



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 30<sup>th</sup> Sept/1<sup>st</sup> Oct, 2023.

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

Masses available on webcam

Email: [office@sjb.ie](mailto:office@sjb.ie)

#### 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: 01 288 21 04  
Email: [office@sjb.ie](mailto:office@sjb.ie)

#### 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, three months' notice required to the Parish in which you reside.

#### CARYSFORT NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

OUR PARISH SCHOOL, CARYSFORT NATIONAL SCHOOL, WILL BE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY TO JUNIOR INFANTS IN SEPTEMBER 2024 FROM **MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER UNTIL FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023.**

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE SCHOOL WEBSITE [www.carysfortns.ie](http://www.carysfortns.ie), OR REQUESTED BY EMAILING THE SCHOOL; [office@carysfortns.ie](mailto:office@carysfortns.ie). HARD COPIES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON CONVENT ROAD.

#### THANK YOU - CROSSCARE

Thank you for your most generous support for the annual Diocesan Crosscare Collection on 16th/17th September. The collection raised €2,295

#### Minor Construction Work

Construction work to the concrete apron at the front steps will commence **this Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Oct**, weather permitting. The ramp and the front entrance will be blocked, and car-parking will be limited. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Home and Away Weekend Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Oct.

Mission Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Safeguarding Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October

#### Synod 2023

**PLEASE TAKE A COPY OF THE ARCHBISHOPS LETTER AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.**

Heavenly Father,  
as the Magi journeyed towards Bethlehem  
led by the star,  
so, by your heavenly light,  
guide the Catholic Church to walk together  
with all Christians during this time of synod.  
As the Magi were united in their worship of  
Christ,  
lead us closer to your son and so to one  
another,  
so that we become a sign of the unity that  
you desire for your Church and the whole creation.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



#### 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).

We practice each Sunday from 11a.m. 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 contact the Parish Office.

## BLESSING OF THE PETS



**BLESSING OF PETS WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE STEPS OF THE CHURCH AFTER THE 12 NOON SUNDAY MASS THIS WEEKEND 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER, 2023.**

#### BLESSING OF PETS

Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures.  
You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air, and animals on the land.  
You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters.

We ask you to bless this pet.

By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan.

May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures!  
Amen.

#### HARVEST THANKSGIVING 2023

*We thank all those who created the beautiful displays for our Harvest Thanksgiving this year.*

