

Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 15th/16th June, 2024.

Website: www.sjb.ie Masses available on webcam

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 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday and the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Blessed Sacrament
Procession

Email: office@sjb.ie

Fr. Peter would like to thank all those who took part in last weekend's Blessed Sacrament Procession.

## Father's Day Sunday 17th June, 2024.

Father's Day is celebrated on the third Sunday in June and offers a time for reflection, expression of gratitude, and prayer for our fathers.

God took the strength of a mountain, the majesty of a tree, the warmth of a summer sun, the calm of a quiet sea, the generous soul of nature, the comforting arm of night, the wisdom of the ages, the power of the eagle's flight, the joy of a morning in spring, the faith of a mustard seed, the patience of eternity, the depth of a family need, then God combined these qualities, when there was nothing more to add, He knew His masterpiece was complete, and so, He called it ... Dad.





## Message from Archbishop Farrell about the Summer Dues initiative 15TH/16TH JUNE 2024

Our Gospel reading at Mass today talks about sowing seed on the land. Priests and other parish leaders and ministers are being asked to find new and creative ways of sowing the word of God, seeking to build up partnerships of parishes in the times that are upon us. Night and day, while we are asleep, when we are awake, the seed is spouting and growing; how we do not know (Mark 4:26-34).

The mustard tree emerges from the tiniest of seeds. We do not yet know what will emerge for the Church locally, but 'we are always full of confidence' (2 Corinthians 5:6). We are full of prayer too – it is the Lord's work, the work of the Holy Spirit who calls us to mission.

Please support your priests through the Summer Dues collection. The generosity that people show towards their priests is indispensable.

Please play your part, too, in a renewed and active involvement of all parishioners as together we sow seeds for

a future harvest, trusting always in God's plans for us.

## Tax on donation scheme

income for the parish.

The generosity that people show towards their priests is very reassuring. Your contributions can go further without any additional cost to you thanks to the tax relief available on charitable donations. With your help the parish can claim a tax refund from Revenue to the value of up to 45% of your identifiable contributions amounting to €250 or more in any given year.

Please use the envelope provided, giving your details so that the parish can contact you, to help process the tax rebate from Revenue.

The parish can reclaim the tax no matter whether you are PAYE or Self-Assessed. This tax rebate from Revenue is now an important source of

## **Dates for your diary.**

- Graduation Mass for the students from 6th Class Carysfort National School will take place next Saturday 22nd June at the 6.30 p.m. vigil Mass.
- Feast of St. John the Baptist. Monday 24th June.