



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 3<sup>rd</sup> /4<sup>th</sup> September, 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.  
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.

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.

[Back to School Calendar/Colour In](#)

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!

**LUMEN AUTUMN PROGRAMME**

The autumn programme of the Lumen Dominican Centre, Sion Hill Campus, Blackrock, is ready and registration is now open. Both in-person and online modules are available. For more information visit [www.lumenop.ie](http://www.lumenop.ie).

[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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:blackrockbridgeclub@gmail.com).**

[Leaving Certificate Students](#)

We congratulate all students on the success of their examination. We hope you are happy with the results, and pray that you will be guided by the Holy Spirit in your decision making for your future career.

**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.**

[Blessing of Schoolbags](#)



[Schoolbags Prayer](#)

Lord, we thank you for your goodness to all your children.  
Be with these children throughout this new school year.  
May your blessing be upon these schoolbags,  
Which the children will carry to and from school each day.

Watch over the children in their coming and their going;  
Keep them safe always; help them to be kind;  
Bless their learning and their play.  
Enfold them at all times in your love.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Schoolbags will be blessed at all Masses this weekend and next weekend.

Dates for your diary:

- [September the 8<sup>th</sup>](#) is the Birthday of Our Lady
- [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 2<sup>nd</sup> October.](#)

[Parish Policy](#)

- All Masses will be shared.
- Funeral Masses are at 10.00 a.m.
- Baptisms are held on the First Sunday of each month and the third Saturday. We welcome and congratulate all new families to our parish.
- Baptismal and Confirmations Certificates a donation of €5/€10 would be appreciated.

Please contact the Parish Office to book the above.

Thank you for your support.

Fr. Peter O'Connor, Adm.

[Summer Dues](#)

We thank our parishioners who have supported the Summer Dues. Envelopes are still available in the Church if you so wish to contribute to this fund. The envelopes may be left in the safe or returned to the Parish Office. Once again thank you for your continuing support.