



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

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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: 28821 04

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Our beautiful bird feeder in the front garden of the Church**



**SUMMER DUES**

The first collection at Sunday Mass supports the common Fund that pays the priests of our parish, the sick and retired priests, priests in low-income parishes, and priests working in special ministries throughout our Diocese. Due to the pandemic this collection has not been taken up and has left a shortfall in the fund that supports the clergy.

The Summer dues introduced last year, helped somewhat to address the financial challenges faced by priests. The archbishop has asked that each parish would invite the faithful to contribute a summer offering again this year. If you feel you are in a position financially to contribute to the appeal, Summer Dues envelopes are available in the Church.

Contributions can be left in the safe at the back of the Church, in the letterbox on the Parish Centre door, or by using the tap machine in the Church.

Thank You.

**DEANSGRANGE CEMETERY MASS AND BLESSING OF THE GRAVES**

Next Sunday, July 3, at 3pm

There will be Mass and Blessing of the Graves in Deansgrange Cemetery.

**A message from Fr. Peter.**

Last Thursday we celebrated the Feast of our Parish's Patron Saint, St. John the Baptist. The unique and beautiful statue of the Baptism of Jesus by St. John the Baptist is situated at St. Anne's chapel – a prayer is available to say. We also have placed two seats for parishioners to pray, reflect or meditate in this sacred space.

As we come to the end of another turbulent year, I wish to say thank you for your support, thankfully our Mass times can remain the same this summer. I also wish to thank our 12 a.m. Sunday choir, our cantors and organists who will be taking a well-deserved break during the month of July and return to us in mid-August.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a pleasant summer, as many of our parishioners take leave of Blackrock. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to all visitors to our Parish Church during the summer months.

We have a large number of baptisms taking place this summer as many families can now catch up and meet for these special occasions. We in St. John the Baptist are delighted to welcome new members of our parish into our Christian tradition.

I wish all of you a safe and enjoyable summer.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Fr. Peter.

**Prayer to St. John the Baptist.**

**Oh God, you gave St. Elizabeth, in her old age, The gift of a son, St. John the Baptist, who would prepare the way for Jesus to begin His Ministry here on earth.**

**Lord, fill your people with the joy of possessing graces like those of Saint John the Baptist, and direct the minds of all us in the way of peace. St. John was martyred for truth and justice, so may we Dear God, energetically profess our Faith in You, and help us to lead others to Your way, Your truth, and your life.**

**Amen.**

