



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 21<sup>st</sup> /22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2021.

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

#### Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators.

Accord is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice.

Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to [info@accord.ie](mailto:info@accord.ie)

#### FAMILIES WALKING TOGETHER IN HOPE

The 'Walking Together in Hope' initiative will be launched on 25 August 2021 at Saint Mary's Pro-Cathedral. The Archdiocese of Dublin will provide some simple and achievable ideas for families and parishes starting in September 2021. We want to encourage families to take part in various initiatives to support faith lived in the home and celebrated together in our parishes. Our goal is to celebrate moments of hope and joy in family life, with resources suitable for learning, living and leading faith that are complementary to the way family is lived today.

#### PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

Archbishop Farrell is asking for people and priests to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life on a regular basis. As you are well aware, the need is great, so let's answer God's call and "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest"

#### A Message from Fr. Peter O'Connor. Adm.

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your support during the summer, I trust you had a relaxing break, and we look forward to meeting you all in the coming weeks.

As we enter the Autumn season, I would like to assure you that the Church and Parish Centre was fully sanitized last week, as we keep to the guidelines for the celebration of Mass.

During the past few weeks, we have welcomed many visitors to our Church in Blackrock. A big thanks especially to our wonderful volunteers. Our weekday Masses attract between 40 to 60 people. The combined attendance at our weekend Masses is around 230 to 240 people.

During the months of September and October we hope to include in our weekend Masses, the Blessing of School Bags, Harvest Thanksgiving and the Blessing of Pets.

Many thanks for your contribution to the summer Dues. The archbishop's letter and envelopes are still available in the Church. Contributions can be left in the safe in the Church or dropped into the Parish Office if you wish to do so.

We also thank all those who left prayers by the shrine of St. Anne and St. Joachim at the end of July.

This week we have placed the prayer of St. Thomas More beside the shrine of St. Joseph. As St. Thomas More was a father, who was executed because of his conscience about faith, by King Henry VIII in the tower of London. His prayer is an inspiration to many.

#### **PRAYER OF ST THOMAS MORE**

O Lord, give us a mind that is humble,  
Quiet, peaceful, patient and charitable,

And a taste of your Holy spirit,

In all our thoughts, words and deeds.

O Lord, give us a lively faith,

A firm hope, a fervent charity, a love of You.

Take from us all lukewarmness in meditation and

All dullness in prayer.

Give us fervour and delight in thinking of You,

Your grace, and your tender compassion toward us.

Give us, good Lord, the grace to work

For the things we pray for.

**Amen.**

The Crucifixion in the grounds of the Church is being painted at the moment, we hope to decorate the area around it with plants when the painting is completed. We do hope you like our new missalette which now doubles up as a newsletter, as we try to become more environmentally friendly, in line with the Popes intention.

**Thank you for your support.**

**Fr. Peter**