



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 1st /2nd May, 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.
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Times of Mass:

**Sunday Vigil (Saturday) 6.30 p.m.
12 noon**

**Weekdays: 1.05 p.m.
Saturday 6.30 p.m. Vigil.**

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.

May of the Angels



Five little Angels
Around your bed,
One to the foot
And one to the head.
One to sing
And one to pray.
And one to take
Your troubles away.

Carysfort National School

The children from Carysfort National School had their Confirmation Enrolment Mass last Saturday evening via webcam. We wish to thank the children who took part in the readings, and for their parents who supported them.

The children who are preparing for First Confession and First Holy Communion in the near future, are invited along with their parents to take part in the 6.30 p.m. Mass next Saturday 8th May via webcam.

We thank the teachers and the parents who are helping to prepare the children.

The Year of St. Joseph.

Pope Francis has named 2021 The Year of St. Joseph. In the Church at the statue of St. Joseph, we have placed a 'Prayer to the Sleeping Saint Joseph' on the table beside the shrine.

A Message from Fr. Peter O'Connor

Dear Friends,

We are delighted to hear that the Church will reopen on Monday 10th May. The numbers will be limited to 50 people at each Mass. We are making an **urgent appeal** for volunteers to help with counting the people on entering the Church, ushering people to their seats and opening the doors at the end of Mass. In total we require thirty volunteers who will be on a rota every three weeks. If we are to open the Church this depends entirely on volunteers coming forward to help! You may leave your name in the Parish Office or email office@sjb.ie to volunteer. **Social distancing must be adhered to at all times.**

I would like to thank you most sincerely for returning your Easter Dues. If you did not receive an envelope, they are still available in the Church, should you wish to take one. They can be placed in the safe at the back of the Church.

The Easter Garden and Holy Water has been a great success. I wish to thank all those who helped put the garden together, it also got a mention in the Irish Catholic. It is truly beautiful. Holy water bottles are available in the Church for you to take home.

May is the Month of Our Lady. Our Lady's Altar will be specially decorated for the Month of May. We invite you to visit her altar and light a candle. The shrine offerings go towards the maintenance of the parish.

During the month of May we are hoping to have an outdoor display exhibition from the children in Carysfort National School. More details to follow!

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support of the clergy throughout this past year. The Mass bookings have remained strong, and have not diminished despite the restrictions.

Fr. Peter O'Connor, Adm.

Trócaire Boxes

May we remind you to please return your Trócaire Lenten boxes as soon as possible.
Thank You.

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.