



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 9<sup>th</sup> /10<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.

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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.  
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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.



#### Lumen Autumn Programme

The Autumn programme of the Lumen Dominican Centre, Sion Hill Campus, Blackrock is ready and registration is now open. In-person and online modules are available. For more information visit [www.lumenop.ie](http://www.lumenop.ie) or call 012882075.

#### Season of Creation 2023

Season of Creation 2023 which runs from **September 1st (the World Day of Prayer for Creation) to October 4th (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi)**. This Season is a wonderful opportunity to respond to the call of Pope Francis to listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. As the ecological crisis worsens our newsfeeds are filled with stories of devastation, particularly in the most vulnerable parts of the world. Creation cries out as forests burn, animals flee, lives are lost and people are forced to migrate.

The theme for this year's Season is inspired by the Prophet Amos who cries out: **"Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5: 24).**

This year's theme highlights that, by doing a little to care for our water supply – our local streams and rivers – each of us can also contribute to the flow of justice and peace in our world and so renew our relationship with creation.

#### Dublin Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes

**A big thank you** to all those who were involved in organizing the Lourdes Associate Membership. The amount received from the parishioners of Blackrock Parish was **€1,583.00**.

The enrolment sheets containing the names of the Parish Associates will be placed at the Grotto in Lourdes and Mass will be offered for the intentions of all our contributors during the Dublin Diocese Pilgrimage.

#### Carysfort First Communion Class/Blessing of Schoolbags

**Next Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September at the 6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass, we welcome the children from Carysfort National School First Holy Communion Class.** Fr. Peter invites the children to bring their school bags to Mass that evening for a blessing!



**Next weekend September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>**, Crosscare will hold its Annual Appeal for Homeless Prevention Services. **This will replace the Share collection at all Masses.** Crosscare seeks your support to prevent more people from losing their homes as the housing and accommodation crisis continues. The number of people in emergency accommodation in Dublin is now well over 9,000; sadly, this includes almost 3,000 children. As well as providing residential homeless services, Crosscare is working with hundreds of families and individuals who are at risk of losing their existing accommodation. Please support the Crosscare collection if you can next weekend at all Masses in the Archdiocese, or you can donate online at [www.crosscare.ie](http://www.crosscare.ie).



#### Back to School- A Child's Prayer

"Dear Lord, use my eyes to see new friends.

Open my ears to hear my teacher.

Open my mind to learn new things.

Open my heart to remember

YOU are near when I am afraid.

Help me to love others like you do.

I want to shine your light  
so bright in my school".

Amen.

