

Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock. Parish Newsletter 1st /2nd July, 2023.

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Priests

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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.

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

DEANSGRANGE CEMETERY MASS AND BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

This Sunday, July 2nd, at 3pm There will be Mass and Blessing of the Graves in Deansgrange Cemetery.

Know your Faith - Come to Pathways: Exploring Faith and Ministry

Applications are now open for the next intake of participants for Pathways. The programme, run by the Dublin Archdiocese, begins this year in DCU St Patrick's Campus, Upper Drumcondra Road, Dublin 9, on Thursday, September 28 (7pm – 9.30pm). Places are limited so early application is advised.

Pathways is a two-year, one-evening-a-week course for adults of all ages who wish to explore their faith. It runs from late September to May each year. There are no exams and no written work. The only requirement is an openness to listening to others and to participate. You can just come along and enjoy! The cost is €400 for the coming year which may be paid in instalments. Some sponsorship may be available for those of limited means.

Places are limited.

For more information please visit www.missionministry.ie or contact Eileen Houlahan, CHF, PhD, Director, Pathways Programme at 01 8087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie.

SUMMER DUES

The first collection at Sunday Mass supports the common Fund that pays the priests of our parish, the sick and retired priests, priests in low-income parishes, and priests working in special ministries throughout our Diocese. Due to the pandemic this collection has not been taken up and has left a shortfall in the fund that supports the clergy.

The Summer dues introduced last year, helped somewhat to address the financial challenges faced by priests. The archbishop has asked that each parish would invite the faithful to contribute a summer offering again this year. If you feel you are in a position financially to contribute to the appeal, Summer Dues envelopes are available in the Church.

Contributions can be left in the safe at the back of the Church, in the letterbox on the Parish Centre door, or by placing in the baskets in the Church.

Thank You.

Peter's Pence Collection

The annual Peter's Pence collection will take place at all Masses this weekend 1st/2nd July. It will replace the Share collection.

Thank You to those who prepared

the beautiful flower arrangements for both Altars.





WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

"His mercy is from age to age" (Luke 1:50) is the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly and for the Message, that bears the date of the Feast of the Visitation. This year's celebration dedicated to grandparents and the elderly will take place on Sunday, July 23, just days before the start of World Youth Day in Lisbon.

The National Grandparents' Pilgrimage

The National Grandparent's Pilgrimage will take place in Knock on Sunday, July 23. All are welcome for this wonderful celebration of family and faith through the generations. The principal celebrant and homilist will be Bishop Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin and chair of the Bishops' Council for Marriage and the Family. Music will be by the combined choirs of Knock Shrine who will be joined by Dana for 'Lady of Knock' and her new hymn 'Light the Flame'. For more information see www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org.

PRAYER CARDS

We have a selection of prayer cards available at the back of the Church.

Donations are welcome





Society of African Missions (SMA Fathers)

This weekend we welcome Fr. Tom Faherty SMA (Society of African Missions)

Fr. Tom will speak at all the Masses this weekend on the missionary work of the SMA Fathers.