Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

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Parish Newsletter 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> May, 2022.

### 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. 6.30 p.m. Vigil. Saturday

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.

## LAY MINISTRY COLLECTION – MAY 14th AND 15th

The Archdiocese of Dublin Lay Ministry Collection takes place this Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15. The Lay Ministry Collection will support the development of a variety of lay ministries, providing for more women and men to work alongside the priests and deacons. Our hope is that lay ministry will make a significant contribution to pastoral life into the future.

#### Willow Park School First Holy Communion

We congratulate the First Communion class of Willow Park School, who received Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion last Saturday. Thank you to the wonderful staff, teachers and parents who prepared the children for this big occasion in their lives.

#### **Diamond Jubilee**

We congratulate John and Detta Duffy on the occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their marriage. A Mass of thanksgiving will be celebrated in our church on next Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 10.00 a.m.

### **Scoil Lorcáin Confirmation**

The children of Scoil Lorcáin, will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in our Parish Church next Thursday 14th March at 2.30 p.m. The celebrant will be: An tAthair O'Baoill. This will not affect the 1.05 p.m. lunch time Mass

#### An Evening of Inspirational Music with Daniel O'Donnell

There will be an evening of inspirational music with Daniel O'Donnell at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral on Monday, June 6, at 3pm. Linda Martin will be the MC and special guest, along with Sean Gilligan of the Halleluia Gospel Choir. Proceeds to the Peter McVerry Trust and Dogs Aid Animal Sanctuary

## A message from Fr. Peter O'Connor

I welcome our two new Sacristans Michael and Judith into our parish team. A sincere thank you to all who have helped in the Sacristy since the beginning of the lockdown in 2020, including Gerry who retired during the lockdown. We especially remember Damian; may he rest in peace.

The last few weeks we have been busy attending to First Holy Communions from our Parish School Carysfort, Willow Park School and Scoil Lorcáin. We have completed the maintenance work of the cast iron gutters on the Church. The photos below show the scrumbling of the outside doors of the Church which has now been completed. The provision of a toilet to be accessed from the main body of the Church is now in process with a conservation architect. This project will take some time.

The Easter Garden is still attracting many people to prayer. May I, on behalf of our parish once again thank all who maintained and looked after the garden, flowers and the cleaning of the Church.

Our Archbishop Dermot Farrell has asked each parish to discern the future during the Easter season. This ongoing process will be taking place during the coming weeks. Thank you for the Easter Dues. If you wish to contribute please leave your offering into the safe at the back of the Church, or in the post box on the Parish Centre door.

Thank you for your support and prayers as we welcome Michael and Judith into the parish team.

Fr. Peter O'Connor, Administrator.

# **BEFORE AND AFTER PICTURES OF THE CHURCH DOORS**



