



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 22<sup>nd</sup> /23<sup>rd</sup> 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.  
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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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. All enquires welcome through the Parish Office on 01 288 2104, or email [office@sjb.ie](mailto: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.

#### Camino 2024

Plans are currently being made to host a Young Adult Camino in Summer 2024 for the Archdiocese of Dublin. It will be the final stage, walking the 110kms from Sarria to Santiago, with a day trip to Finisterre. Upon reaching the Cathedral in Santiago, those walking will get their Compostela. Three preparation sessions will be held in March, April and May. Register your interest now by fill in the following form: <https://forms.office.com/e/q4xqzF4Vwv/>. All queries can be sent to [natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie).



#### Pathways: Exploring Faith as an Adult

Pathways is a two-year, one evening a week, Adult Faith Development course on Thursday evenings, run by the Dublin Archdiocese in DCU St. Patrick's Campus, Upper Drumcondra Rd., Dublin 9. Late September to May (7.00 p.m. – 9.30 p.m). Application is now open for September 2023. Early application advised. Contact: Pathways Director, Eileen Houlahan at 01 8087594 or [pathways@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:pathways@dublindiocese.ie). Web: [www.missionministry.ie](http://www.missionministry.ie)

#### Peter's Pence Collection

The collection for Peter's Pence collection on the weekend of the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> July amounted to €1,230. We thank all our parishioners for their generosity.

#### WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Pope Francis established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which took place for the first time in 2021. It takes place this Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

This weekend we welcome all Grandparents, as Pope Francis has asked us to pray for all Grandparents and the Elderly. Pope Francis has granted a Plenary Indulgence for the faithful who take part in the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, with the usual conditions.

The Feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne the parents of Mary, and Grandparents of Jesus is next Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July.

#### Prayer for Grandparents

Lord Jesus,  
you were born of the Virgin Mary,  
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.  
Look with love on grandparents the world over.  
Protect them! They are a source of enrichment  
for families, for the Church and for all of society.  
Support them! As they grow older,  
may they continue to be for their families  
strong pillars of Gospel faith,  
guardians of noble domestic ideals,  
living treasuries of sound religious traditions.  
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,  
that they may pass on to future generations the fruits  
of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus,  
help families and society  
to value the presence and role of grandparents.  
May they never be ignored or excluded,  
but always encounter respect and love.  
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed  
in all the years of life which you give them.  
Mary, Mother of all the living,  
keep grandparents constantly in your care,  
accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,  
and by your prayers, grant that all families  
may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,  
where you await all humanity  
for the great embrace of life without end.  
Amen.

