



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock. Parish Newsletter 8th/9th April, 2023.

Website: www.sjb.ie Masses available on webcam Email: office@sjb.ie

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.

Trócaire Boxes
 May we remind you to please return your Trócaire Lenten boxes as soon as possible. Thank You.



Monday 10th April 2023 – Bank Holiday
 Monday 10th April is a Bank Holiday. Mass will be celebrated at 11.00 a.m.
 We wish all who are commencing annual holidays and travelling this weekend a safe journey and an enjoyable restful break.

Children's Colour-In
 These are available at the back of the Church.



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, see below:

CONTACTLESS CARD PAYMENTS (TAP)
 There is stand at the back of the church by Our lady's Altar that accepts contactless CARD PAYMENTS (TAP) for the FIRST AND SECOND COLLECTIONS AT MASS.

SHRINES-SMART PHONES
 Each SHRINE is fitted with the ability to accept SMART PHONE PAYMENTS.

DONATE BUTTON ON THE WEBSITE www.sjb.ie
 This can be used for EASTER DUES, PARISH SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE FUNDS, and DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

Easter Reflection

**Judas betrayed him and Peter denied him;
Other disciples forsook him and fled.
Would I have been braver, if I had been present,
And stayed with my Lord who so soon would be dead?**

**Caiaphas plotted, and Herod derided;
Pilate condemned him to hang on the tree.
In their position I might have done likewise,
Never imagining this was for me.**

**Mary mistook him, and Thomas was doubting,
Paul dragged his followers bound into jail.
How do I meet the New Testament challenge?
Could I succeed where such characters fail?**

**Jesus forgave them – the thief on the gallows,
The soldiers who killed him, and Peter his friend.
His love did not fail in a world black with hatred.
His love drew men back to his side in the end.**

**Two thousand Easters have gone like a shadow.
This is our moment in history's screeed.
Jesus our Lover is calling us forward;
Through him, and only through him, we succeed.**
June Chantry



Chapel of Adoration, White's Cross, Blackrock.
 This Chapel of Adoration will be closed for urgent maintenance work on the roof from the 27th March until the 14th April, 2023. Inclusive.
 Sr. M. Brid and community.

Thank You.
 We wish to express the gratitude of the community to all those who prepared and took part in the Holy Week Ceremonies in particular the Collectors, Readers, Commentators, Ministers of Holy Communion, the Choir and Choir-director and Organists. We wish to thank those who arranged the flowers, the Easter Garden and decorated the Church so beautifully, and those who cared for the Altar Linen, and those who cleaned and maintained the Church.
 To all of you and those who helped in any way our sincere thanks for performing your roles so efficiently and with such great generosity.