



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 26th /27th June, 2021.

Website: 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.

Annual Peter's Pence Collection
The annual collection of Peter's Pence to support the Holy Father, Pope Francis and the Pontifical Charities is to be taken up at all Masses in the Diocese next weekend 3rd /4th July, 2021.
This will replace the Share Collection.

Blackrock Bowling Club.
Bowls Club Open Day Sunday 27th June, 2021.
Please come along to the open day this Sunday from 12.00-17.00
Bowls' equipment provided – Just wear runners or flat shoes.

SUMMER DUES APPEAL
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. The lockdown has left a huge shortfall in the fund that supports the clergy

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.

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

A Message from Fr. Peter O'Connor.

Dear Parishioners,

Last Thursday 24th June was the Feast of St. John the Baptist. It was an important day for our parish as St. John the Baptist is our Patron Saint. The beautiful bronze sculpture of Jesus being baptised by John the Baptist is being placed on the main altar this weekend as we pray for the blessing and needs of our parish.

We have many blessings in our parish particularly the wonderful volunteer support to our parish faith-based community. During this year we also have had many different needs. This weekend we bring our blessings and needs before God through John the Baptist. At Mass we can pray the following prayer. To all our parishioners Happy Feast Day.

Prayer to St. John the Baptist.

*Oh God, you gave St. Elizabeth, in her old age,
The gift of a son, St. John the Baptist, who
would prepare the way for Jesus to begin His
Ministry here on earth.*

*Lord, fill your people with the joy of
possessing graces like those of Saint John the Baptist,
And direct the minds of all us in the way of peace.
St. John was martyred for truth and justice,
so may we Dear God,
energetically profess our Faith in
You, and help us to lead others to
Your way,
Your truth, and your life. Amen.*

Next Wednesday the children from our parish school Carysfort National School will begin their summer holidays. We wish the boys and girls who are graduating God's blessing as they transition to their new schools. We thank Mrs. Norma Linehan the principal and the staff for their support during the past year. Hopefully the Sacraments of Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be celebrated in the Autumn.

Our Mass attendance numbers are gradually increasing. Last Sunday the total at Masses was 290, with week day numbers fluctuating between 45 and 55. Thank you for your support.

As we enter the months of July and August, I hope to be able to contact the Parish Council and some of the other parish groups. I thank all of you who have responded so generously to helping as volunteers. If you feel you can help in any way, please contact the Parish Office.

Fr. Peter O'Connor, Adm.

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