



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

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**Masses available on webcam**

**Priests:**

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**Parish Office:**

Hours 10.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.  
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**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.**

**A Prayer to St. Joseph**

**Joseph**, strengthen in our family every bond of love which unites us,  
The marriage bond,  
The love of parent and child,  
The bonds of mutual love between all.

**Joseph**, protect our family from every danger from without,  
and from every threat to peace, unity and harmony within.

**Joseph**, teach us to be kind and loving towards one another,  
careful for one another,  
tolerant of one another,  
forgiving towards one another.

**Joseph**, may contentment with our lot.  
Amen.

**Saint John the Baptist Donate Button.**

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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.
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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 Friends,

After a dark winter we enter the Season of Spring. **Lent** can also be translated as **Springtime**. This spring we are assisted by events and special faith occasions that take place. These include **the roll out of the vaccinations** (read our vaccination prayer). **The Novena of Grace** which has a strong faith devotion in Dublin (available in the newsletter and at the back of the Church for you to take a copy home), and the **Feasts of St. Patrick and St. Joseph**.

Pope Francis has named the year **2021 as the Year of St. Joseph**. The month of March we ask you to pray at the statue of St. Joseph in the Church as we celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph on the 19<sup>th</sup> March.

We pray that these special faith events may help us move from winter to spring in hope.

**Novena of Grace**

The Novena of Grace Prayer will be recited at all Masses in our Church from the 4th to the 12th March.

**Prayer for the Novena of Grace**

O most kind and loving saint, in union with you  
I adore the Divine Majesty.

The remembrance of the favours with which  
God blessed you during life, and of your glory  
after death, fills me with joy; and I unite with  
you in offering to God my humble tribute of  
thanksgiving and of praise.

I implore you to secure for me, through your  
powerful intercession and the all important  
blessing of living and dying in the favour of God.

I also beseech you to obtain the favour I ask  
in this Novena (here ask the favour you wish to  
obtain), but if what I ask is not for the glory of  
God or for the good of my soul, obtain for me  
what is most conducive to both. Amen

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father)

**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.**