



Priests Fr. Peter O'Connor P.P. 01 288 21 04 Fr. Eddie Conway P.C. 01 288 22 48	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
Parish Office Hours: 10.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. Monday to Friday. Tel: 288 21 04 Email: office@sjb.ie	

Confessions: Available on request.

Baptisms: Held on the 1st Sunday and the 3rd Saturday of the month. All enquires welcome through the Parish Office on 01 288 2104, or email office@sjb.ie

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

Confirmation

We are very grateful to Very Rev Fr. Peter O'Connor who conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on the students of Carysfort National School on Saturday. We congratulate the children who received the Sacrament, and thank the teachers and parents who prepared the children for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

May the Holy spirit guide and bless them throughout their lives.

Parish Information

- The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, which will be led by Archbishop Farrell, will take place on next Saturday, April 29. For further information contact knockpilgrimage@dublindioocese.ie
- Vocations Sunday or Good Shepherd Sunday, is on Sunday 7th May.
- Willow Park **Confirmations**. Friday 5th May at 2.30 p.m. and Saturday 6th May at 11.00 a.m.
- Carysfort National School **First Holy Communion** Saturday 13th May at 11.00 a.m.
- St. Augustine's School **Confirmation** Friday 9th June.
- A new car park machine will be installed in the coming weeks. It will give people the opportunity for tap, text and cash payments.

Easter Dues

The Easter Dues envelopes have now been distributed, if you did not receive an envelope there are some available in the Church should you wish to take one. The Dues support the priests of the parish and the diocese. They may be returned to the safe at the back of the Church, or to the post box on the Parish Centre door. You may also donate in other ways:

- CONTACTLESS CARD PAYMENTS (TAP);
- SHRINES-SMART PHONES
- DONATE BUTTON ON THE WEBSITE www.sjb.ie

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

The road to Emmaus.....

The road to Emmaus is the gospel story this week. Like the two disciples we are on a journey. At the moment there are three interconnected pathways we are walking. We are journeying as a Parish, as a Diocese and as a Church.

We ask the Lord to accompany us on each pathway.

The First Pathway

The **Building on Hope** programme that is taking place in the archdiocese of Dublin. Each parish in the Dublin diocese is now linked in a partnership with other parishes. Our parish is with Newtownpark, Monkstown, Foxrock & Kill O'The Grange. In our partnership we have decided from the 1st of May to display on our parish website and in the front porch of the Church, the different Mass times in the various parishes. In June the administrators of the parishes and the chairpersons of the parish councils will meet informally to discuss a programme of partnership for the latter half of 2023 and 2024.

The Second Pathway

The **Church Synod** called by Pope Francis. The world-wide synod will meet in Rome in October 2023 feeding back information from discussions that took place in parishes, dioceses, national churches, and continental churches around the world. More than likely the discussions from the meeting in Rome in October will then be sent back to the parishes etc for a further discussion. The result of these discussions will be brought back to Rome for a meeting proposed in October 2024.

The Third Pathway

We also have our parish pathway the parish council has reflected and prepared a parish mission statement. During the next few weeks, we will be accompanying parishioners on their journey towards the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. This weekend our parish school Carysfort National School celebrate the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit and Confirmation.

The gospel this Sunday reminds us of the gift of the journey of life as we walk together and encounter the risen Christ in the building of hope programme, the church synod, and our parish sacramental programme. We ask for your payers and support on this journey.

Fr. Peter O'Connor, Adm.

The Easter Garden Explained

The Easter Garden represents the world, a world created and charged with the grandeur of God.

Flowing Water represents Life, Growth, Healing, Cleansing and Renewal, during Lent we listen to the refreshing words "Come to the water you who are thirsty..... Water of life cleanse and refresh us.

The Path represents the journey of our lives.

The Stones represent the Obstacles, Hardships, and Blocks in our lives.

Lent & Easter is about rolling away the stones, and smoothing out the Pathway to the Lord.

Plants remind us that life is not all doom and gloom, but has life and colour in it also.

Prayer

Sun, moon & stars, the light of God;
 Trees, flowers & foliage, the colour of God;
 Rocks, mountains & stones, the faithfulness of God;
 Water, ice and snow, the wellspring of God;
 God is close to us, around us, within us, between us,
 In the ordinary of nature in the ordinary of love
 In the ordinary of contemplation is God
 The Garden awaits you! Come!

