



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 12<sup>th</sup> /13<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.

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: 28821 04

**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/In Darkness and Light**

This week the wonderful pictures on the rails around the church will be lit at night by solar lights! One of the themes of preparing for Confirmation is to let your light shine. The sixth-class children from Carysfort National School have given so many people joy and delight. These images express our faith in a new and insightful way making our faith exciting, colourful and opening new doors for the future.

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.

Fr. Peter O'Connor, Adm.

**Volunteers**

Thank you to all the parish volunteers who are helping with the 'meet and greet' at the door and enable the Covid restrictions to be observed in the Church. We need more volunteers to help as Ministers of the Word (readers) and flower arranging. The flower group have our Church looking so beautiful! We really appreciate all that you do.

**A big thank you.**

**The Irish Catholic**

The Irish Catholic is available to purchase here in St. John the Baptist, Blackrock. A very good read!

**Holy Water**

**Holy water bottles are available to take home. They are located in a basket at the Easter Garden.**

**A Message from Fr. Peter O'Connor**

This week Archbishop Dermot Farrell has written a letter wishing all the Leaving Certificate students every good wish and God's blessings in their exams. A copy of the letter is available in the Church, and we join with the archbishop in supporting the students and families in these unusual times.

We extend our deepest condolences to the Conway family and especially to Fr. Eddie on the death of his brother Eugene last week. Our heartfelt thoughts are with them.

We are installing a new CCTV security system in the Church, replacing the old system which has served the parish so well over the past 20 years. We also obtained three new vestments in green, white and purple from the sisters of the Divine Word.

Thanks again to all our parishioners for their ongoing support to the parish. I would like more volunteers to help with the flowers, and for more readers to help read at our Masses. If you wish to join our group of readers, please apply to the parish office. The more volunteers we have is a sign of a Church that is active and alive!

Finally, I welcome the sixth-class students of 2021 from Carysfort National School who will be joining us on the webcam for their Ceremony of Light this Saturday evening 12<sup>th</sup> June.

The following Saturday evening 19<sup>th</sup> June, the children from the First Holy Communion class will be joining us at Mass on the webcam, as they get ready to celebrate their Sacraments in the Autumn.

Stay safe and enjoy the beautiful weather this week-end.

Fr. Peter O'Connor, Adm.

**Prayer at Exam Time**

Lord, as I face into examination time I turn once more to you asking for your blessing and assistance. I ask you to give me peace of mind with a strong sense of work at this time. May I give myself space and time to revise and prepare to sit my examinations.

Help me to keep focussed on this task and not get too distracted by other aspects of my life. Keep me from getting into a panic and help me to do justice to all my work and preparations.

On the days of my examinations keep me calm; help me to think clearly and understand what I am being asked and so to recall the study and work I have put in so far, this past year.

Above all Lord I ask that you will allow my efforts to bring about the life you have planned for me, may I be open to your vision of what you wish for me and may I accomplish this now and in my future life. AMEN