Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 31<sup>st</sup> August/1<sup>st</sup> September, 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

### **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.

The OUTDOOR COLLECTION for the PARISH MAINTENANCE FUND for repairs and maintenance to our buildings will take place after Masses next weekend the 7th/8th September, 2024.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

# **Senior Citizens Club**

The Senior Citizens
meet every Tuesday
afternoon in the Parish
Centre from 2.00 p.m.
to 4.00 p.m.
Entertainment Bingo
and afternoon tea
served. New members
are most welcome.
Phone Siobhan at 01
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information.

# **Holy Family Parish Kill O Grange**

### TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

Season of Creation 2024
September 1st -October 5th

Holy Hour in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at 7 p.m. on each of the Thursday nights in September in the main Church.

Please come and join them.

#### **Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024**



The Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will leave Dublin Airport next Thursday, September 5th, for the annual pilgrimage to Our Lady's shrine. On Friday, September 6th, Archbishop Farrell will celebrate Mass at the Grotto, which will be followed by a full programme of liturgies and events over five days.

# A message from Fr. Peter O'Connor, Adm.

#### Dear Parishioners,

The summer months have been particularly busy in our parish. The Archdiocese requested we take part in three programmes. The first a compliance audit. The second a finance audit and lastly a pilot project for the Building Hope initiative. May I take this opportunity to thank the staff of the parish, the Finance Committee and the Parish Pastoral Council for their help and support.

### **Parish Maintenance**

Next Sunday we will have our Parish Maintenance Outdoor Collection. During the summer months the small damage to the Church roof, mostly caused by the snow fall in March has been repaired. A new fire alarm has been installed and is up and running. The old system has served us well for over 30 years! Due to a very kind bequest the two flower stands on the altar have been repaired. We are continuing to review the Church lighting system.

## Mass

Fr. Eddie Conway is recovering from a scheduled procedure – he is asking for you all, and I ask you to remember him in your prayers that his recovery may continue. In the meantime, there is only one priest in the parish. During the past four years I have been able to provide Mass daily. At the weekday Masses during the next few months a priest may not always be available. Rev. Eric Cooney, a very good friend to the parish and a Deacon in Monkstown, will preside over a service on a small number of days. If an emergency happens on a weekday, I cannot be certain of providing a priest or deacon all the time. Dates of the daily service will be provided next week. I would also like to thank Fr. Michael Collins for his help and supply over the summer. Fr. Michael will help us when he can; he also has other commitments. The Parish Pastoral Council were made aware of the situation last week and have endeavoured as part of their mission this year to explore the celebration of services without a priest or minister.

#### **Building Hope**

Take and read a copy of the Archbishop's letter – published during the week. Hard copies are available as you leave the Church and soft copies may be accessed by logging onto <a href="www.dublindiocese.ie">www.dublindiocese.ie</a> We are asked to pray the following prayer in all the Churches of the Archdiocese this weekend as we discern the future together.

## Prayer

"JESUS' CONCERN IS FOR OUR HEARTS... he seeks to draw us close, heart-to-heart with him. May we open our hearts, inviting the Spirit to guide our every action, awakening and enlivening us as we build hope together across the Archdiocese".

### **Coming Months**

Next Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September the Parish Pastoral Council will be announcing their annual Parish Volunteer Drive.

Provisionally we hope to celebrate the Annual Mass for the deceased whose funerals have taken place from our parish on the evening of Friday 1st of November at 7.30 p.m. – the Feast of All Saints.

Preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation, First Holy Communion and Confession will begin in the month of September. It is also time to say a fond farewell to the Principal of our parish school, Carysfort National School, Norma Lenehan who will be retiring before Christmas and she will be very much missed by our faith community.

In the coming weeks we will celebrate the Blessing of School Bags, Harvest Festival, Home and Away weekend and Crosscare Sunday.

Thank you for reading these few words – I appreciate your prayers, kind words and support.

# Fr. Peter O'Connor, Adm.