



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 29TH /30TH January, 2022.

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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.

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.

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

First Holy Communion Class of 2022

This Saturday evening 29th January, at the 6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass we welcome back the children from Carysfort National School who are preparing to make their First Holy Communion in May.

Carysfort National School

The boys and girls from Carysfort National School will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Friday the 18th February at 11.00 a.m.**

There will be no 1.05 p.m. Mass on that day.

The Ceremony of Light will take place on **Wednesday 9th February at 7.30 p.m.**

Reflection for St. Brigid's Day Tuesday 1st February, 2022.

February 1st is considered in Ireland as the first day of Spring. It's also the Feast of Brigid of Kildare, second to St. Patrick in importance in Ireland. She lived in the 6th century, and was renowned for her generosity to the poor, hospitality and piety. Here is a prayer attributed to her:

**I would wish a great lake of ale for the King of Kings;
I would wish the family of heaven to be drinking it throughout life and time.
I would wish the men of Heaven in my own house;
I would wish vessels of peace to be given to them.
I would wish joy to be in their drinking;
I would wish Jesus to be here among them.
I would wish the three Marys' of great name;
I would wish the people of heaven from every side;
I would wish to be a rent-payer to the prince;
that way, if I was in trouble,
He would give me a good blessing.
AMEN.**

It is said that the Lord would grant Brigid anything she would ask, and that what she desired was always the same- "to satisfy the poor, to banish every hardship, and to save every sorrowful man". It seems that in her love for others Saint Brigid truly forgot herself and allowed the loving providence of God to sustain her.

Blessing of the Candles Wednesday 2nd February, 2022.

February 2nd is the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ, also known as Candlemas. It's one of the oldest feasts of the Christian church, celebrated since the early 4th century, and a tradition developed of bringing candles to the local church, to be blessed to be used for the rest of the year in prayer and personal devotion. If you have candles you use for personal prayer and devotion, **you are invited to bring them to Mass next Wednesday, 2nd February to be blessed.**

St. Blaise Thursday 3rd February, 2022.

Blaise was a well-educated Physician who became Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia. He was persecuted by Agricola, the famous Roman general, who ordered Blaise to renounce his faith. When Blaise refused, he was thrown into prison where he helped sick prisoners and famously saved a child who was choking on a fish bone. Blaise refused to renounce his faith and was tortured by having his flesh torn with wool combs. He was finally beheaded on the orders of Agricola. Saint Blaise is the patron saint of throats because he saved a child from choking, wild animals as they came for him to cure them when ill and, the wool trade because he was tortured with wool combs being used to rip off his flesh. A special sacramental – the blessing of the throats – takes place on this day, and the aid of St. Blaise is asked in delivering the faithful from throat ailments and other evils.

Next Thursday 3rd February on the Feast of St. Blaise there will be a general blessing of throats at the 1.05 p.m. Mass.