

Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock.

Parish Newsletter 7th/8th 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

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@sib.ie

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

**Times of Mass** 

Vigil (Saturday) 6.30 p.m. Sunday:

> 10.00 a.m. 12.00 noon

Weekdays: 1.05 p.m. 6.30 p.m. Vigil Saturday:

> The OUTDOOR COLLECTION for the **PARISH MAINTENANCE FUND for** repairs and maintenance to our buildings will take place after Masses this weekend the 7th/8th September, 2024. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Music in Monkstown Monkstown Parish Church 6<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> September **3 Evening Concerts** More information www.musicinmonkstown.ie



### **Dates for Prayer Services**

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

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Crosscare Collection 14th/15th September.

The Annual Collection for Crosscare, the social support agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin will be taken up at all Masses in the Diocese next weekend 14th/15th September 2023.

Crosscare seeks your support to prevent more people from losing their homes as the housing and accommodation crisis continues. The number of people in emergency accommodation in Dublin is now well over 9,000; sadly, this includes almost 3,000 children.

This will replace the Share collection at all Masses.

#### **BLACKROCK BRIDGE CLUB**

1944 TO 2023 Affiliated to CBAI Saturday at 7.20 for 7.30 pm. Visitors welcome Table Money €6 **New Members Welcome** 

St. John the Baptist Parish Centre, Blackrock, (House in Church grounds). Free Parking www.bridgewebs.com/blackrock/dublin



#### **Volunteer Sunday**

A meeting of the Parish Council took place on Tuesday evening 27th August. The main work of the meeting was to plan Church and Parish activities for the next few months and to set dates for future Parish Council meetings.

Father Peter spoke to the members of the Parish council about the current situation in the Parish regarding the availability of priests for the different Masses and how we could progress in the unavoidable absence of a priest for the lunchtime Masses during the week. He also updated members on the progress of the Building Hope Partnership and the most recent communication from the Archbishop.

The Council expressed great appreciation of those who volunteered for different ministries in the last year. Members also identified areas where new volunteers would be very welcome. These include additional readers and Ministers of the Eucharist for the 1.05pm Mass during the week, people to help with stewarding and collecting at the weekend Masses. We are also seeking new volunteers for the Choir and the Baptismal team and people to help with the flowers and with the cleaning and maintenance of the Church. Building on the positive outcomes from last year's appeal members decided to launch an appeal for further volunteers over the next few weeks.

### Catherine O'Carroll, Chairperson.

## Dates for your Diary.

- Crosscare Collection 14th/15th September.
- Safeguarding Weekend and 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.

# 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.