



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 21st/22nd January, 2023.

Website: www.sjb.ie

Masses available on 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.
12.00 noon

Weekdays: 1.05 p.m.
Saturday 6.30 p.m. Vigil

Confessions

On request.

Baptisms

On request.

Marriages: By arrangement, 3 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.

Church Heating and Toilet Access

There may be some disruption to the heating facilities in the Church during the weekend and early next week, due to the maintenance work taking place to facilitate access to the toilet in the Church. Thank you for your patience.

Parking Meter in Church Grounds

We are looking into the possibility of replacing the parking meter in the Church grounds. We are making inquiries to replace it with a meter that will provide tap and credit card facilities.

Dates for your Diary

The Feast of St. Brigid Wednesday 1st February, 2023.

Blessing of Candles, The Presentation of the Lord Thursday 2nd February, 2023.

The Feast of St. Blaise Friday 3rd February, 2023.

Christmas Dues

The priests of the parish wish to thank you all most sincerely for returning your Christmas Dues. Please know that you will be remembered in their prayers.

Envelopes are available in the Church should you wish to take one. Please place envelopes in the safe or drop in to the Parish Office.

Good News Stand

We have a selection of new books and material with spiritual insights, and the Irish Catholic newspaper.

Catholic Schools Week

This Sunday, 22nd January, marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week 2023. Schools all over Ireland are celebrating this special week. During this week the pupils, staff, parents, grandparents, members of boards and the people of the parish will show, in lots of different ways, that they are proud of the Catholic School. It is good to celebrate who we are and what we do. **This year's theme is 'Walking Together in Faith & Love'.**

Our parish is joining in the celebrations by praying each day for the community.

Prayer for Catholic Schools Week

Loving God, we thank you for the wonderful gift of our home.

As spring begins, help us see the beauty awakening all around us.

Help us to love and care for the earth, and share it with all who live here.

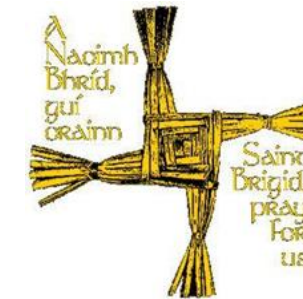
Help us to be guided by Pope Francis, our teachers and families

in how we live and how we learn.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, and our Lord.

Amen.

How to Make a St. Brigid's Cross



You will need

16 Reeds (or Straws)

4 small rubber bands

Scissors

What to Do

Hold one of the reeds vertically. Fold a second reed in half as in the diagram.

Place the first vertical reed in the centre of the folded second reed.

Hold the centre overlap tightly between thumb and forefinger.

Turn the two rushes held together 90 degrees anti-clockwise so that the open ends of the second reed are pointing vertically upwards.

Fold a third reed in half and over both parts of the second reed to lie horizontally from left to right against the first straw. Hold tight.

Holding the centre tightly, turn the three reeds 90 degrees anti-clockwise so that the open ends of the third reed are pointing upwards.

Fold a new reed in half over and across all the rushes pointing upwards.

Repeat the process of rotating all the rushes 90 degrees anti-clockwise, adding a new folded reed each time until all rushes have been used up to make the cross.

Secure the arms of the cross with elastic bands. Trim the ends to make them all the same length. The St Brigid's Cross is now ready to hang.