



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 13th /14th February, 2021.

Website: www.sjb.ie

Masses available on webcam

Priests:
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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.
12 noon
First Sunday of the Month 10.00 a.m.
Weekdays: 1.05 p.m.
Saturday 6.30 p.m. Vigil.
Holy Days: Vigil 6.30 p.m. 1.05 p.m.

Confessions

On request.

Baptisms

On request.

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

When entering the Church, please wear **face masks, social distance, and use the hand sanitizers.**

The Church is cleaned at regular intervals to make it a safer environment for all.
Thank You.

Accord Annual Collection

Accord Dublin's Annual Collection will take place this weekend 13th & 14th February. Accord needs your support this year more than ever. Please give generously. You can donate in the following ways:

Envelopes will be placed at the back of the Church for you to take.

Online: at www.accorddublin.ie/donate

By post to:

Accord Dublin,
Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe Road,
Dublin 3.

By bank transfer to:

ACCORD Dublin Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG,
Bank of Ireland, 88 Lower Camden Street, Dublin 2.
IBAN: IE27 BOFI 9001 1357 0742 03
BIC: BOFIE2D

Saint John the Baptist Donate Button.

There are five options to choose from under the DONATE button:

1. The Parish Support and Maintenance Funds, for maintaining and insuring our Church buildings, for heat and light, and for the general running of our parish.
2. The First Collection, for the support of the active, sick and retired priests of Dublin Diocese.
3. The Second Collection (Share) for needy parishes in the Diocese and for the support of the Diocesan Offices.
4. Christmas and Easter Dues, for the support of the active, sick and retired priests of the Diocese.
5. The Priests of our own Parish.

A Message from Fr. Peter O'Connor.

Dear parishioners,
We invite you to join us for the Season of Lent which starts next Wednesday 17th of February. We will be marking this Holy Season in various ways, in the Church with private prayer and online.
We do hope you are keeping well and please keep in contact with us here on the webcam and parish office through phone or email at office@sjb.ie.
We also pray this Lent for a successful rollout and support for the vaccination campaign to help us heal and come together again as a faith community.

Fr. Peter O'Connor adm.

Ash Wednesday

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Sachets of Blessed Ashes will be available, for collection, in the Church from 9.00 a.m. until dusk, with the exception of Mass times which is in private from 12.-50 to 1.30 p.m. The ashes may be administered privately in your home or in the workplace.

Shrove Tuesday,

Shrove Tuesday also commonly referred to as Pancake Day, is a celebration that's observed the day before Ash Wednesday. With Lent on the way it provides one last opportunity to splurge a little and eat whatever you want! Fr. Peter loves a good pancake!

LENT

- **At the front of the altar a small shrine will be placed, with images reminding us that LENT is a time to pray, to fast, to think of others, and a time for penance and hope.**
- **Trocaire Boxes are available to take home.**
- **Stations of the Cross. At the back of the Church, you will find Stations of the Cross for children and adults to take home.**
- **Spiritual Posters and Banners are placed at the entrances to remind us of the season of lent.**

A Prayer for Receiving the COVID Vaccine

I have been praying for this day and now it is here!
With great excitement, a touch of trepidation and with deep gratitude,
I give thanks to all the scientists who toiled day and night,
So that I might receive this tiny vaccination,
That will protect me and all souls around this world.
With the pandemic still raging,
I am blessed to do my part to defeat it.
Let this be the beginning of a new day,
A new time of hope, of joy, of freedom,
And most of all, of health.
I thank you God, for blessing me with life,
For sustaining my life,
And for enabling me to reach this awe-filled moment.
Amen.