



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock. Parish Newsletter 3<sup>rd</sup> /4<sup>th</sup> August, 2024.

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**Priests**  
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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 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@sjb.ie](mailto:office@sjb.ie)

**Marriages:** By arrangement, three months' notice required to the Parish in which you reside.

### Good News Stand

**We have just received new candles of Padre Pio and Our Lady of Fatima, for sale at marked prices.**

### The Statue of St. Anne with Our Lady as a Child



On Friday 26th July we celebrated the Feast of Ss Joachim and Anne, the Grandparents of Jesus. The stained-glass windows on the right-hand side chapel in the Church are dedicated to St. Anne and St. Joachim. During the past week a statue of our lady as a child and her mother St. Anne has been placed in St. Anne's Chapel.

A colour in leaflet for children featuring Ss Anne and Joachim is available for you to take home.

### Congratulations Archbishop elect John Kennedy

The Holy See has announced the appointment by Pope Francis of Monsignor John Kennedy, a Dublin diocesan priest, as titular Bishop of Ossero. We as a Parish here in Blackrock, pray that he finds joy and fulfilment in this new ministry entrusted to him.

### PRAYER CARDS

We have a selection of prayer cards available at the back of the Church. Donation of 50 cent is welcome.



### Prayer for Holidays

**Lord God,  
 We put ourselves into Your hands, and pray that You will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer. May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety.  
 May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**



### Monday 5th August, 2024. Bank Holiday

Mass will be celebrated at **11.00 a.m.** We wish all those travelling, this weekend, a safe journey and enjoyable and restful break.



### **SACRED SPACE**

#### **For loved ones who are far away**

Lord, in the past, when we have waved goodbye to friends and family as they got into their car or boarded a train or airplane, going back to where they now call home, we have trusted that we would see them again. Perhaps next Christmas, next summer, next major birthday, next big family occasion. We never questioned the certainty that comes with the freedom to travel.

But as we navigate these uncertain waters that certainty is gone. Parents, children, siblings, friends, separated by closed borders, seas, and oceans, are left wondering when they might see each other again. Our goodbyes as we finish our conversations over the Internet or the phone, once casual, are now perhaps tinged with fear.

Fear and anxiety feed off this uncertainty. Our minds take us to places we would rather not go. Give us strength, Lord, to stay strong in the face of this uncertainty and to place our fears and anxiety into your hands.