



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 19TH /20TH February, 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.

VACANCY NOTICE - SACRISTAN

THE PARISH OF BLACKROCK CURRENTLY HAS A VACANCY FOR A SACRISTAN. THIS IS A PART-TIME ROLE AND WOULD IDEALLY SUIT SOMEONE SEEKING FLEXIBILITY IN THEIR WORK HOURS. IT WILL INCLUDE WEEKEND WORK, CHURCH HOLY DAYS SUCH AS EASTER AND CHRISTMAS, AS WELL AS FUNERALS, WEDDINGS AND BAPTISMS. A MORE DETAILED JOB DESCRIPTION IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE WWW.SJB.IE OR FROM THE PARISH OFFICE OR AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. APPLICATIONS CAN BE SENT TO: V. REV. PETER O'CONNOR ADM., PARISH OFFICE, CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, BLACKROCK, CO. DUBLIN. A94 YP08. APPLICATIONS CLOSE AT 5.00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY 9th MARCH.

ACCORD

We wish to express our gratitude and thanks, to our parishioners who contributed so generously last weekend, towards the Accord Appeal. The amount received was €1,265.00.
We thank you for your support.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 28th February Service of Light Willow Park School
Tuesday 1st March Service of Light Willow Park School
Wednesday 2nd March Ash Wednesday.
Friday 4th March Willow Park Confirmation
Saturday 5th March Willow Park Confirmation

Sacrament of Confirmation

We are grateful to Very Rev. Monsignor Ciaran O'Carroll and Very Rev. Peter O'Connor, Adm. who conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on the students of Carysfort National School on Friday 18th February. We congratulate the children who received the Sacrament and also thank the teachers and parents who prepared the children for the Sacrament of Confirmation.
May the Holy Spirit guide and bless them throughout their lives.

A Message from Archbishop Dermot Farrell

Dear Parishioners,

A year after my installation as Archbishop, I am presenting a Statement of Mission for the Dublin Archdiocese. This statement highlights our core mission in a time of rapid change, setting out a vision for the diocese and providing values to inform our planning for the future.

This is the beginning of our more formal response to the Building Hope Task Force. Report which is available on the diocesan website: [Task Force I Archdiocese of Dublin \(dublindiocese.ie\)](http://TaskForceIArchdioceseofDublin(dublindiocese.ie)).

Having gathered 3,000 consultation responses from people, priests and parishes, the Task Force in its Report set out a pastoral strategy for the Archdiocese. I would ask you all to read it carefully and reflectively. It is an essential starting point in the process of renewal we must undertake together.

As the year progresses, parishes will be invited to participate in a process of discernment about parish life into the future. Further details will be provided in late March, for active consideration between Easter and Pentecost. This process will follow on from and build on the synodal conversations taking place in Lent.

Mission Statement of the Archdiocese of Dublin

Encounter with the person of Jesus makes us who we are, and shapes what we do. Being at the service of this encounter is the heart of our mission. The living Christ calls and empowers the Dublin Archdiocese to act with resolve and become more fully a place of welcome and compassion, which embodies the power, hope and joy of the gospel.

Vision

Across the Archdiocese we build up together:

- Communities that are faith-filled
- Communities of co-responsibility through servant leadership
- Communities that are active in social justice
- Communities of welcome and inclusion

We are called to develop new ways to accompany the people of our time. This will require new thinking and a shift of mind-set in everyone.

Within the reality of our cultural, social and church context, we must create new possibilities for mission:

- Supporting people to deepen their faith and relationship with God
- Creating the structures that support vibrant communities of faith, and
- Advocating for those who are on the margins

Aware of the need for responsible stewardship, and of the diminishing resources available of time, talent and treasure, we are invited into an ongoing process of prayerful dialogue, discernment and decision making, concerning our missionary priorities.