



Priests
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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 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.

Trócaire Boxes
 May we remind you to please return your Trócaire Lenten boxes as soon as possible.
Thank You.



Monday 1st April 2024 – Bank Holiday
 Mass will be celebrated at 11.00 a.m.

We wish all who are commencing annual holidays and travelling this weekend a safe journey and an enjoyable restful break.

Tuesday 2nd April,
 The Parish Office is closed and will re-open on Wednesday 3rd, April at 10.30 a.m.

Easter Dues
 The Easter Dues and Easter Parish envelopes have now been distributed, if you did not receive these envelopes there are some available in the Church should you wish to take them. The Dues support the priests of the parish and the diocese. They may be returned to the safe at the back of the Church, or to the post box on the Parish Centre door.

The Confirmation children of Carysfort National School have created these images below of peace and environmental awareness. They promote respect for each other and respect for our world.

Church Contributions
 There are two Tap Machines at the back of the Church.

- In the 'Donate to Parish' Tap machine your contributions go towards candles, booklets, Church maintenance and repairs.
- In the 'Mass Collections' Tap machine the contributions go towards the FIRST AND SECOND



A Message from Fr. Peter

When visitors enter our Church, we receive many positive comments which include 'The Church is beautiful and look at the shine on the floor'!

That shine is made possible by our two groups of voluntary cleaners, who so diligently look after our Church with pride.

This Easter I wish to say thank you to all our volunteers and staff, the Choir and Choir-director and organist who play such an important role in keeping St. John the Baptist a welcoming and functioning parish.

The Parish Pastoral Council have met and were responsible for the successful Lent at Night prayer and song evening, which took place two weeks ago in association with our Building Hope grouping of parishes. They are also continuing to contact new volunteers who have responded to our volunteer appeal. In April they, with Fr. Peter will meet the Eucharistic ministers and readers on separate evenings.

The Finance Committee wish to thank parishioners for their contributions to the various parish maintenance initiatives – The Parish Christmas and Easter Offerings – the quarterly Parish Maintenance Fund collection - and the tap/card machine that is now beside the tap machine for Mass collections. During the next few months, we will be looking at the Church roof which has lost some slates in the winter storms, the fire alarm system, and the Church lighting.

In the coming weeks we will celebrate First Holy Communions and Confirmations for Carysfort National School, Willow Park School, and St. Augustine's School. Thank you to the parents of Carysfort, our parish school, for their great support at our preparation Masses.

Our Sacred Space included prayer displays for St. Brigid, St. Patrick, and for the season of Lent. This weekend the Easter Garden will be there. We have received such positive reactions from all who visit it. The Lent Prayer Box, which contained wishes and petitions to be prayed for at Masses during the season of Lent, has received over 300 requests.

Our weekday and Sunday Mass numbers are steadily increasing. The 1.05 p.m. Mass fluctuates between 40 and 90 people each day and our Sunday Mass count has increased to over 420 people most weekends and over 550 people when the Sacramental preparation Masses are celebrated.

All the above and more go to making our parish an open, welcoming environment that celebrates our place in the mutli cultural community of Blackrock where we welcome people from every culture, nationality, gender, and creed.

Thank you for your support and in the words of Jesus in the Easter gospel **'Go Forth and spread the good news'**.

Fr. Peter O'Connor, Adm.

