



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 29th /30th 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.
10.00 a.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.

Exhibition of Confirmation Paintings of Sixth Class

The sixth-class children of Carysfort National School have been preparing for Confirmation. On the railings surrounding the Church there will be over sixty paintings put together by the children. The children were asked to put together scenes about the community in which they live, and where they felt the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. Since the Church, school and home are the obvious dwelling places of the Holy Spirit, the children were asked to paint local scenes outside of these places.

Please take some time to look at the paintings, we hope our parishioners and visitors alike will enjoy the colourful display, as a sign of the Holy Spirit working in our faith community.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Ms. Cooper, Mrs. Murphy, Mr. Nolan and Orla Fitzgerald who helped the children prepare the exhibition.

The Irish Catholic

The Irish Catholic is an award-winning Catholic newspaper with 90,000 readers every week. It is the country's most-respected voice for religious affairs commentary, news and analysis. It is available to purchase here in St. John the Baptist, Blackrock. A very good read!

EASTER GARDEN

Our beautiful Easter Garden due to popularity will remain until the end of June.

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

Reflecting on the last two weekends as Administrator of the Parish. I can recall the tremendous outpouring of the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit as I minister here in Blackrock.

I wish to thank the staff Kay, Gina and Nigel, and all our parish volunteers especially Damien who is helping in the Sacristy for the tremendous help as we have re-opened our Church.

At present we do not have a Sacristan, so the work taking place is purely voluntary. I thank you for your help and support, it has been a great source of welcome and companionship to me as I settle into the parish as Administrator.

I extend a special welcome back to all those who have returned with such eagerness and enthusiasm and also a welcome to the many new volunteers who are helping us. The parish volunteers help us with 'meet and greet' at the door and enable the Covid restrictions to be observed in the Church. They also help as Ministers of the Word and Eucharistic Ministers, along with helping count our collections and open and close the Church.

The maximum capacity of our church is 100 at each Mass. The 1.05 p.m. Mass Monday to Friday has risen in attendance from approximately 40 to over 55 people. The past two week-ends attendance is just below 200. We have space for another 100 people to celebrate Mass with us particularly at the 6.30 p.m. vigil Mass on Saturday evenings and the 10.00 Mass on Sunday mornings.

I also would like to thank our parish school, Carysfort National School and the principal Mrs Norma Linehan and teachers for their support and welcome during the past six months.

If anyone would like to help further, please contact the parish office. Once again, I extend my sincere thanks to you all for the warm welcome, I have received from you since my arrival in Blackrock.

Fr. Peter O'Connor, Adm.

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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.
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.