



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 4<sup>th</sup> /5<sup>th</sup> February, 2023.

Website: [www.sjb.ie](http://www.sjb.ie)

**Masses available on webcam**

**Priests:**

Fr. Peter O'Connor P.P. 01 2882104  
Fr. Eddie Conway P.C. 01 2882248

**Parish Office:**

Hours 10.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.  
Tel: 288 21 04

**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.

[Visit to Lourdes Grotto, Oblate Fathers, Inchicore](#)

[In honour of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2023.](#)

This grotto, a replica of the Grotto at Lourdes, was completed in 1930 mainly by voluntary labour for the people of Ireland who could not afford to travel to France. Many thousands attended the opening ceremony.

In honour of this great feast, there will be a Lourdes Mass at 7.00 p.m. on the 11<sup>th</sup> February followed by a torch light procession. A bus will leave Holy Family Sallynoggin Church at 5.50 p.m. to travel to Inchicore. The fare is €10.

If you are interested contact Maria Monaghan at 086 3576374 or 2856069 (between 7.00 p.m. and 9.00 p.m.) Please come and join them.

**ACCORD COLLECTION 2023**

**The annual Diocesan collection for ACCORD, will take place at the second collection at all Masses in the Diocese on the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> February.**

**ACCORD is the Diocesan agency for Marriage and Family and offers Marriage Preparation courses, counselling for couples and individuals, and a Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools.**

**Your support is greatly appreciated.**

**NEW BANK HOLIDAY FOR THE FEAST OF ST. BRIGID**

**MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**

**This Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> February is a bank holiday. Mass will be celebrated at 11.00 a.m.**

**GOOD NEWS STAND**

**We have a good selection of books, candles, newspapers, and leaflets available at our Good News Stand, including a lovely selection of books for young children.**

**THE FEAST OF ST. BRIGID**

**Prayer to St. Brigid**

Saint Brigid.

You were a woman of peace.

You brought harmony where there was conflict.

You brought light to the darkness.

You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.

Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.

Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.

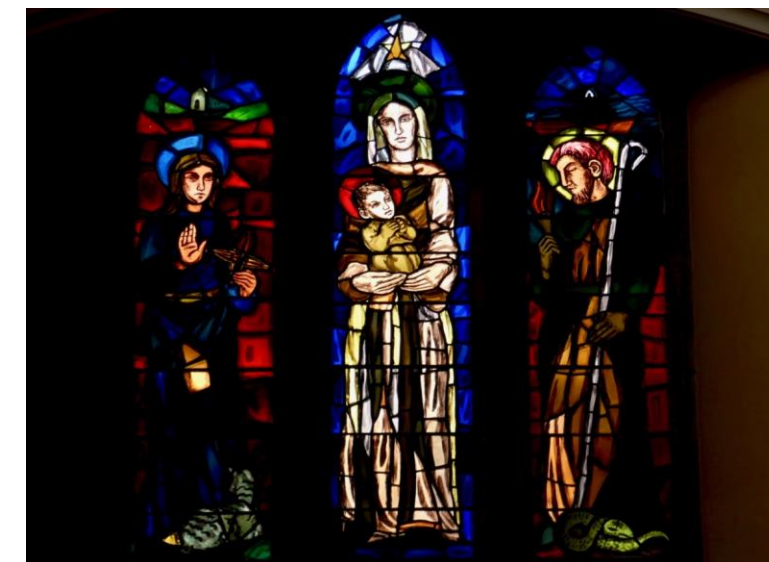
May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit.

**Amen.**

**Light a Candle – St Brigid's Postcards**

**To celebrate the Feast of St. Brigid we have some beautiful postcards available at the back of the church for you send to friends and family letting them know that you said a prayer and lit a candle for them.**

**Evie Hone Window – St. Anne's Aisle**



Our beautiful Evie Hone window in St Anne's Aisle in our parish church here in Blackrock was commissioned to commemorate Brigid McGuire who died in 1953. It is probably the last stained-glass window completed by Evie Hone, as she died in 1955. It stands in contrast to the other windows in the church, both in style and colouring.

Our Lady, The Blessed Mother and Child, is flanked by St. Brigid and St. Patrick. The figures are effected in great power and strength. The colours to match are bold and strong. These are real people and not representations of simplistic piety. St Brigid holds her cross, and at her feet is a lamb recalling her early life as shepherdess and overhead, her first church, Cill Dara, the Church of the Oak.

(The above is extracted from the book "The Church of Saint John the Baptist, Blackrock" written by Michael O'Connell, late of this parish and who died in October 2022).