



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 1st/2nd October, 2022.

Website: www.sjb.ie

Masses can be viewed via webcam

Priests:
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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 and third Saturday of each month.

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

When entering the Church, the use of hand sanitiser and face masks is recommended.

We are grateful to our volunteers who keep the church so clean and tidy.

Carysfort National School

Carysfort National School will begin accepting applications for admission in September 2023 from Monday next, 3rd October until Friday, 25th November 2022. The full details are available on the school website along with the application form for download.

www.carysfortns.ie/carysfort-national-school-news/admissions/

PARISH NOTICES

We thank all those who have contributed to and organised our beautiful **Harvest Thanksgiving display**. We hope you will all take a few moments over the coming days to enjoy it and reflect on the gifts Our Lord has blessed us with.

The children from Carysfort National School will receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on the 22nd April, 2023. and the **Sacrament of First Holy Communion** on the 13th May, 2023. The boys from Willow Park School will receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on the 5th and 6th May, 2023.

Blackrock Parish Senior Citizens meet in the Parish Centre every **Tuesday afternoon at 2.00 p.m.** They play Bingo along with other activities, and a lovely afternoon tea is served! **New members** are most welcome.

PRAY AWAY WEEK

Next Sunday near the front of the Church a map of the world will be displayed. Beside the map there will be some stick-on arrows with room on each arrow for a name of a person or family. This is an opportunity for people to remember their loved ones who live far away outside of Ireland. Many parishioners have loved one's who they left behind to come to Ireland or have relations who have emigrated or live abroad. Pray Away Week is an opportunity to pray together and remember those who live far away, but are very close to our hearts. Parishioners can place the arrow containing their loved one's names on the map of the world where their loved one's lives. They can say a prayer and light a candle.

WRITE THE NAME OF YOUR FAMILY
MEMBER OR FRIEND WHO IS AWAY
ON A STICKY ARROW AND PUT IT ON THE MAP
LIGHT A CANDLE
OUR LADY WILL PROTECT
ALL THOSE TRAVELLING AND AWAY.



Who is St. Francis of Assisi

St. Francis of Assisi was born in the 12th century, lived in Italy, and founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of St. Clare, and the Third Order of Saint Francis for men and women not able to live the lives of itinerant preachers. Francis is one of the most venerated religious figures in history.

He is remembered for his generosity to the poor, his willingness to minister to the lepers, and for his love for animals and nature. He is the Catholic Church's patron saint of animals and the environment.

The Blessing of Animals

Many people bring their pets to the church to be blessed on St. Francis' feast day because of his love for animals as expressed in his Canticle of Creatures. You can pray for and bless your pets and animals at home too. A verbal blessing and a sprinkling of holy water can be offered in your backyard, garden or anywhere inside your home.

Our parish blessing of pets will take place on the steps of the Church after the 12 noon Mass this Sunday.

Pet Blessing

Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures.

You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air, and animals on the land.

You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters.

We ask you to bless this pet.

By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan.

May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen.

BUILDING HOPE FEEDBACK ARCHBISHOP FARRELL RESPONDS

Archbishop Farrell's response to the Building of Hope in the future of the Dublin Diocese is available on the website for as many parishioners as possible to read carefully. The document can be found at <https://dublindiocese.ie/building-hope-feedback-response/>.

Safeguarding Sunday 9th October, 2022.

Next Sunday 9th October is safeguarding Sunday in St. John the Baptist. I welcome our two new safeguarding officers Catherine O'Carroll and Leo McCarthy. I wish to thank them for their generosity and time. An outline of their role will be presented at each Mass next Sunday as well as a copy of Archbishop Farrell's letter.

Fr. Peter O'Connor, Adm.