



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 18th/19th 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.

Upcoming Dates

This 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.

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.

Blackrock College

Blackrock College would like to remind the extended family of present and former Spiritans, staff, parents, grandparents, students and members of the Rugby, Soccer and Bridge clubs, of this year's Mass for our Deceased Members on Wednesday 29th November at 7.30pm.

The Mass, from Blackrock College Chapel, will take place online through www.churchservices.tv/blackrockcollege

We look forward to your prayerful presence.

Parish Information

- **We wish to thank all those** who contributed to the Parish Maintenance fund last weekend. The amount collected was €1,345.00.
- **Fr. Peter would like to thank** the representatives from the Finance Committee who spoke at all Masses last weekend. Standing Order forms are available in the Church.
- **Volunteers:** If you feel you are free to volunteer in any way, forms are available in the Church which can be dropped into the parish Office, Sacristy or emailed to office@sjb.ie.
- **Share Newsletter** from Archbishop Dermot Farrell is available in the Church for you to take home.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

This Sunday 19th November, is our **Parish Safeguarding Sunday**. This year we mark the twentieth anniversary of the establishment of the Child Safeguarding and Protection Service. The service was set up by Cardinal Connell, initially as the Child Protection Service, on the advice of the Diocesan Panel on Child Protection. An anniversary such as this provides an opportunity not only to look back and consider what has been done but also to look forward at what remains to be done and the challenges of the future.

We must look to the future with hope, including the hope that children can be brought back to the Church. We are more likely to succeed in doing so if we can convince their parents that the safety of their loved ones is our utmost concern. We need also a realistic understanding that threats to the safety of children can come from the most unexpected sources and that we can only protect them if we remain alert and vigilant.

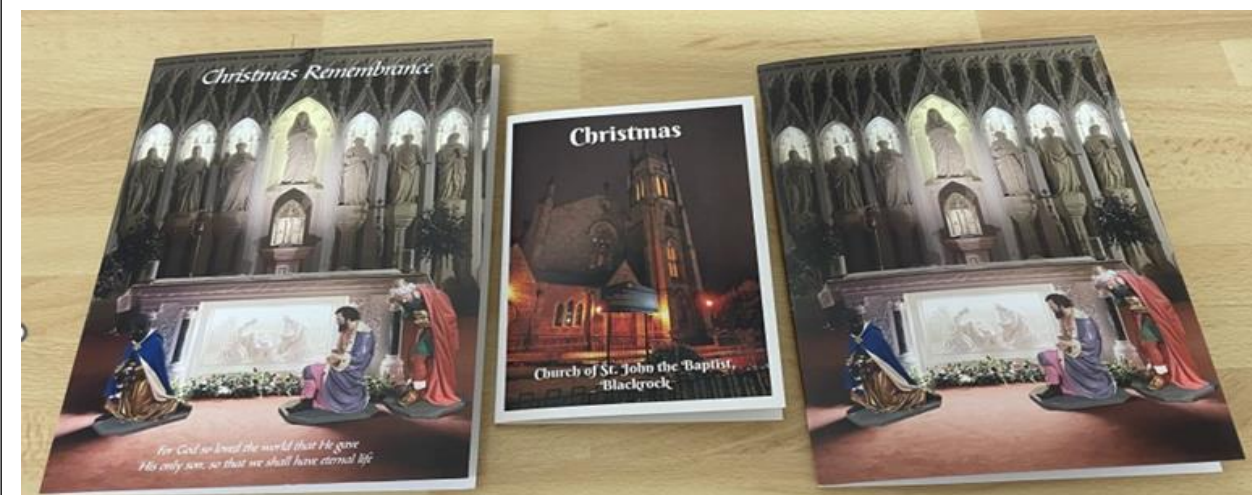
Finally, I ask you to remember in your prayers all those who have suffered abuse.

+ Dermot Farrell
Archbishop of Dublin

Our Parish Safeguarding representatives will speak at all Masses this weekend.

Parish Christmas Cards

The Parish Christmas Cards are available 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.