



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

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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.



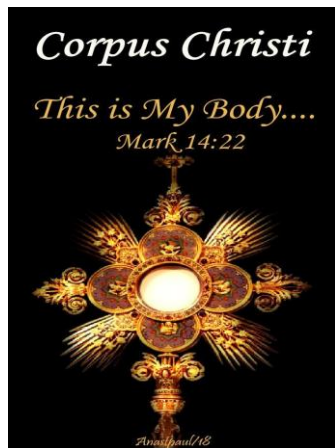
THE MONTH OF JUNE IS DEDICATED TO THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

THE FEAST DAY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART IS THIS FIRST FRIDAY, 7TH JUNE.

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART
O my Jesus, you have said,
ask and you will receive,
seek and you will find,
knock and it will be opened unto you.

Behold, I knock, I seek and I ask for the grace of..... (name you request)
Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...

Amen.



BLESSED SACRAMENT PROCESSION

The children who recently received their First Holy Communion will accompany the Blessed Sacrament in a procession round the Church grounds after the 12 noon Mass next Sunday 9th June.

All parishioners are invited to join in.

PRAYER FOR STUDENTS SITTING THE JUNIOR CERT. AND LEAVING CERT. EXAMS.

Dear Lord, we pray for all the students of our Parish who will be sitting State Examinations at this time.

Help them to see that their value as a person is not based on their performance, but on your great love for them.

Come into their heart so that they may know that they are not alone.

Help them, not only with these examinations, but with the many tests of life that are sure to come their way.

As they take these exams, bring back to their mind everything they have studied and give them the skills they need to engage that which they may have overlooked.

Help them to remain focused and calm, confident in the facts they have learned and in their ability.

May they be held firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens during these examinations that you are always with them.

Amen.

JUNE BANK HOLIDAY

WE WELCOME ALL THOSE VISITING BLACKROCK THIS BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND.

AS THIS MONDAY, 3RD OF JUNE IS THE BANK HOLIDAY,

MASS WILL BE AT 11:00 A.M.

WE WISH ALL THOSE WHO ARE TRAVELLING, A SAFE AND PLEASANT JOURNEY.

ST KEVIN OF GLENDALOUGH

Feast Day, 3RD June

The monastery at Glendalough was founded by St. Kevin in the 6th century.

Kevin (or Chaoimhin – the fair-begotten) was born in 498 into a noble family living in what is now West Wicklow. He studied for the priesthood in Cill na Manach (Kilnamanagh) and after being ordained set out to find his calling.

Kevin came to Glendalough to follow his dream which was to find God in solitude and prayer. He chose to live by the shore of the upper lake, taking for his hermitage an artificial cave on the south side of the lake about 30 feet above the water which was originally a Bronze Age tomb. This was St. Kevin's Bed which can be seen today from the north shore of the lake.

Kevin lived the life of a hermit in his cave for seven years. It seems he had an extraordinary closeness to nature and found his companions in the animals and birds around him. Legend also tells us he lived a very simple life, wearing only animal skins, sleeping on stones and eating very sparingly.

Kevin soon became known as a holy man and others came to Glendalough to seek his advice, to be healed and to follow his way of life. Gradually, small monastic communities were established, including a walled settlement near the lakeshore now called Reefert Church.

Kevin's fame as a teacher and holy man spread far and wide. Over time, the monastic settlement at Glendalough grew to become one of the great spiritual centres of Christianity in Ireland, flourishing for a thousand years after St. Kevin's death.

Kevin's story is often referred to as a journey from solitude to community.

The Feast Day of St. Kevin, who brought Christianity to Glendalough, is celebrated on 3rd June. He is one of the Patron Saints of the Archdiocese of Dublin