

Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 6th/7th April, 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

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.

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 Pastoral Council News

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

Parish Information

- St. Augustine's School First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Friday 12th April at 2.00 p.m.
- Carysfort National School Confirmation. Saturday 20th April at 11.00 a.m.
- Willow Park Confirmations. Friday 26th April at 2.30 p.m. and Saturday 27th April at 11.00 a.m.
- Carysfort National School First Holy Communion. Saturday 11th May at 11.00 a.m.

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, which will be led by Archbishop Farrell, will take place on Saturday, April 27th.

For further information contact: knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie

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.

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.

Trócaire Boxes

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

Thank You.

Thank You.

We wish to express the gratitude of the community to all those who prepared and took part in the Holy Week Ceremonies; in particular the Collectors, Readers, Commentators, Ministers of Holy Communion, the Choir and Choir-director and Organists. We wish to thank those who arranged the flowers, the Easter Garden and decorated the Church so beautifully, and those who cared for the Altar Linen, and those who cleaned and maintained the Church. To all of you and those who helped in any way our sincere thanks for performing your roles so efficiently and with such great generosity.

The Easter Garden Explained

The Easter Garden represents the world, a world created and charged with the grandeur of God. Flowing Water represents Life, Growth, Healing, Cleansing and Renewal. During Lent we listen to the refreshing words "Come to the water you who are thirsty...... Water of life cleanse and refresh us. The Path represents the journey of our lives.

The Stones represent the Obstacles, Hardships, and Blocks in our lives. Lent & Easter is about rolling away the stones, and smoothing out the Pathway to the Lord. Plants remind us that life is not all doom and gloom, but has life and colour in it also.





Prayer

Sun, moon & stars, the light of God; Trees, flowers & foliage, the colour of God; Rocks, mountains & stones, the faithfulness of God;

Water, ice and snow, the wellspring of God; God is close to us, around us, within us, between us.

In the ordinary of nature in the ordinary of love.

In the ordinary of contemplation is God. The Garden awaits you! Come!

