, for decisions right and wrong For unsung songs I offer words of thanks

May we never lose the courage to seek for a better world Where no child will cry hungry while another is bored with too much Where war is remembered in hushed tones a memory of forgotten days Where colour and creed can celebrate with pride, their different ways

And may your gentleness, O Lord exude from every heart May this New Year be a year of many blessings Where new vision will transform the paralysed places of lonely hearts Where we will discover the hidden beauty of each soul

Lord bless us and all we hold so dear That you might guide the way at the birthing of the year