



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock. Parish Newsletter 27th/28th April, 2024.

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| 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.

Parish Pastoral Council News

Fr Peter and a member of the Parish Pastoral Council met with the Parish Readers on Tuesday 16th April in the Parish Centre. They will also meet with the Eucharistic Ministers on next **Tuesday 30th April at 7.30 p.m.** in the Parish Centre.

Confirmation

We are very grateful to Very Rev. Fr Peter O'Connor who conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on the students of Willow Park School on Friday and Saturday. We congratulate the children who received the Sacrament, and we thank the teachers and parents who prepared the children for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

May the Holy Spirit guide and bless them throughout their lives.

Parish Information

- Carysfort National School First Holy Communion. **Saturday 11th May at 11.00 a.m.**
- Willow Park School First Holy Communion **Saturday 18th May at 11.00 a.m.**

LUMEN DOMINICAN CENTRE
 THE THURSDAY CONVERSATION CLUB
 WITH JOHN SCALLY AND SPECIAL GUEST
COLM Ó MONGÁIN
 Journalist, Political Analyst and RTÉ Presenter

2ND MAY 2024, 4PM-6PM, €17
 Lumen Dominican Centre, Sion Hill Campus, Blackrock, Co. Dublin

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Concert: St Cecilia Singers

Date: Friday 10th May at 8pm
Venue: All Saints' Church, Carysfort Avenue
No Tickets: Donation €20 at the door.
 Door will open at 7.30pm
 The Concert is in aid of Gaza. The money will be sent to Gaza via UNICEF.

Support Lay Ministry

The Lay Ministry Collection will take place this weekend 27th/28th April. This collection will replace the Share collection.

'In the past year, we can point to green shoots emerging through efforts associated with our Building Hope initiative. The Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis, provided by the Office for Mission and Ministry, is a good example. Announced last May, it has been a real success. This in-demand programme examines the vocation and mission of the participants inspired to share their faith. It gives them the tools to assist others on their faith journey. I ask for your generous support for the Lay Ministry Collection. Your contributions are vital in sustaining and expanding these initiatives, ensuring our Church remains a vibrant beacon of hope and faith in the world.'

Archbishop Dermot Farrell.

Easter Dues

We thank most sincerely, all those who have returned their Easter Dues and Parish Easter Offering envelopes. Envelopes are still available in the Church. The Dues support the priests of the parish and the diocese. All envelopes may be returned to the safe at the back of the Church, or to the post box on the Parish Centre door.

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 COLLECTIONS that are announced at Mass.

We thank you for your generosity.

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St Oliver Plunkett Pilgrimage 2024

DEPART:

Friday 31st May 2024 @ 8.00am
 Friday 5th July 2024 @ 8.00am
 Friday 9th August 2024 @ 8.00am

RETURN:

Sunday 2nd June 2024 @ 2.00pm
 Sunday 7th July 2024 @ 2.00pm
 Sunday 11th August 2024 @ 2.00pm

Advance Booking Essential (to secure seat on bus)
 Cost €135 includes coach, boat and stay on Island
 Direct Coach departs Parnell Square outside Hugh Lane Art Gallery at 8.00am sharp.

For full information and booking form contact St Oliver Plunkett Pilgrimage Office:
 Tel: 086 385 3027 or
 Miriam Delaney: Tel: 014941171