



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 10th /11th July, 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: At present we are not taking applications until further notice.

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.

Summer Dues

We thank our parishioners who have supported the Summer Dues. Envelopes are still available in the Church if you so wish to contribute to this fund. The envelopes may be left in the safe or returned to the Parish Office. Once again thank you for your continuing support.

CCTV

We have replaced the old CCTV system which has served the parish so well over the past 20 years. Please be aware cameras are in operation in the Church and throughout the grounds.

Holy Water

We are still unable to fill the holy water drum in the Church porch, due to public health guidelines. Small holy water bottles are available, near the Baptismal Font for you to take home.

Annual Peter's Pence Collection

We would like to express our sincere thanks for your generosity at last weekend's Annual Peter's Pence collection. The amount raised was €880.

A Message from Fr. Peter O'Connor.

Dear Parishioners,

It is summer time and many of our parishioners and faith friends, are taking the opportunity to go on holidays at this time of year. Most people are making trips within Ireland to see family and friends or to take a break. We wish all who are commencing annual holidays and travelling, a safe journey and an enjoyable restful break. We also welcome any visitors who are attending our ceremonies and extend a hand of welcome and a prayer to you all.

Swimming is a favourite sport and pastime for many locals. Seapoint is one of the most famous places to swim in the sea in Dublin and is located in our parish. I bumped into Fr. John Delany there as he was swimming, and he sends his fondest regards and prayers to all his many friends in Blackrock. Today we remember all swimmers who swim beside our shore and beautiful coastline in Blackrock. We remember those who swim and also our rescue services who look after us as so well. Recently I stumbled across a prayer entitled 'A Prayer for Swimmers'. I Invite you to share this prayer.

Dear Lord.

**Let me be to the water
As the bird to the air
And the fish to the sea.**

**Let the sea be warm and windless,
Let the pool be cool and endless,
Let the water hold me in perfect balance.**

**Let others know lane etiquette,
Don't let me ever forget it.
Let my kayaker know the route,
Let the stroke judge not give a hoot.**

**May my stroke always be long,
May my pull always be strong,
May my shoulders always be light,
And may my core always be tight.**

**Make my front crawl be efficient,
Make my backstroke look proficient,
Make my butterfly always consistent,
(And make the set never include breaststroke,
For mine is truly maleficent).**

**Let me 'fly like a gull,
Dive like a seal,
Swim like a shark.**

**Let me overcome pain and cold and distance,
Let me swim with grace,
For I am swimmer
And the water is my sky.**

**Have a Happy Holiday.
Fr. Peter O'Connor, Adm.**