



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 15th/16th January, 2022.

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.

Christmas Dues

The priests of the parish wish to thank you all most sincerely for returning your Christmas Dues. Please know that you will be remembered in their prayers. Envelopes can still be left in the safe.

CONTACTLESS CARD PAYMENTS (TAP)

There is stand at the back of the church by Our lady's Altar that accepts contactless CARD PAYMENTS (TAP) for the FIRST AND SECOND COLLECTIONS AT MASS.

SHRINES-SMART PHONES

Each SHRINE is fitted with the ability to accept SMART PHONE PAYMENTS.

DONATE BUTTON ON THE WEBSITE www.sjb.ie

This can be used for CHRISTMAS DUES, PARISH SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE FUNDS, and DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all those who are helping us in the Church. We are looking for more Eucharistic Ministers and people to help out in the Sacristy. If you feel you have some free time, please enquire at the Parish Office or speak to Fr. Peter.

Kneelers in the Church

Work will commence next week to replace a selection of kneelers in the Church. Due to this the Church will be closing earlier for the duration of the work. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Good News Stand

We have a selection of new books and material with spiritual insights, and the Irish Catholic Newspaper.

Confirmation Class of 2022

This Saturday evening at the 6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass we welcome the children from Carysfort National School who are preparing to make their Confirmation.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY is traditionally observed from the 18th- 25th January – the Octave of St. Peter and St. Paul. Its inauguration in Dublin will take place at an Interdenominational Service in St. Anthony's Church, Clontarf, Dublin 3 on Tuesday 18th January at 8p.m. The Very Reverend Trevor Morrow, former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, will preach the sermon.

“The preparation for this year was undertaken by the Christian Churches of the Middle East, the history of which was, and still is, characterised by conflict and strife, tainted with blood and darkened by injustice and oppression. The Christians of the Middle East offer these resources conscious that the world shares many of the travails and much of the difficulties that it experiences, and yearns for a light to lead the way to the Saviour who is the light that overcomes darkness”.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is a privileged moment of prayer, encounter and dialogue. It is an opportunity to recognise and receive the richness and value that are present in the other, the different, and to ask God for the gift of unity.

+ Dermot Farrell

Archbishop of Dublin

A Prayer for Christian Unity

I rest in you, Spirit of God

I place in you my feet, my legs, my torso, my arms, my shoulders,
my head and allow you to support all that I am.

I rest in you, Spirit of Life, and give to you my worries, my fears,
my doubts, my hopes, my joys, my pains, my anger, my love,
my hate, and allow you to take in all that I am.

And as I give all that I am, I find the place of truth, stillness, still,
eternal where you and I are one.

I breathe in, deep, deeply, down, up, all that we are, as I stand on
My toe at the edge of the universe, in unity and diversity of our
Christian Churches and all that we are expands, until forever.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Intentions placed on the Christmas Tree

The intentions for all those who placed cards on the Christmas Tree will be prayed for at Mass next Sunday 18th January.