



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> January, 2022.

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.

**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. If you did not receive an envelope, we apologise. Envelopes are available in the Church should you wish to take one. Please place envelopes in the safe or drop in to the Parish Office.

**Prayer for the New Year**

Lord as I quench the lamp and close the door on the past year  
May I find the words of gratitude to honour this passing time  
The gift of your design

For all that's come and gone, for decisions right and wrong  
For unsung songs I offer words of thanks

May we never lose the courage to seek for a better world  
Where no child will cry hungry while another is bored with too much  
Where war is remembered in hushed tones a memory of forgotten days  
Where colour and creed can celebrate with pride, their different ways

And may your gentleness, O Lord exude from every heart  
May this New Year be a year of many blessings  
Where new vision will transform the paralysed places of lonely hearts  
Where we will discover the hidden beauty of each soul

Lord bless us and all we hold so dear  
That you might guide the way at the birthing of the year.



**Damien Halpin R.I.P.**

We extend our deepest sympathy to Damien's wife Maria, daughter Antoinette and son Ken. His sisters Marie, Patricia, Deirdre and Lauren and his extended family. For many years Damien has been a much-valued volunteer to Saint John the Baptist, Blackrock particularly in recent years as he assisted in the Sacristy, on a voluntary basis. We will always be indebted for his services. His presence will be missed by all in our parish and faith community. May he rest in peace.

**Baptism of Jesus.**

- **The Baptism of Jesus marks a turning point in his life, and the start of his public ministry. Recall moments when your life changed and you moved into a new phase.**
- **The experience was one in which Jesus had a new sense of his own identity. What have been the experiences which have helped shaped your sense of who you are?**
- **How have you come to an awareness of being a child of God, beloved by God, one on whom rests the grace of God?**
- **It is surprising that Jesus, the Saviour of the world, asks to be baptised by John. The request symbolises his desire to identify with us. At the same time, he is filled with the Holy Spirit. That step of identifying with us is an important element in his being able to help us. Have you ever found that when someone identifies with you, it is easier for him/her to help you? Has your ability to identify with others had any impact on your effectiveness in helping others?**

**John Byrne OSA**

**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.

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