



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 2nd /3rd December, 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.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Friday 8th December, 2023.

Mass will be celebrated on:

Thursday 7th December at 6.30 p.m.

Friday 8th December at 1.05 p.m.

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.



Triduum €4 each

€3 for 5 cards

€7 for 5 cards.

• November Altar List of the Dead Offerings

Thank you for your contributions. Your intentions will be remembered at the First Friday Mass throughout the year.

• Finance

We have ordered a second tap machine for contributions to the parish. Hopefully the machine will be installed during the next few weeks.

• Standing order forms are available in the Church porches.

• Volunteers

If you wish to volunteer, forms are still available at the back of the Church. We will be in touch shortly.

NEWPARK ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Winter Songs and Melodies
Christmas Concert

Saturday **16th December, at 3.00 p.m.**

St. John the Baptist Church, Blackrock.

Tickets available at the door.

€10 adults, €5 OAPS, Students &
Children.

Free Parking

THE ADVENT WREATH

The ADVENT WREATH is made from **evergreen leaves** that are woven around a circle of wire. It has **FOUR CANDLES (3 purple AND 1 rose coloured)**. It is decorated with a **PURPLE ribbon**.



The circle of **EVERGREEN LEAVES** represents GOD who IS without beginning or end.

The **PURPLE RIBBON** and **PURPLE CANDLES** represent our need to grow and change from selfishness and sin.

The **ROSE CANDLE** is a sign of the joy that comes from living in God's way of love. (We will light the **ROSE** candle on the 3rd Sunday of Advent).

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Collection

The Annual Collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take place during all Masses **next weekend the 9th /10th December.**

The funds raised will be spent in the local community helping those who need it most with food, heating, and education costs throughout the winter and beyond.

It will replace the Share collection



Christmas Food Poverty Appeal

At this challenging time for many families and individuals please support the Annual Christmas Food Poverty Appeal. Anyone wishing to contribute can follow the QR link on the posters and flyers in the Church. To donate online at www.crosscare.ie or call 01 8360011 or send a cheque or postal order to **Crosscare Christmas Appeal, 2 Saint Mary's Place North DO7 Y768.**

Vacancy for Full-Time Caretaker

Carysfort National School, Convent Road, Blackrock. Co. Dublin
For Further Information: Contact office@carysfortns.ie