



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 16<sup>th</sup> /17<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.

Website: [www.sjb.ie](http://www.sjb.ie)

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#### 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  
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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.

**Blackrock Hospice Coffee Morning**  
Blackrock Hospice are delighted to announce that the Coffee Morning will take place on next **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept at 10:00am** – Maia Dunphy will be their guest of honour.



#### Funerals

The 2022 Census has revealed that Irish society is changing such that even things that have always been done a certain way, like funerals, are not immune to this change. **If it is your wish to have a Catholic Funeral, it is very important to let your family and friends know this.** Please do not assume that there is no need to express your wishes simply because funerals in your family have always been conducted in a certain way.

#### Bequests

We thank those who have in the past made Bequests to the Parish in their Wills. These bequests have contributed significantly over the years to the upkeep of the Parish, especially to the preservation of our Church building as a fitting place for the celebration of Mass and the Sacraments for generations to come.

If you are considering including a Charitable Bequest in your own Will, our Registered Charity Number is 20016166

#### Crosscare Collection 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> September.

The Annual Collection for Crosscare, the social support agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin will be taken up at all Masses in the Diocese this weekend 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

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.

This will replace the Share collection at all Masses.

#### Upcoming Events

- [Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September.](#)
- [Blessing of Pets Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October.](#)
- [Home and Away Weekend Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October.](#)
- [Mission Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.](#)

#### Carysfort National School

This 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 who are preparing to make their First Holy Communion next year. Fr. Peter will bless the children's Schoolbags at this Mass.

The Confirmation class from Carysfort will be with us **next Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at the 6.30 p.m. vigil Mass.**

#### A Blessing of School Bags.



As you carry your bag, may you know that Jesus is walking with you always looking after you.

May you keep safe in all you do; may you be more aware of others too.

May you know the warmth of God's protecting presence in all you say and do.

May the Lord help you at school, to grow in every way.

#### PARISH NOTICES

- The Parish Pastoral Council will meet next **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September**, at 8.00 p.m. in the Parish Centre.
- On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September parents whose children will receive First Holy Communion and First Penance, from the parish school Carysfort attended a meeting in the Church to collect registration forms.
- Next Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September parents whose children who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, from the parish school Carysfort will attend a meeting with Fr. Peter in the Church to collect registration forms.
- **Safeguarding Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October.**

#### NEXT SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER IS



#### Join the Choir

It would benefit the choir and the parish if some members of the congregation who enjoy the choir 'from below' would like to sing with us from 'on high' (choir balcony).

If you think this, is you, we would like to hear from you. We practice each Sunday from 11am in the Parish Centre and sing at 12 noon mass, along with Christmas and Easter ceremonies.

The ability to sight-read music is not necessary but some experience is helpful. If you are interested, please come, and see us after the 12 Mass on Sunday or call the Parish Office to enquire.