



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 26th/27th March, 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: First Sunday of each month and 3rd Saturday.

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.

Special Collection for Ukraine

The Irish Bishops have asked for a Special Collection to be taken up at Masses this weekend 26th /27th March. This is to support humanitarian efforts in Ukraine, and especially the families and children who have had to flee their homeland in advance of the Russian invasion. The proceeds of this Special Collection will be directed to Caritas Internationalis, which is the helping hand of the Church on the ground in the Ukraine and the surrounding region. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

This will replace the second collection.

St. Augustine's School

We congratulate the children of St. Augustine's School who received Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion in our Parish Church last Friday. We thank and congratulate the teachers and parents who prepared the children for this big occasion in their lives.

Mother's Day Prayer

I said a Mother's Day prayer for you
to thank the Lord above
for blessing me with a lifetime
of your tender-hearted love.

I thanked God for the caring
you've shown me through the years.
For the closeness we've enjoyed
in time of laughter and of tears.

So, I thank you from the heart
for all you've done for me
and I bless the Lord for giving me
the best mother there could be!

A message from Fr. Peter O'Connor

I wish all mothers a very Happy Mother's Day this Sunday.

As we approach the midway section of the Season of Lent, we thank all our parishioners for their support and prayers. During the past six weeks we have had 4 Confirmation Ceremonies, 3 Services of Light and First Confessions. I wish to thank our parish school Carysfort National School, Willow Park School and St. Augustine's School for their co-operation.

We also started the Synodal Pathway in our parish. If you wish to partake, please fill in the leaflet beside the Synodal Box in the Church beside the statue of the Sacred Heart.

I wish to thank all our volunteers for the lovely displays for St. Patrick, our Lenten box, banners and flowers.

The main porch of the Church has been repainted and a new Holy Water dispenser is now placed in the front porch. The parish office and hallway have also been decorated. In the future we hope to replace some flooring in the upstairs toilet and kitchen in the parish centre. The main front door of the Church needs to be varnished, and the cast iron guttering on the Church will be attended to as well.

We remember in our prayers all those who have been affected by COVID 19. Although the situation is somewhat different to last year many parishioners have had to isolate, our prayers for a full return to health are with you.

During the next few weeks, I hope to give a small report on the responses to the Synodal Pathway. The conversation about a Sacristan is still ongoing. The plans for access to a toilet in the church are moving along albeit very slowly!

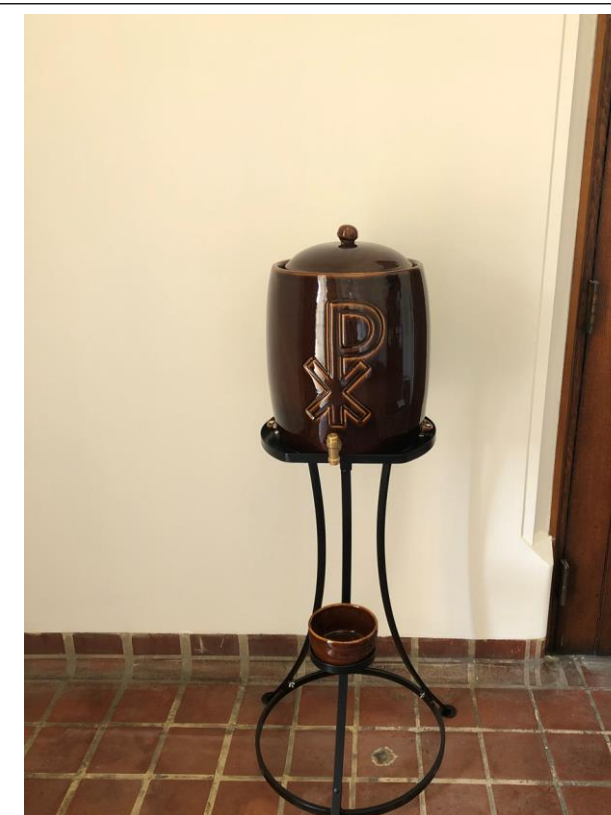
We are approaching the season of Easter and our Easter timetable will be available soon. We are delighted to welcome back the choir at the 12 noon Mass. I also hope we can have an Easter Garden in our sacred space by St. Annes.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Fr. Peter.



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FRONT PORCH**



NEW HOLY WATER DISPENSER