



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 21st /22nd October, 2023.

Website: www.sjb.ie

Masses available on webcam

Email: 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

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, 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 2ND OCTOBER UNTIL FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2023.**

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE SCHOOL WEBSITE www.carysfortns.ie, OR REQUESTED BY EMAILING THE SCHOOL; office@carysfortns.ie.

EVENTS

- **Saturday 21st October. At the 6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass. We welcome the children from Carysfort National School who are preparing for Confirmation.**
- **Finance Weekend 11th /12th November. The Finance Committee met in the Parish Centre last Wednesday.**

Are You a Good Listener?

SeniorLine, Ireland's national confidential telephone service for older people is looking for older volunteers, women, and men aged 50+. Full training is provided. All details from Anne on 087-7450721



**PLEASE TAKE A COPY OF THE SYNOD 2023 NEWSLETTER
AT THE DOOR OF THE CHURCH**

Mission Sunday 22nd October.

Blackrock parish has a great tradition of supporting the missions. The notice board in the back of the church on the left-hand side as you enter the church testifies to this tradition. We remember all past missionaries in our prayers.

The collection for **MISSION SUNDAY** will take place **this weekend 21st /22nd October** and will replace the **SHARE COLLECTION**.

We invite you to pray for all Missionaries especially those of our own parish.

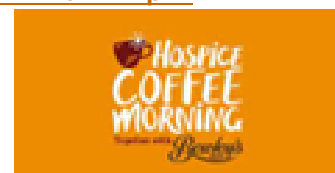
November Altar List of the Dead

The month of November gives us the opportunity to remember our dear departed when we enter their names on the Altar List of the Dead, so that they may be prayed for at all Masses during November and on the first Friday of each month for the coming year. If you wish to have the names of your loved ones inscribed on the list, there are envelopes at the back of the Church.

These can be returned in the collection baskets at Mass or to the Parish Office. Contributions and donations for the November List of the Dead go directly to support your local parish clergy when they offer prayers and Masses. We ask you to be as generous as possible in your contributions.

Hospice Coffee Morning Fundraiser

Massey Bros. Funeral Home, 5 Newtown Park (Off Newtown Park Avenue), Blackrock, are delighted to announce that again this year they will be hosting a coffee morning in aid of the **Irish Hospice Foundation** on the morning of **Wednesday 25th of October from 11am –1 pm.**



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

**The house of God is filled with ordinary people
doing extraordinary things in His service.**

Ministry	What We Do
Eucharistic Minister	Distributes the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ during the Eucharistic Mass.
Reader/Minister of the Word	Proclaims the Word of God at Mass
Collectors & Stewards Group	Responsibility for passing around the baskets and assisting parishioners where needed.
Flower Group	Decorates the church with fresh flowers and foliage.
Maintenance & Cleaning Groups	Undertake minor repairs, clean and do other jobs around the Church premises and grounds.
Finance Committee	Expression of interest invited from people with skills in finance and accounting.
Parish Pastoral Council	Expression of interest invited from people willing to become more involved in the life of our parish.
Baptism Ministry	Assists in preparing parents and godparents of children who are to be baptised in the parish.
Lent, Easter, Advent, Christmas Ministry	Oversees the church environment for these special liturgical occasions.
Choir	The Parish Choir leads the music and hymns at the 12 noon Sunday Mass and at other important liturgical celebrations. Members practice at 11am each Sunday in the Parish Centre.
	Future Ministries
Hospitality Team	To organise and manage Church Social gatherings.
Communications Team	To manage the effective communication of important information, events, and announcements to the parish and the wider community. To support the parish mission using the following means – newsletter, noticeboards, social media, website.
Funeral Ministry	We invite people with a calling to assist in various ways during funerals to help families at a time of great loss.
Social Justice Team	To create a team as suggested in the Synod to uphold the church's commitment to work for reconciliation, justice and peace, to address issues of social concern and to take action wherever possible.