**A Safe and Welcoming Church for Children and Vulnerable Adults.**

This year Archbishop Farrell has asked us to focus on all the things we do to make our parish a safe and welcoming place for children and vulnerable adults. The new child safeguarding policy for the Catholic Church in Ireland, launched in June of this year, is called **A Safe and Welcoming Church**. It replaces an earlier policy which was called Safeguarding Children. The reason for the new title is that we have come to a point where we recognise that safeguarding can no longer be seen as a response to a crisis, brought about by abuse within the Church and the failure of many Church authorities to adequately address this abuse. Now we understand safeguarding as deeply rooted in gospel values, scripture, and church teaching. Further, we commit ourselves not just to the prevention of harm but to the promotion of good, to the creation of the material and spiritual conditions for children’s full development, as described by Pope Francis.

**Safeguarding Committee,**

**Blackrock Parish.**

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| **Priests**Fr. Peter O’Connor P.P. 01 288 21 04Fr. 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 noonWeekdays: 1.05 p.m.Saturday: 6.30 p.m. Vigil  |
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**Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock. Parish Newsletter 21st/22nd September, 2024.**

**Website:** [**www.sjb.ie**](http://www.sjb.ie) **Masses available on webcam Email:** **office@sjb.ie**





Blackrock Hospice Coffee Morning will take place on next Thursday

 26th Sept at 10:15am

All welcome and do drop in if you are free.

Thank you for supporting your local Hospice.

**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.

**Volunteers**

Volunteer forms are available in the Church if you would like to help. The forms may be returned to the safe in the Church, or the letterbox in the Parish Centre.

We invite you to look at the photos on the board in St. Anne’s Chapel.

**Carysfort National School**

This Saturday 21st September at the

 6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass, we welcome the children from **Carysfort National School First Holy Communion Class** who are preparing to make their First Holy Communion next year.

Fr. Peter will bless the children’s Schoolbags at this Mass.

**The Confirmation Class** from Carysfort will be with us **next Saturday 28th September at the 6.30 p.m. vigil Mass.**

Marino Institute of Education

**Prophetic Voice of Women in the Bible for the Church today**

Presenter: Dr. Gráinne Doherty

Venue: Marino Institute of Education

Dates: 8,15,22 October & 5,12,19 November, 2024.

Time; Tuesdays: 7-9.30 p.m.

Cost €150

Apply now: mary.goa@mie.ie/0874508549

**Thank You.**

Thank you to all those who supported the **Crosscare Collection** last weekend, and the Outdoor Collection for the **Parish Maintenance Fund** on the weekend of 31st August/1st September

**Prayer Service**

Deacon Eric Cooney will conduct a Prayer service at 1.05 p.m. on the following dates:

**Monday 23rd September**

**Monday 30th September**

**A PRAYER FOR HEALING**

**VICTIMS OF ABUSE**

A prayer for healing is available at the back of the Church to take home if you so wish.

Fr. Peter recommends if you would like to read Bishop Leahy’s statement please see the following link.

<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2024/09/08/bishop-leahy-says-impact-of-abuse-at-schools-isbeyond-comprehension-and-a-sword-through-all-our-hearts/>

**Dates for your Diary.**

**• Blessing of Schoolbags 21st/22nd September.**

**• Harvest Thanksgiving 5th/6th October.**

**• Mission Sunday and Home and Away Weekend 19th /20th October.**

**• Annual Mass of Remembrance 1st November.**

**ST BERNADETTE – RELIC PILGRIMAGE**

In September and October, the relics of St Bernadette will visit three churches in Dublin:

**Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun Road, September 25-26;**

**Mary Immaculate, Inchicore,**

 **October 23-24;**

**Adam & Eve’s, Merchants Quay,**

 **October 25-26.**

For more information, visit www.stbernadette.ie