



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

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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: 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.

Leaving Certificate Students

We wish every success to all the students as they await their Leaving Certificate results next Friday. We pray that you will be guided by the Holy Spirit in your decision making for your future.

Crosscare Collection

The annual collection for Crosscare will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of 18th and 19th September 2021. Crosscare is the Social Support Agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin and provides a range of social care, community and youth work services across the Dublin Archdiocese.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

For more details, please click on Crosscare's website: www.crosscare.ie

Holy Water.

Holy water bottles are available to take home. They are placed in a basket near the Altar in St. Anne's.

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,

"TOO BLESSED TO BE STRESSED"

This weekend our prayers are for all those returning to school next week. We pray for the teachers, pupils, staff and parents of children and teenagers. We hope that you will be "blessed and not stressed this week"!

We are still awaiting the official go ahead from the State and the Diocese to celebrate the Sacraments of First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmations. Hopefully most of the children can receive the gift of the Sacraments before Christmas.

At Masses next weekend we are asking children to bring their school bags to Mass for a special blessing, the Blessing of School Bags. This week we have a prayer returning to school.

A Back-to-School Prayer for Children

Dear God,
Thank you for holiday times
For freedom, family and friends.
Help me to keep these happy times in my heart.
I am excited to start school.
To spend time with my teacher and school friends.
Help me to settle back into this school year!
Help me to learn, to grow in confidence
And to have lots of fun.

Amen.

I also wish to make you aware of the painting of the Calvary on the Newtown Avenue side of the Church. Thank you to Nigel who is doing a wonderful job on it. Over the next few weeks, we hope to add some plants and pots around it, and to the entrances of the Church to make the area more colourful.

Once again, I would like to thank all our volunteers at Mass and those in ministries. If you would like to help and have some spare time, please contact the office.

I hope you are all enjoying this beautiful weather and I hope through prayer you are as is pictured in one of our posters in the Church porch "TOO Blessed TO BE Stressed".

Finally, I would like to remind you that the proceeds of the candles at our shrines go to the maintenance of the parish. Anniversary Masses, the offerings go to the clergy of our parish. The first Friday Mass at 1.05 p.m. is offered for those whose names are on the List of the Dead.

Thank you for your support.

Fr. Peter