



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 28<sup>th</sup> /29<sup>th</sup> October, 2023.

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#### Priests

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#### Parish Office

Hours: 10.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.  
Tel: 01 288 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, three months' notice required to the Parish in which you reside.

#### **Bank Holiday Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

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**Bank Holiday.**

**Mass will be celebrated**

**at 11.00 a.m.**

**We wish all those travelling, this weekend, a safe journey and enjoyable restful break.**



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

#### **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

#### **Mass Times for the Feast of All Saints**

**1st November 2023.**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

Vigil Mass: **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 6.30 p.m.**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 1.05 p.m.**

#### **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

#### **A Message from Fr. Peter O'Connor, Adm.**

Dear Parishioners,

We have had a busy and eventful Autumn in our Parish.

Starting off in September with the **Blessing of School Bags**, which in turn began the preparation of the **Parish Registration Programme for Sacramental Preparation in 2024.**

One again a sincere thanks to all who helped with the wonderful **Harvest Thanksgiving** display followed by the **Annual Blessing of the Pets.**

**The Home and Away Prayer Week** has been deeply appreciated by so many visitors to the Church as we remember family, friends, and acquaintances who are living abroad.

During the last few weeks, the subsidence outside the main door of the Church has been rectified. So many people have passed favourable comments on the small construction job that improved the front aspect of the Church.

During the month of October, we met in discussion with the Dublin Diocese **Building on Hope Programme**, with the parishes of Monkstown/Kill of the Grange/Foxrock/and Guardian Angels.

The Parish Pastoral Council promoted at Masses a volunteer drive. If you feel you can help, please take a form which are in the Church, and email, post or pop into the Parish Office or speak to Fr. Peter.

As we enter the month of November, **The Month of Remembrance**, our Annul Mass for the departed takes place on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, at 7.30 p.m.** The November list of the Dead envelopes are available in the Church and more information about the list can be read on this week's newsletter.

Dates and events for the diary during the next month include:

- **November 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Finance weekend.**

A member of the finance committee will speak at all Masses and a financial statement for 2022 will be available – it makes for some interesting reading and analysis.

- **November 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> Safeguarding Weekend.**

Our safeguarding representatives will speak at all Masses.

There are tentative talks as regards an **Advent Service** between the 5 parishes, and another meeting is expected between the Parish/Finance representatives.

The 2023 session of **The Synod in Rome** will conclude this weekend and we will as a Church be engaging in the next stage of the Synod as more information becomes available.

Thank you for your support. Prayers are needed for peace in Israel, Gaza and Ukraine. We pray for victims of war, famine and for members of our own community who are displaced - particularly refugees.

We continue to extend a warm welcome to all in our parish family and our Blackrock community.

**Fr. Peter O'Connor, Adm.**

#### **Share the Journey Prayer - A Prayer for Refugees**

God our refuge,  
you share the journey  
with migrants and refugees,  
lightening their footsteps with hope.  
For you, Lord, are close  
to the broken-hearted.

Pour out your Spirit  
upon world leaders.  
May they see the tragedies  
of our human family,  
and be moved to respond with  
wisdom, compassion and courage.

Open our eyes and hearts  
to the God-given dignity  
of all your people.  
Move us to welcome our neighbours,  
and so bear witness to your love.  
Through Christ our Lord, **Amen.**