



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

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Website: [www.sjb.ie](http://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.

**Exhibition of First Holy Communion Paintings by 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Pupils.**

New paintings have been introduced to the railings around the Church. These are by the First Holy Communion classes in Carysfort National School. They are a lovely addition to the paintings already up by the Confirmation classes.

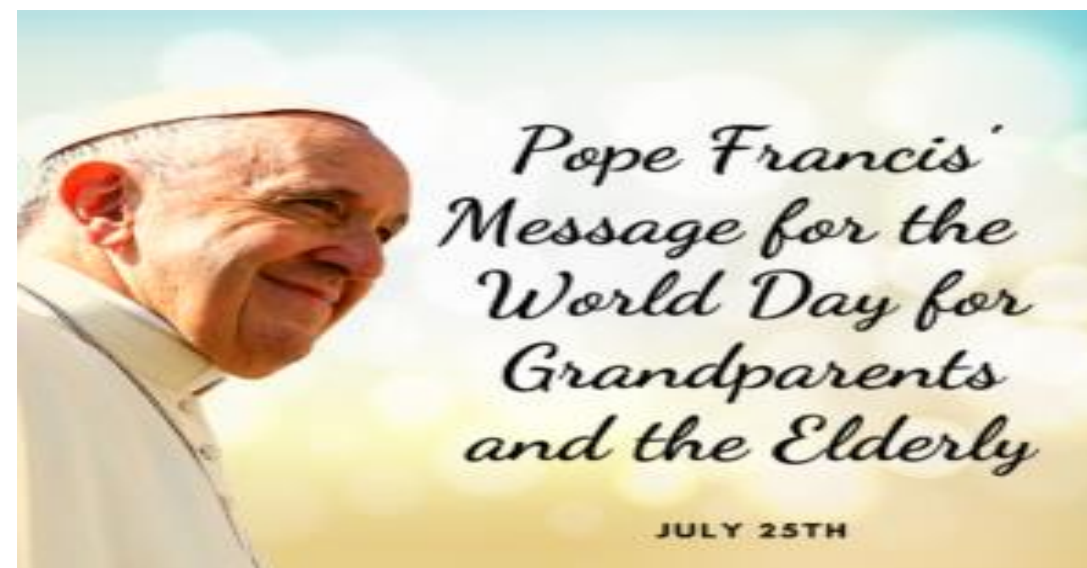
These paintings express our faith in a new and insightful way. Please take time to look at them, as they have brought joy and delight to our parishioners and those passing by!

**St. Anne and St. Joachim Feast Day**

St. Anne was the Blessed Virgin Mary's mother. According to early church tradition, St. Anne lived with her husband, St. Joachim, in Galilee before moving to Jerusalem. After St. Joachim fasted and prayed for forty days in the desert, Angels appeared to them promising a child. The child was the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Anne's Feast Day is 26<sup>th</sup> July.

**World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.**

Pope Francis has established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place for the first time on Sunday 25 July.



Dear Elderly Friends,  
“I am with you always” (Mt 28:20): this is the promise the Lord made to his disciples before he ascended into heaven. They are the words that he repeats to you today, dear grandfathers and grandmothers, dear elderly friends. “I am with you always” are also the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone. (To read the full message from the Pope please visit the Diocesan website at [dublindiocese.ie](http://dublindiocese.ie) )

**Prayer to Saints Anne and Joachim.**

Dear Saints. Anne and Joachim,  
Patron Saints of Grandparents,  
I present to you all my grandchildren.  
I ask your intercession on their behalf.

Please watch over them and when they are in need,  
Plead their case before your grandson, Jesus,  
Asking that he bless them and keep them in his tender care.

Please ask your Son to bless them with loving friends,  
Long healthy lives, success in every endeavour,  
And great happiness and Joy.  
I thank you for your prayers and assistance.  
Amen.