Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock. **Parish Newsletter 6th /7th January, 2024.**

Website: www.sjb.ie **Masses available on webcam** **Email: office@sjb.ie**

Priests
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Fr. Eddie Conway P.C. 01 288 22 48

Parish Office
Hours: 10.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.
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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 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.

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.

GRATITUDE TO ALL

As we have rejoiced in the great feast of Christmas, we thank all who do so much to enhance our celebration: those who have cleaned and decorated the church, the flower arranging group, those who built the crib, the collectors, the choirs, organists and instrumentalists, ministers of the Word and ministers of the Eucharist. Our Sacristans as well as those who serve during the year on the Parish Pastoral Council, the Parish Finance Committee, and Baptism and hospitality teams. Thanks also to those who helped sell the Parish Christmas cards during the month of December.

A big thank you to you all.

Baptism of the Lord

Prayer/Reflection

Lord Jesus, touch our eyes
so that we may see the signs of your presence
in our lives and in the world.
Touch our ears so that we may hear your word.
Touch our tongues so that we may profess our faith.
Touch our hands so that we may give and receive.
Touch our feet so that we may walk in your paths.
Touch our minds so that we may understand your ways.
Touch our wills so that they may be in tune with your will.
Touch our hearts so that we may bring your love
to our brothers and sisters,
to the praise and glory of God.
Amen.

Holy Water in Your Everyday Life

1. Bless yourself
2. Bless your family
3. Bless your house
4. Bless your vehicle
5. Bless your work space
6. Bless the sick

HOLY Water is available at the Crib to take home.

Christmas Dues and Christmas Parish Offering

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, the Parish Office or the Sacristy.

The Tap Machine at the back of the Church is now working.