



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock. Parish Newsletter 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> February, 2023.

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**Confessions:** Available on request.

**Baptisms:** Held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. All enquires welcome through the Parish Office on 01 288 2104, or email [office@sjb.ie](mailto:office@sjb.ie)

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

**6.30 p.m. VIGIL MASS NEXT SATURDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2023.**

We welcome the children who are preparing for First Sacraments, and their parents. The theme for the Mass will be "Lent and Spring".

FIRST CONFESSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH.

**OUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL WILL MEET NEXT WEEK**

**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER NOVENA OF GRACE 2023**

This starts on Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> and concludes on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March, inclusive. It will be recited at Mass from Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March beginning at the 10.00 a.m. Mass.

**J.S. BACH ST. MATTHEW PASSION SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY CHURCH OF ST. THERESE, MOUNT MERRION**

This beautiful piece will be performed this **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00 p.m.** by the Goethe Choir and soloists accompanied by the Goethe Ensemble, under the baton of John Dexter. Tickets €25/€30 on [eventbrite.ie](http://eventbrite.ie) and at the door.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, 2023**

The service this year is to be held in St Patrick's Catholic Church, Monkstown, on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of March at 2:30 p.m. followed by refreshments in the Church of Ireland, Monkstown. All are most welcome.

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS AND VICTIMS OF ABUSE**

The Annual Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse is an initiative of Pope Francis and is held on the first Friday of Lent, which fell on **February 24** this year.

**CANDLE OF ATONEMENT**


Lord, forgive us our many sins.  
 We grieve and repent with all our hearts for having offended you, for our great failings and neglect of the young and vulnerable.

We place all of those who have been hurt by the Church in any way into your loving hands and under the protection of Our Blessed Mother.

Lord, bring peace to their broken lives and show us all the way out of darkness and into the light of your Word.

May we as the people of God be more fully human, more fully Christ-like and more fully your people, that we may see the errors of the past and go forward with renewed hope and faith in Christ and in our Church.

Amen.



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**DUBLIN DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR TURKEY AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKES**

This collection will take place at all Masses in the Dublin Diocese this weekend, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February. The funds raised will be channelled to the area through Trócaire. Thank you for your generosity and support.

*We pray for the people of Central Turkey and North-West Syria whose lives have been devastated by the earthquake. Be present, O Lord, our Good Shepherd, to bring comfort, relief, shelter and human kindness.*

*Shield the people who suffer, console those who are bereaved, prosper the provision of relief, strengthen the work of emergency teams, and shine your light and hope in the midst of despair.*

*We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Amen.*

**LENT 2023**



**Lent Prayer Box**

The Lent Prayer Box has been placed under the pulpit for you to write your prayers and petitions to be offered at Masses throughout Lent.

In our **Sacred Space** area by St Anne's Altar, a beautiful display has been set up, evocative of our Lord's 40 days in the desert, helping us to reflect and pray. The themes of the display remind us to pray, to give to others, and of the value of fasting.

A **Children's Activity Calendar** for Lent is available in the Church porches – you can pick one up for children, grandchildren, or relations and friends.

**Stations of the Cross** are a private devotion popular in the season of Lent. Reflections for the Stations will be available in the missalette stands throughout the season of Lent.

**Week Day Rosary During Lent** – You are invited to join us as we recite the Rosary on weekdays only, before the 1:05 p.m. Mass.

**Trocaire Boxes** - These are available in the porch of the Church. Thank you for your support.

**••• Desert Fathers - A Lenten Program for Men •••**

A Lenten program for men has been developed by an Irish priest to help men make this Lent different. The program contains 4 pillars - Prayer, Penance, Spiritual reading & Charity. To find out more and join an online group, a zoom information meeting is scheduled for Sunday Feb 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 p.m. Meeting ID 494 625 9738 Password: 997298. Email [desertfathers40@gmail.com](mailto:desertfathers40@gmail.com) for a copy of the program.

The programme can also be emailed to you, or printed for you, through the Parish Office. [office@sjb.ie](mailto:office@sjb.ie) or ph. 01 288 2104.