



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 5th /6th 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.

Exam Time

We wish all students sitting examinations every success. Please remember them in your prayers. For all who are about to make a decision on their future career, may you be guided by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Exhibition of Confirmation Paintings of Sixth Class/In Darkness and Light

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.

Fr. Peter O'Connor, Adm.

The Irish Catholic

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

Parish Office

The Parish Office is now open. We are delighted to welcome you back. Mass cards are available along with Anniversary and Mass Bouquets. Donation enquiries are welcome and we provide information about the Sacraments. At present Confessions and meeting with the clergy is by appointment.

A Message from Fr. Peter O'Connor

This week we extend a warm welcome back to Fr. Eddie who has been absent due to ill health for the past few weeks. We extend our heartiest congratulations to Fr. Eddie who celebrated the Diamond Jubilee (60th Anniversary) of his ordination to the Priesthood on the 27th May, 2021. May God bless him with many more happy and healthy years of peace and joy.

Last week we had over 260 people at our three Masses. We thank you for your support and attendance. Over 100 people watched us on our webcam as well. Our weekday Mass attendance is around 55/60 people and over 25 people a day watching us online.

Thanks again to all our parish Representatives. I wish to thank the flower group for keeping the Church so beautiful with flowers.

This week I am making an appeal for more volunteers to decorate the Church with flowers. If you have a talent for flower arranging and would like to help, please contact the parish office.

We are also looking for more readers to help read at our Masses. If you wish to join our group of readers, please apply to the parish office.

No 23, Barclay Court is a parish house which was occupied by the late Fr. Philip O'Driscoll. The house has been vacant for the past year. In the current climate a property should not be left vacant for too long and there is no other priest available to live in the property. The Parish Finance Committee and the Archdiocese Finance and Buildings Committees, have decided to sell the property.

The Novena of the Sacred Heart whose feast day takes place on next Friday 12th June will be said at Mass starting this weekend. A copy of the small novena here in the newsletter will be placed on the stand near the Sacred Heart statue to the right of the altar.

Wishing you all a safe Bank Holiday weekend.

Fr. Peter O'Connor, Adm.

Novena to the Sacred Heart

O My Jesus, you have said:

'Truly I say to you, ask and you will receive,

Seek and you will find,

Knock and it will be opened to you.

'Behold I knock, I seek and ask for the grace of (Name your request)

Our Father... Hail Mary...Glory be the Father....

Monday 7th June 2021 – Bank Holiday

Monday 7th June is a Bank Holiday. Mass will be celebrated at 11.00 a.m.

We wish all who are commencing annual holidays and travelling this weekend a safe journey and an enjoyable restful break.