



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 23<sup>rd</sup> /24<sup>th</sup> April, 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: 288 2104

**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 Third Saturday.

**Marriages:** By arrangement, three 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.

### Saturday 30th April.

The children from Scoil Lorcáin will receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion next Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 a.m.

The celebrant will be Fr. Paddy Boyle.

### Exterior Church Doors

Painting on the Church doors is in progress at the moment, and will be completed next week.

### Easter Dues

The Easter Dues envelopes have now been distributed, if you did not receive an envelope there are some available in the Church should you wish to take one. The Dues support the priests of the parish and the diocese. They may be returned to the safe at the back of the Church, or to the [new post box](#) on the Parish Centre door. You may also donate in other ways, see below:

#### 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](http://www.sjb.ie)

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

## SYNOD FEEDBACK FORM

The Parish Survey for the Synod has now concluded. The following results from our Parish Survey were submitted to the Diocese this week. A special thanks to all who completed the survey.

### THE JOYS

- The Church is a valued place for prayer and worship
- The Sacraments
- Being part of a community
- Having a special time to talk to God and be close to God
- A place of welcome

### THE SORROWS

- Feeling of anger, hurt and betrayal towards the institution of the Church due to past and on-going scandals

### THE HOPES

- Would like to see the Church more involved in everyday life
- Would like to see more lay involvement
- Would like to see stronger support for a Catholic identity in the public square; but not to the exclusion of others
- Questions around the role of women in all areas, and the role of married men and priests who have left active ministry

### THE FEARS

- Lack of vocations to the priesthood
- Alienation of young people

### Thank You.

**We wish to express the gratitude of the community to all those who prepared and took part in the Holy Week Ceremonies in particular the Altar Servers, Collectors, Readers, Commentators, Ministers of Holy Communion, the Choir and Choir-director and Organists. We wish to thank those who arranged the flowers, the Easter Garden and decorated the Church so beautifully, and those who cared for the Altar Linen, and those who cleaned and maintained the Church.**

**To all of you and those who helped in any way our sincere thanks for performing your roles so efficiently and with such great generosity.**

### Living the Hope of Easter

*Archbishop Dermot Farrell, Pastoral Letter, Easter 2022 is available to take home. They are located in the porches of the Church.*