



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 19th /20th June, 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: 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.

Welcome

This Saturday evening at the 6.30 Mass we welcome the children from the First Holy Communion Class, Carysfort National School, who will be joining us at Mass on the webcam, as they get ready to celebrate their Sacraments in the Autumn.

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.

SUMMER DUES APPEAL

This weekend an appeal for Summer Dues is being made throughout every parish in the Archdiocese of Dublin. The contribution to the Summer Dues will go towards the salaries of the priests.

Once again as Administrator I thank our parishioners for the great support they have already given with the Christmas and Easter dues, which has been exceptional under the current circumstances.

The other method of supporting the clergy's salaries is by the first collection at Mass. This collection supports the priests of our parish, sick and retired priests, priests in low-income parishes, and priests working in special ministries throughout our Diocese. Due to the pandemic this collection has not been taken up for nearly a year due to the lockdowns and has left a huge shortfall in the fund that supports the clergy. You can read the archbishops letter, which is available in the Church, as to why he is making an appeal for a collection called the Summer Dues.

If you feel you are in a position financially to contribute to the appeal, Summer Dues envelopes are available at the door ways in the Church. You may also contribute through the dues donate button online at sjb.ie Envelopes may be left in the safe at the back of the church or in the letter box or dropped into the Parish Office.

Fr. Peter O'Connor, Adm.

What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight.
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece
Was complete,
And so, He called it Dad

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