



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 10th /11th September, 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.
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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 3rd Saturday.

Marriages: By arrangement, 3 months' notice required to Parish in which you reside.

It is recommended 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.

[Carysfort First Communion Class/Blessing of Schoolbags](#)

[Next Saturday 17th September at the 6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass, we welcome the children from Carysfort National School First Holy Communion Class.](#) With schools, universities and colleges starting back soon, help us make September a month of prayer for our young people (our children and grandchildren). Placed in the Church you will find a **calendar for Parents and Grandparents**. There are some beautiful daily prayers in it. On the "Good News Stand" you will find some lovely religious book for example, **Making the Sign of the Cross, Bible Story Time, Noah and the Flood, Moses and the Princess** and many others for you to choose from!

Readers

We are urgently looking for readers at the 10.00 a. m. Mass on Sunday morning.
Please contact Fr. Peter O'Connor or the Parish Office.

Blackrock Bridge Club

Blackrock Bridge Club was founded in 1944 and is, accordingly, one of the oldest bridge clubs in Ireland. Due to Covid restrictions, bridge activity was mainly on-line in the last two years. The club will resume live activity on Saturday 3rd September at 7.30pm. The venue is St. John the Baptist Parish Centre, Rock Rd. The centre is in the grounds of Blackrock RC church; parking is available locally. The club welcomes visitors and will facilitate those who come without a partner. Table money is €6. Further information at <https://www.bridgewebs.com/blackrockdublin/> Enquiries to blackrockbridgeclub@gmail.com.

Crosscare Collection Next Weekend 17th/18th September.

The Annual Collection for Crosscare, the social support agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin will be taken up at all Masses in the Diocese next weekend 17th and 18th September 2021. Through their services for Homeless, Youth, Migrants and Refugees, Crosscare focuses on helping people and families when they need it most or when they can't find support anywhere else.

Autumn Prayer

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons. As we embrace these autumn months, May the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest. May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet remind us of the brevity of this earthly life. May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us your breath of life. May the scurrying of the squirrels and the migration of the birds remind us that you call us to follow your will. We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen.



A Fond Farewell - Nigel Purcell

It is with great gratitude that we say a fond farewell to Nigel who is leaving us after nearly two years working with us in St. John the Baptist Blackrock. Nigel is taking up a new role in employment, based in south Dublin. We wish Nigel the very best and God's blessings and thank him for his contribution to our parish.

Fr. Peter O'Connor, Adm.

Dates for your diary:

- [Harvest Thanksgiving](#) the weekend of the **24th /25th September**
- [Blessing of Pets](#) on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of Animals, after the **12 noon Mass on Sunday 2nd October.**

Faith events in our nearby Faith Communities.

Season of Creation events taking place in the parish of [St. Thérèse, Mount Merrion](#), to which all are welcome to attend:

[CREATION HOUR](#), Sunday September 18th, 4pm, in the church, and

[LAUDATO SI: INSPIRING OUR PARISHES](#), Tuesday, September 27th, 7-9pm, Parish Community Centre

[All Saints Church, Carysfort Ave. Friday 7th October, 8.00 p.m.](#)

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