



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 7<sup>th</sup> /8<sup>th</sup> October, 2023.

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

Masses available on webcam

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

#### Minor Construction Work

**Construction work to the concrete apron at the front steps has commenced. The ramp and the front entrance will be blocked, and car-parking will be limited. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.**

#### 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.

#### 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.



#### EVENTS

- **Last Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October** a meeting took place to further our dialogue within the Dublin Diocese **Building on Hope Programme** with the parishes of Monkstown/ Kill of the Grange/Foxrock and Guardian Angels.
- **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October.** The Parish Pastoral Council will meet at 7.30 p.m.
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October.** The Finance Committee will meet at 7.30 p.m.
- **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October.** The 6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass is for children preparing for First Holy Communion.
- **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October.** The 6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass is for children preparing for Confirmation.
- **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.** Mission Sunday.
- **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October.** Safeguarding Sunday

#### HOME AND AWAY

This weekend near the front of the Church a map of the world will be displayed. Beside the map there will be some stick-on arrows with room on each arrow for a name of a person or family. This is an opportunity for people to remember their loved ones who live far away outside of Ireland. Many parishioners have loved ones whom they left behind to come to Ireland or have relations who have emigrated or live abroad. Pray Away Week is an opportunity to pray together and remember those who live far away, but are very close to our hearts.

You can place the arrow containing their loved one's names on the map of the world where their loved one's lives. They can say a prayer and light a candle.

#### Prayer for those who are Home and Away

How often, Lord,  
Would I wish to stretch across the miles,  
And touch loved ones far away,  
Or be whisked on angel's wings to their very side.  
Be with them in all they do,  
And when their hearts Grow lonely and homesick,

When they long to see and hold their loved ones,  
Touch them, Lord, With the touch of your presence.  
Hold them in your embrace,  
Help them feel better,  
Knowing that in your love,  
We are all close together.  
Amen



*Heavenly Father,  
as the Maji 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.*

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