



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 20<sup>th</sup> /21<sup>st</sup> August, 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.  
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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 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.

**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.  
The proceeds of the shrines go to the maintenance of the parish.**

**DONATE BUTTON ON THE WEBSITE [www.sjb.ie](http://www.sjb.ie)**

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

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.**

**Holy Water and Children's Colour In's**

Blessed Holy Water is available in a basket (at St. Anne's) for you to take home. If you care to leave a donation. Thank You.

There are also back to school colour in's available for you to take home for the children.

**A Message from Fr. Peter O'Connor.**

After the beautiful weather this summer I welcome everyone back as we begin to prepare for Autumn – in our Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Last Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August, on the Feast of Our Lady of Knock, the Irish Catholic Church submission to the Synod was sent to Rome. Many of the observations about the Church concurred with the opinions of our parishioners. From my own point of view, I was delighted to see support for the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood and Deaconate, the involvement of laity in leadership roles and the inclusion and acknowledgement of the LGBT community, as well as many other reflections and points of view. The full report can be found on the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference web site - <https://www.catholicbishops.ie>

I extend a warm welcome to our new faith communities and their administrators; Monsignor Kieran O'Carroll V.G. in Booterstown Parish, in addition to his role as administrator in Donnybrook Parish, and Fr. Gerry Kane as administrator in both Guardian Angels Parish and Foxrock Parish.

As always, a word of thanks to all our staff and volunteers who cared for and looked after the church and parish during the summer months. Our Mass attendance has remained stable and this is in part due to help we receive from our volunteers.

During the coming weeks we will prepare with joy and hope for the coming year in the spirit of the Diocesan programme for the future of the Dublin Diocese called Building Hope, enabling us as a Parish to face our challenging and changing future in prayer and reflection.

See website: <https://dublindiocese.ie/category/building-hope/>

Let us follow JESUS as our One and Only Model

**Prayer of Abandon**

Father,

I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will.

Whatever you may do, I thank you:

I am ready for all, I accept all.

Let only your will be done in me, and in all your creatures.

I wish no more than this, O Lord.  
to surrender myself into your hands,

without reserve,

and with boundless confidence,

for you are my Father.

Amen.

St. Charles de Foucauld.