



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> September, 2021.

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:** 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.

**Crosscare Collection Next Weekend 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> September.**

The Annual Collection for Crosscare, the social support agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin will be taken up at all Masses in the Diocese next weekend **18th and 19th September 2021.**

Through their services for Homeless, Youth, Migrants and Refugees, Crosscare focuses on helping people and families when they need it most or when they can't find support anywhere else.

In their Community Foodbanks and Cafes, they provide food parcels and nutritious meals every day.

Demand for their services continues to increase as the pandemic has impacted the most vulnerable in our parishes and communities.

Please give generously in the second collection at all Masses on 18th and 19th September next or on line at [www.crosscare.ie](http://www.crosscare.ie)

**It will replace the usual Share collection.**

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

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to all who attended Masses for the Blessing of School Bags last weekend. On Monday morning I viewed the amount of people who watched online and the number was amazing. Thank you so much. We will bless the school bags again this weekend.

The past week I have been liaising with the schools, for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation for the year 2021. I ask you to keep the candidates and their families in your prayers.

The Finance Committee met last week and one of the first tasks of the committee is to issue the accounts of the Parish for the years 2018, 2019 and 2021. A member of the Finance Committee will speak at Masses during the coming weeks. We will let you know in advance when that will be. Thank you for your support.

Next Wednesday is the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows and Rev. Frank Brown, a Deacon from Ballyroan Parish, will say a few words at the 1.05 p.m. Mass on this Feast Day of Our Lady.

From last Monday some restrictions have been lifted in our Church. Our capacity is just over 300 at Mass with social distancing, the wearing of face masks and sanitising of hands. May I take this opportunity to say a special thank you to all those who in the past have helped maintain the Church, and those who have helped sanitise the Church to the present standards each week. We have been blessed with our volunteers.

**Some dates for your diary:**

- Harvest Thanksgiving the weekend of the **25th /26th September** (details to follow).
- Blessing of Pets on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of Animals, after the 12 noon Mass on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.**

**Keep in mind our upcoming events and have a Happy Sunday with God's Blessing.**

**Fr. Peter.**

**Shrines**

The proceeds of the candles at our shrines go to the maintenance of the parish.

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