



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 28<sup>th</sup> /29<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.

Website: [www.sjb.ie](http://www.sjb.ie)

Masses available on webcam

**Priests:**

Fr Peter O'Connor. P.P. 01 2882104  
Fr. Eddie Conway 01 2882248

**Parish Office:**

Hours 10.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.  
Tel: 288 21 04

**Times of Mass:**

Sunday Vigil (Saturday) 6.30 p.m.  
10.00 a.m. 12 noon  
First Sunday of the Month 10.00 a.m.  
Family Mass: 10.00 a.m. Every Sunday  
Weekdays: 1.05 p.m.  
Saturday 11.00 a.m.  
Holy Days: Vigil 6.30 p.m. 10 a.m. 1.05 p.m.

**Confessions**

On request.

**Baptisms**

On request.

**Marriages:** By arrangement, 3 months' notice required to Parish in which you reside.

**Music at Mass on Sundays**

At the 10.00 a.m. and 12 noon Masses each Sunday we are blessed to have such a great quality of music.

**Parish Christmas Cards**

The Parish Christmas Mass Cards are available in the Parish Office. The intentions of those to whom the cards are sent will be remembered in a Triduum of Masses to be celebrated in preparation for the feast of Christmas.

**Welcome to the Season of Advent**

Our Church has many signs and symbols – The Advent Wreath, the Advent calendars which are placed at the back of the Church, and the 'colour in' pages for children for Advent, which are also placed at the back of the Church. We hope to make available more signs and symbols during this season. Please God our church will be open for celebration very soon. This is a situation we will have more clarity on over the coming days! We invite you to read the Advent Wreath Circle on the opposite page and perhaps reflect on it.

**Ways to Support our Church**

Using the **DONATE BUTTON ON OUR WEBSITE WWW.**

Setting up a **STANDING ORDER** - contact Kay on 01 2882104 or [office@sjb.ie](mailto:office@sjb.ie)

Placing a contribution in the **ENVELOPES** which are available round the Church and leaving these in the **SAFE** at the back of the Church

Calling into the **Parish Office (DEBIT AND CREDIT CARDS)**

Using **REGULAR WEEKLY/MONTHLY ENVELOPES**- If anyone needs more envelopes or would like to contribute in this way, please contact Kay on 01 2882104 or [office@sjb.ie](mailto:office@sjb.ie)

**Fr. O'Connor and Fr. Conway thank you most sincerely for your continued support of the priests of the parish at this most difficult time for everyone.**

**THE ADVENT WREATH**

*The ADVENT WREATH is made from evergreen leaves that are woven around a circle of wire. It has **FOUR CANDLES (3 purple AND 1 rose coloured)**. It is decorated with a **PURPLE ribbon**.*



*The circle of **EVERGREEN LEAVES** represents **GOD** who **IS** without beginning or end.*

*The **PURPLE RIBBON** and **PURPLE CANDLES** represent our need to grow and change from selfishness and sin.*

*The **ROSE CANDLE** is a sign of the joy that comes from living in God's way of love. (We will light the **ROSE candle** on the 3rd Sunday of Advent).*

**Advent Wreath Circle – Reflection**

**Circle me, Lord.**

**Keep protection near; keep danger afar.**

**Keep hope within; keep doubt without.**

**Circle me, Lord.**

**Keep light near; keep darkness afar.**

**Circle me, Lord.**

**Keep peace within, keep strife without.**

**Circle me Lord,**

**Keep love within; keep hate without.**

**Amen.**