



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 2nd/3rd April, 2022.

Website: 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.

Special Collection for Ukraine

Our parish raised €4,709 in the Special Collection held last weekend for Catholic Charities in Ukraine. Thank you for your most generous response.

A Prayer for Refugees

God, Creator of all,
For people who are displaced;
may they find a safe refuge.
For people who have lost control of their lives;
may they find a sure foundation.
For people who live in fear;
may they be given a strong fortress.
For people who are disillusioned;
may they have hope in a future.
Loving Father, in times of crisis, sorrow and uncertainty;
we ask that you draw near. Amen.

PALM SUNDAY 9th and 10th APRIL

At the 6.30 P.M. Vigil Mass we will welcome the children preparing for First Holy Communion, and their families.

There will be an outdoor collection at all Masses for St. Vincent de Paul's Sunshine Fund for Children.

Palm crosses will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.

A Message from Fr. Peter O'Connor

SYNOD

Thank you for your response to the synod box in the church. There have been over 30 responses in the box and via email.

I suggested that I would give a half-way report on some of the emerging themes:

- 1. The Church is a valued place for prayer and worship**
- 2. Due to the pandemic and restrictions people are feeling a loss of Church community and have missed meeting others**
- 3. There is a strong feeling of anger, hurt and betrayal towards the institution of the Church due to past and on-going scandals**
- 4. There is a great concern about the lack of vocations with an over whelming number of questions about the role of women in all areas of the Church and the role of married men and priests who have left active ministry**

Thank you for your replies. If you wish to take part in the process, please fill in the form – these are located on a table in front of the Statue of The Sacred Heart. The process moves forward to a Diocesan-wide Consultation in May, and then a national consultation later in the year.

Fr. Peter.

24-HOUR ADORATION IN SALLYNOGGIN

24-Hour Adoration in Our Lady of Victories, Sallynoggin, beginning on Friday the 8th of April at 6.30pm with Mass, Stations of the Cross and Benediction. Adoration will continue through the night until Mass at 9am. Adoration resumes until Mass at 6.15pm in Irish.

ARCHDIOCESE OF DUBLIN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

The Archdiocese of Dublin Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on **Saturday April 23rd**. Please contact knock.pilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie for more information.

A Prayer for Lenten Grace

*Loving God,
During the sacred season of Lent,
bring me closer to you.
Prepare a place in my home and heart for
silence and solitude, so that I may
rediscover the grace of a prayer-full life.
Help me to fast
from those things that threaten the
well-being of body and soul and remind me of
the grace of simplicity.
Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in
need and, in so doing,
rediscover the grace of gratitude and
generosity.
May this season be a grace-filled time to
rekindle my love for and faith in you.
Amen.*

Lenten Prayer Box

Don't forget to place your Lenten Prayers and petitions into the Lenten Prayer Box at the front of the Church.

Prayers and petitions are offered at Masses during this Holy Season of Lent.

Stations of the Cross

Leaflets to assist with praying the Stations of the Cross are available at the back of the Church.

Children's Colour-in

These are also available at the back of the Church.