



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock. Parish Newsletter 6th /7th May, 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

Parish Office
 Hours: 10.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.
 Tel: 288 21 04
 Email: office@sjb.ie

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 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.

Blackrock Bridge Club
 Blackrock Bridge Club meets each Saturday at 7.30pm, at the parish centre in the grounds of Blackrock Church. The club welcomes visitors and accommodates those who come without a partner and who arrive before 7.20pm. Table money is €6.
 Parking is available locally. Further information about the club is available at www.bridgewebs.com/blackrockdublinhttps://www.bridgewebs.com/blackrockdublin/

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



The children from Carysfort National School will receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion on Saturday 13th May at 11.00 a.m.
 The celebrant will be Fr. Peter O'Connor.

Upcoming Events

Sunday 28th May at the 12 noon Mass
 Fr. Peter will present the children from Carysfort National School with their Confirmation Certificates.

Sunday 11th June at the 12 noon Mass
 The First Holy Communion Class from Carysfort National School, will take part in The Corpus Christi procession and have a small party afterwards in the Parish Centre.

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.

Parish Prayer for May

Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for me

Virgin Mary, Mother of fair love,
 Mother who never refuses to come to the aid of anyone in need.
 Cast your eyes upon me and see the snarl of knots that exists in my life.
 You know very well how desperate I am, and how I am bound by these knots.

Mary Mother to whom God entrusted the undoing of the knots in the lives of all.
 I entrust into your hands the ribbon of my life.
 In your hands there is no knot that cannot be undone.
 Powerful Mother, by your grace and intercessory power
 With you Son Jesus take into your hands this knot.
 (Mention your request here)
 You are my hope Mary, hear my prayer.
 Keep Me, guide me, protect me.
 Amen.

Parish Pastoral Council

A meeting of the Parish Council took place on Thursday evening 4th May. Members were updated on developments in the Building Hope Partnership established to meet the challenges facing the Dublin Diocese at present. Members of the Council will participate in an online resource training programme in June aimed at preparing for future Voluntary Ministry in parishes. The Council also discussed how it might work towards implementing the mission and vision for St John the Baptist Church.

The Council was informed of events taking place in the next number of weeks, in particular the Confirmation and First Communion celebrations. The Council wishes all the young people involved in these ceremonies the very best on these special days.

Conversations with Women in the Bible

Exploring insights from their stories and God's transforming presence in their lives



Speaker
 Therese Fitzgerald

- This day offers opportunity to:
- Journey with some Biblical women
 - Deepen our experience and understanding of God's transforming presence in their lives and
 - Allow these Biblical women to inform and shape our lives in some way

Therese is a Sister of Our Lady of Sion. Her ministries are in Biblical studies, counselling and Jewish/Christian dialogue. She is particularly interested in how our reading of the Biblical texts can support our inner wholeness and our relationship with God.

Venues: Ballyvaloo Retreat & Conference Centre Blackwater Co. Wexford or The Pembroke Hotel Patrick Street Kilkenny

Dates: 12th May 2023 or 13th May 2023

Times: 10.00 am to 4.30 pm or 10.00 am to 4.30 pm

Cost: €30 (includes lunch) or €20 (includes tea/coffee)
 Pay on the door Pay on the door

Please book before 5th May by contacting:
 Sara or Catherina @ 056 7722870 - 9.00 am - 5.00 pm or
 email: regionaloffice@ssjg.ie
 Booking essential

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PRAYER CARDS

Please visit our lovely stand with various prayers for you to choose from.



We also have new books titled 'Children's prayers for All Occasions' on our Good News Stand along with reflection booklets and candles.

Willow Park Confirmations

We congratulate the boys from Willow Park School who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Friday & Saturday. We 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.