

Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 13th /14th January, 2024.

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@sib.ie

Marriages: By arrangement, three months' notice required to the Parish in which you reside.

Feast Days

The Feast of St. Brigid. Thursday 1st February, 2024.

Blessing of Candles.

The Presentation of the Lord.

Friday 2nd February, 2024.

The Feast of St. Blaise. Saturday 3rd February, 2024.

Parish Activity Dates

- Thursday 18th January. 2024. Area Group Meeting.
- Wednesday 24th January, 2024. Parish Finance Meeting.
- Thursday 25th January, 2024. Parish Pastoral Council Meeting.
- Saturday 27th January, 2024, at the 6.30pm. vigil Mass, we welcome the children from Carysfort National School who are preparing for Confirmation.
- **Saturday 3rd February,** 2024, at the 6.30 p.m. vigil Mass, we welcome the children from Carysfort National School who are preparing for First Holy Communion.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE – SAVE THE DATE

Archbishop Dermot Farrell will lead our annual pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday, April 27. This year we are celebrating 145 years since the apparition in 1879. We are glad to say that the Choir of Many Voices from throughout the Archdiocese will be back this year. A series of workshops with interesting and thought-provoking speakers and being planned, more details to follow.

Please email knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie.

Christmas Dues

The priests of the parish wish to thank you all most sincerely for returning your Christmas Dues and Christmas Parish Offering. Please know that you will be remembered in their prayers.

Envelopes are available in the Church should you wish to take one. Please place envelopes in the safe or drop in to the Parish Office.

"You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself." The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2024.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on **Thursday 18th January** and ends on **Thursday 25th January**, **2024**.

A Christian Prayer for Unity

One only Holy Spirit of Father and son in whom all are baptised, one giver of many gifts, one tree of many fruits one speaker of every tongue, renew in our day the wonders of Pentecost, grant that people of every race and nation may understand one another, and as one, proclaim the praises of God. Grant that all may be one as you, Spirit, with the Father and the Son are one God, one Lord. **Grant unity to the Body of Christ;** grant unity to the human family. Sole breath of every living thing, may all be one who, in you, live and move and have their being. Amen.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week will take place from Sunday 21st to Saturday 27th January 2024 on the theme of Catholic Schools as Communities of Service.

Knock Pilgrimage

Escorted Pilgrimage to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 25th February 2024. €799.00 pps. Price includes 5 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch/Snack on 2 days. Afternoon Tea at Ashford Castle. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Cong. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 094 9006426 or 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. See Church notice boards for more information.