



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock. Parish Newsletter 12th /13th October, 2024.

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Priests
 Fr. Peter O'Connor P.P. 01 288 21 04
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Parish Office
 Hours: 10.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.
 Tel: 01 288 21 04
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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 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.

ST BERNADETTE – RELIC PILGRIMAGE

In October, the relics of St Bernadette will visit two more churches in Dublin: Mary Immaculate, Inchicore, October 23-24; and Adam & Eve's, Merchants Quay, October 25-26. For more information, visit www.stbernadette.ie.

- Dates for your Diary**
- Mission Sunday and Home and Away Weekend 19th /20th October.
 - Annual Mass of Remembrance 1st November.

Living Well with Dementia is a community based HSE funded service that run several weekly activity groups in your local areas that are particularly welcoming to people living with dementia, their families and carers.

These activities increase physical, mental and emotional wellbeing and are a great way to meet new friends and stay socially engaged in your community.

Why not come along to our Choir, Bridge, Movement to Music, Art or Exercise groups for some fun and relaxation. We would be delighted to see you.

Flyers can be found at the back of the church or for further information please contact Mary Spain on 086-0418450 or email mSpain@livingwellwithdementia.ie

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.

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.


SYNOD 2024

The Synod's second session began in Rome this week. Reflections for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 13th), the second of a series of four texts which will be offered for each of the October weekends. Copies will be available to take home at the back of the Church.

Blackrock Society
 Monday 14th October, 2024
 At: 8.00 p.m.

From Blackrock to Reforming Minister

The life and career of Niamh Bhreathnach

Naimh Bhreathnach was born and reared in Blackrock. Deeply committed to public service, she served as a Government Minister, public representative, mentor and was an advocate for equality and lifelong learning. As Minister, her lasting legacy is that she abolished third level fees in Ireland – a gift to the Irish People that benefitted many.

Tom Ferris is a consultant economist and Niamh's husband.
Members Free. Visitors welcome €5.

COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN
 32 BELGRAVE SQUARE
 MONKSTOWN

HARVEST 2024



Fr. Peter would like to thank all those for their ideas and work, in creating the Harvest Garden.

- CAN YOU FIND THESE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES IN THE HARVEST GARDEN?**
- PUMPKIN
 - PEPPERS
 - PEANUTS
 - BROCOLLI
 - AVOCADO
 - CAULIFLOWER
 - APPLES
 - SWEET POTATOES
 - STRAWBERRIES
 - PINEAPPLE
 - PEARS
 - SCALLIONS
 - PASSION FRUIT
 - EGGS
 - CARROTS
 - AUBERGINE
 - PEACHES
 - MELON
 - MUSHROOMS
 - LEMONS
 - PARSHIP
 - BUTTERNUT SQUASH
 - CUCUMBER
 - TOMATOES

Willow Park School

The Parish and faith community of St. John the Baptist Church Blackrock, offer our sincere support, condolences, and sympathies to the Willow Park Community on the death of their Principal James Docherty.

May He Rest in Peace.

The Church Choir

A Church choir enhances the overall experience of attending services in your Church. A good Church choir enables reflection and quiet moments of contemplation. Carefully chosen music that fits in with the liturgical year adds greatly to the congregational experience and participation.

St John the Baptist Church in Blackrock has a good choir, although small in number. We sing a variety of church music in parts and unison, from plainchant to well-known hymns along with religious motets.

It would benefit the choir and the parish if some members of the congregation who enjoy the choir 'from below' would like to sing with us from 'on high' (choir balcony).

If you think this, is you, we would like to hear from you. We practice each Sunday from 11am in the Parish Centre and sing at 12 noon Mass, along with Christmas and Easter ceremonies.

Choral singing has been proven to benefit your mental health, improve your mood, reduce your stress, and can also give you a natural high.

The ability to read music is not necessary but some experience is helpful. If you are interested, please come, and see us after the 12 Mass on Sunday or call the Parish Office at 2882104 to enquire.