



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 15th /16th July, 2023.

Website: www.sjb.ie

Masses available on webcam

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Priests

Fr. Peter O'Connor P.P. 01 288 21 04
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Parish Office

Hours: 10.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.
Tel: 288 21 04
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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 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.

SUMMER DUES

We thank our parishioners who have supported the summer dues. Envelopes are still available in the church if you so wish to contribute to this fund.

The envelopes may be left in the safe or the letter box in the parish centre.

Once again thank you for your continuing support.

SUMMER FESTIVAL

Join young people between 16 and 35 this August at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival. The festival takes place in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare from Thursday 10th August to Sunday 13th August 2023. The festival includes inspiring talks, music, prayer, concert, workshops, dramas, share groups, reconciliation and healing service and Mass. Donation only and we have buses going from all over Ireland. For more information and to book your place go to www.youth2000.ie



PATHWAYS: EXPLORING FAITH AND MINISTRY An Adult Faith Development Programme

Application is now open for the next intake of participants for Pathways. The programme, run by the Dublin Archdiocese, begins this year on Thursday 28th. September 2023 (7.00p.m.– 9.30 p.m.) in DCU St. Patrick's Campus, Upper Drumcondra Rd, Dublin, 9. Places are limited so early application is advisable

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, with breaks for Christmas, Easter, and mid-terms. There are no exams and no written work. The only requirement is an openness to listening to others and to participate. The cost is €400 per year which may be paid in instalments throughout the year. For more information, please visit our webpage: www.missionministry.ie or contact: Pathways Director, Eileen Houlahan, CHF, PhD. Phone: 01 8087594 Email: pathways@dublindiocese.ie

ECUMENICAL PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

Ballybrack-Killiney parish and Joe Walsh Tours are organising a pilgrimage to Rome with Holy Trinity, Killiney, and St Patrick's, Dalkey (Church of Ireland). This pilgrimage, open to all, is from October 30th to November 5th six nights, alternating Mass and Morning Prayer. Bookings at www.joewalstours.ie/tours/pilgrimage-to-rome-2023-10-30/.

The National Grandparents' Pilgrimage

The National Grandparent's Pilgrimage will take place in Knock next Sunday, July 23rd. 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.

Pope Francis has granted a Plenary Indulgence for the faithful who take part in the 3rd World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, with the usual conditions.

PRAYER FOR THE THIRD WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 2023

Virgin Mary,
Mother of faith and hope,
an example for this humanity bent by indifference,
make me as willing as You
to accept the will of God,
to magnify and praise His Mercy.
Mary, Mother of fortitude,
you who knows my heart,
do not allow me to become discouraged.
I confidently surrender my life into your hands.
Heal my wounds.
May your tenderness accompany me on the way.
Your presence, Mother of love,
brings us to experience the joy
of seeing our families united.
Help me to transmit the tenderness and Love of God
to the grandchildren and youth
so that, in addition to praying for them,
we can pray with them.
Mary, may the gift of the Holy Spirit intercede for me:
sustain my weakness;
breathe into my heart the consolation
that I may leave traces of faith among the young,
bearing witness to the beauty of life,
knowing that life has a limit
and that beyond it lies before us our Father's embrace.
Amen.

