



Priests Fr. Peter O'Connor P.P. 01 288 21 04 Fr. Eddie Conway P.C. 01 288 22 48	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
Parish Office Hours: 10.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. Monday to Friday. Tel: 01 288 21 04 Email: office@sjb.ie	

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.

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.

Catholic Schools Week

This Sunday, 21st January, marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week 2024. Schools all over Ireland are celebrating this special week. During this week the pupils, staff, parents, grandparents, members of boards and the people of the parish will show, in lots of different ways, that they are proud of the Catholic School.

It is good to celebrate who we are and what we do. This year's theme is '**Communities of Service**'.

Our parish is joining in the celebrations by praying each day for the community.

Prayer for Catholic Schools Week

Loving God, we thank you for the wonderful gift of our home.

As spring begins, help us see the beauty awakening all around us.

Help us to love and care for the earth, and share it with all who live here.

Help us to be guided by Pope Francis, our teachers and families in how we live and how we learn.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, and our Lord.

Amen.

Parish Activity Dates

- **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.

Evie Hone Window – St. Anne's Aisle



Our beautiful Evie Hone window in St Anne's Aisle in our parish Church here in Blackrock was commissioned to commemorate Brigid McGuire who died in 1953. It is probably the last stained-glass window completed by Evie Hone, as she died in 1955. It stands in contrast to the other windows in the church, both in style and colouring.

Our Lady, The Blessed Mother and Child, is flanked by St. Brigid and St. Patrick. The figures are effected in great power and strength. The colours to match are bold and strong. These are real people and not representations of simplistic piety. St Brigid holds her cross, and at her feet is a lamb recalling her early life as shepherdess and overhead, her first church, Cill Dara, the Church of the Oak.

(The above is extracted from the book "The Church of Saint John the Baptist, Blackrock" written by Michael O'Connell, late of this parish and who died in October 2022).

St Brigid's Postcards

To celebrate the Feast of St. Brigid we have some beautiful postcards available for you to send to friends and family letting them know that you said a prayer and lit a candle for them.

