



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 11th/12th November, 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.

A Parish Mission Led by John Pridmore

**Mission led by John Pridmore, in conjunction with
Mons. Ciaran O'Carroll and Fr. Adrian Crowley.**

13th-15th November 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

**Church of the Assumption,
Booterstown Avenue. Blackrock.**

**Mission is held over three nights in hourly
sessions.**

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.

Upcoming Dates

November 18th/19th Safeguarding Weekend.

Next weekend our safeguarding representatives will speak at all Masses.

Next Saturday 18th November at the 6.30 p.m. vigil Mass we welcome the children from Carysfort National School who are preparing for First Holy Communion.

Saturday 25th November at the 6.30 p.m. vigil Mass we welcome the children from Carysfort National School who are preparing for Confirmation.

A Litany of Remembrance

**In the rising of the sun and in its
going down, we remember them.
In the blowing of the wind and in the
chill of winter, we remember them.
In the opening of buds and in the
rebirth of spring, we remember them.
In the blueness of the sky and in the
warmth of summer, we remember
them.
In the rustling of leaves and in the
beauty of autumn, we remember
them.**

**In the beginning of the year and
when it ends, we remember them.
When we are weary and in need of
strength, we remember them.
When we are lost and sick at heart,
we remember them.
When we have joys we yearn to share,
we remember them.**

**So long as we live, they too shall live,
for they are now a part of us,
as we remember them.**

by Rabbi Sylvan Kamens and Rabbi Jack Riemer

Finance Sunday

I invite you to listen to a member of the finance committee who will speak at all Masses this weekend.

Please take a copy of the financial statement that also includes a standing order form that is placed around the Church.

Fr. Peter O'Connor Adm.

The **OUTDOOR COLLECTION** for the **PARISH MAINTENANCE FUND** for repairs and maintenance to our buildings will take place after Masses **this weekend 11TH and 12TH November.**

Report from Meeting of Parish Council 8th November 2023

A meeting of the Parish Council took place on Wednesday evening 8th November 2023. The main item for discussion was the recent recruitment drive for volunteers. We thank all those who have volunteered to date; the Parish office will be in touch with them shortly.

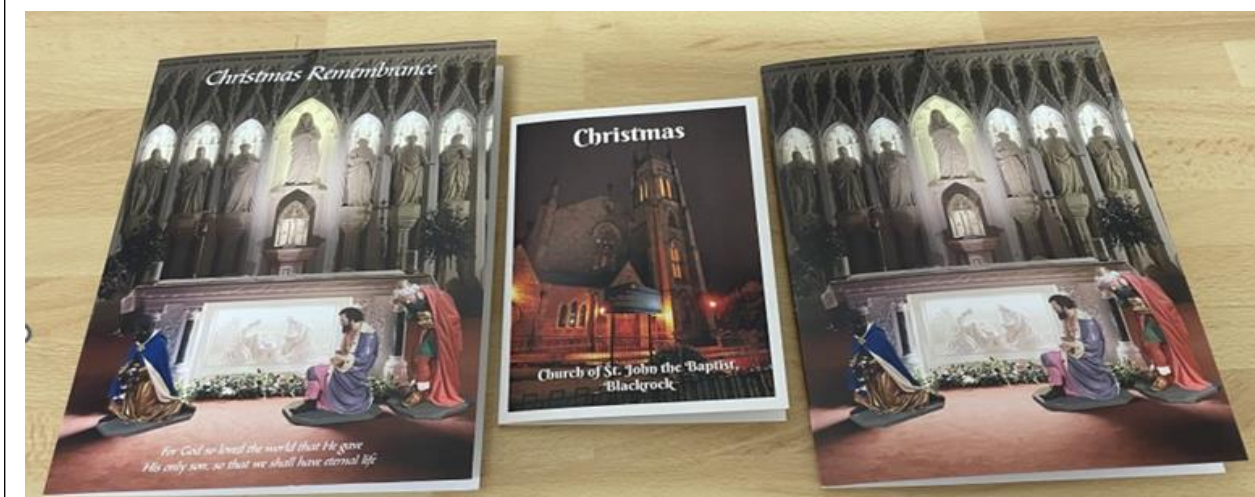
We still need more volunteers; we urge people to consider what they might be able to do to support the work of the Church. Further expressions of interest can be emailed into office@sjb.ie or left into the Church or Parish Office.

Members were updated on the annual Finance Committee report, on Safeguarding and on the Building Hope Partnership.

The Annual Mass for those who died in the past year was held on Tuesday night 7th November. The Parish Council wishes to thank Father Peter, and the members of the Parish Office for organising such a beautiful ceremony and the volunteers who worked so hard to prepare for and provide refreshments afterwards for the bereaved families.

Parish Christmas Cards

The Parish Christmas Cards will be available next week from the Parish Office. The intentions of those to whom the cards are sent will be remembered in a Triduum of Masses to be celebrated in preparation for the feast of Christmas. The second and third card is a regular card with no Mass intentions with a beautiful picture of the Bell Tower and Christmas Altar scene. The prices are listed below.



Triduum €4 each

€3 for 5 cards

€7 for 5 cards.