



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock. Parish Newsletter 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.

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**Priests**  
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**Parish Office**  
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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:** 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.

**Children preparing for Confirmation**

The 10.00 a.m. Mass next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March is for the children from Carysfort National School who will be making their Confirmation on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. It is also Mother's Day.

**LENT**

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

**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.

**The Rosary** will be recited at 12.40 p.m. Monday to Friday for the season of Lent only, and will conclude on spy **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April.**

**ANNUNCIATION VESPERS – PRO-CATHEDRAL**

**Recommended reading for Lent**

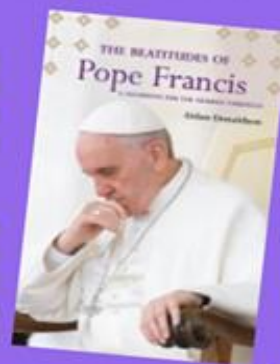
The Office of Mission & Ministry recommended reading for Lent is Aidan Donaldson's book *The Beatitudes of Pope Francis*. This would be a great way to journey through Lent, either through personal reflection or by gathering with others to share.

**Office of Mission & Ministry**  
*Recommended Reading for Lent*

**The Beatitudes of Pope Francis**  
*Aidan Donaldson*

A useful guide for exploring and understanding the Christian call in Pope Francis's 6 new beatitudes for today's world.

Each chapter can become the focus for a weekly personal reflection or small group sharing during the season of Lent.



Available from Veritas for €7.99



**Lá Fhéile Phádraig sona daoibh go léir!**

Dé h-Aoine seo chugainn 17ú Márta beidh muid ag comóradh **Lá Fhéile Phádraig.** Bí linn ag Aifreann **10 nó 12** áit a bheidh ceol gaolach ón cór faoi stiúriú Catherine Hughes agus orgánaí Maria Geheran.

Mar is gnáth beannófar an Seamróg ag an dá Aifreann. Beidh ár dealbh álainn de Naomh Pádraig agus Liúreach Phádraig ar thaispeáint ar áltór Naomh Áine.

**Go mbeannaigh Pádraig Naofa sinn go léir.**

**Happy St. Patrick's Day to all!**

Next Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March is St. Patrick's Day. It is a day when everyone is Irish and people are very welcome to join us in our **St. Patrick's Day** celebration Masses at **10.00 a.m. and 12 noon.** At Both Masses there will be **music** by our parish choir leader Catherine Hughes and our parish organist Maria Geheran.

They will sing and play a selection of traditional Irish music.

As usual the blessing of the shamrock with holy water will take place at both Masses. Our beautiful statue of St. Patrick will be placed in St. Anne's altar. Beside the altar will be placed **St. Patrick's Breastplate Prayer.**

**May St. Patrick Bless us all.**

**St. Patrick's Breastplate**

Christ with me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ on my right,  
Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down,  
Christ when I sit down,  
Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.

