



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> November, 2023.

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

Masses available on webcam

Email: [office@sjb.ie](mailto:office@sjb.ie)

#### 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.  
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.

#### 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](http://www.churchservices.tv/blackrockcollege)  
**We look forward to your prayerful presence.**

#### Blessed Carlo Acutis

This week, the relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis is visiting the Archdiocese of Dublin. The relic has travelled to Ireland from Assisi's Sanctuary of the Renunciation, the Church where Blessed Carlo's remains are housed and displayed. It is a first-class relic, meaning it is a piece of Blessed Carlo's body.

Blessed Carlo Acutis was born in London to Italian parents, but grew up in Milan, Italy, where his family relocated when he was just a child. From a young age, he displayed an extraordinary devotion to his Catholic faith. He attended Mass daily, regularly receiving the sacraments. He was known for centering his life on the Eucharist. "Always to be united with Jesus," he would say, "this is my programme of life." Carlo set up a website documenting Eucharistic miracles, and is now considered a patron saint of the internet. On October 10, 2020, he was beatified by Pope Francis, becoming the first millennial to be declared 'Blessed' by the Catholic Church. It was said at the time that his beatification highlighted "the significance of his witness, particularly for the younger generation, demonstrating that holiness is attainable even in our modern world".

**Please see the notice boards in the Church porches for details of the Churches and dates where the relic will be visiting.**



Blessed Carlo Acutis

MAY 31, 1991 – OCTOBER 12, 2006  
BEATIFIED BY POPE FRANCIS ON  
OCTOBER 10, 2020

#### CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT WITH THE PALESTRINA CHOIR

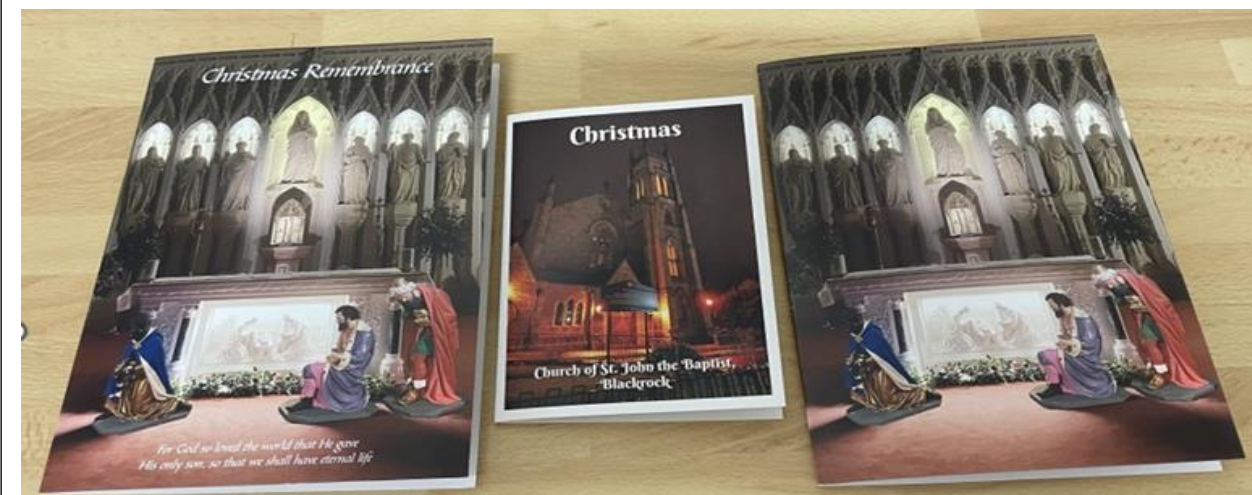
Experience the magic and sparkle of Christmas with the boys and gentlemen of the Palestrina Choir for their one-night-only carol concert in the National Concert Hall. This annual sell-out event will take place on Wednesday, December 6, in the National Concert Hall, Dublin. This joyous event is considered by many to be the highlight carol concert of the festive season and a sure sign that Christmas is almost here! There is no better way to capture the festive spirit than an evening filled with the classic and most loved carols in the majestic surroundings of the National Concert Hall.

Do not miss this joyous evening of well-known and festive carols and Christmas music at The Palestrina Christmas Concert in the National Concert Hall, **Wednesday 6th December 2023 at 8pm.** Tickets from €28 available from National Concert Hall: [www.nch.ie](http://www.nch.ie) or 01 4170000.



#### 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.**



#### This Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November is the Feast of Christ the King

The Feast of Christ the King, also called Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, festival celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church in honour of Jesus Christ as Lord over all creation.

Next Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December is the First Sunday of Advent. The Advent Wreath will be Blessed at all Masses next weekend. The Advent banner will be placed on the railings of the church grounds.

#### 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.