



**Priests**

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**Parish Office**

Hours: 10.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.  
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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.

**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.**

**Dates for your Diary**

- Mission Sunday and Home and Away Weekend 19<sup>th</sup> /20<sup>th</sup> October.
- Annual Mass of Remembrance 1<sup>st</sup> November.

**September Collections**

We thank our parishioners who supported **The Outdoor Collection for the Parish Maintenance Fund** on the weekend of the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> September which raised €1,627.00

**The Crosscare Collection** on the weekend of the 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> September raised €2,117.80

A big thank you for your ongoing support.

**Blackrock Society**  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2024  
At: 8.00 p.m.

**From Blackrock to Reforming Minister**

**The life and career of Niamh Bhreathnach**  
Niamh 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

**SYNOD 2024**

The Synod's second session began in Rome this week. Reflections for the 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 6), the first 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.

**The Tree of Life**

**Harvest 2025**

Welcome to our **Harvest Thanksgiving** this weekend. The theme of the Harvest this year is **The Tree of Life**. Please visit the Harvest Thanksgiving display is St. Anne's Alter on the right-hand side of the Church. Our prayers this weekend are Harvest Thanksgiving prayers, thanking God for the gift of creation and reminding us to care for God's creation.

**The Tree of Life Prayer**

Creator of the Universe, you call us to be keepers and tenders of this Garden of the Earth, our common home. Among the trees in this Garden is the Tree of Life, with all its wondrous beauty, biodiversity, and intricate interdependence. Creator of all life, inspire us with faith to answer a sacred call to preserve and defend the intricate web of life for all beings. Guide us with wisdom as we seek ways to love our neighbour through our loving acts of restoration. For present and future generations, may we be known as healing humans who live in balance and harmony with your whole Creation. **Amen.**



**SUNFLOWERS**

**Report from the Parish Council**

**A meeting of the Parish Council took place on Tuesday evening 1st October.**

Members of the Council discussed the recent recruitment drive for volunteers. They wish to acknowledge and thank those who have offered their services since then. Father Peter identified areas where further new volunteers are needed, in particular stewards for the 12pm Mass on Sunday, and volunteers to help with minor maintenance and repairs in the Church. The poster with photos of the current volunteers previously displayed at St Anne's Altar has been moved to the back of the Church where people can read what it means to be a volunteer in the different ministries.

Father Peter reported back on a recent meeting organised by the Diocese and attended by himself and Parish Council member Imelda Hennessy. The meeting was for the purpose of unveiling and discussing the proposed progression of the Building Hope Partnership over the next three years. If a soft copy of this Building Hope document is made available to the parishes, it will be announced and emailed on to anyone who requests it.

Members discussed the forthcoming events already announced for the weeks up to Christmas. There was also discussion of a proposal to have a cup of tea after 10am Sunday Mass perhaps once a month. This proposal was positively received and members of the Council will further investigate how it might be organised.

The Parish Council wishes to express its sincere sympathy to Parish Council member Imelda Hennessy and to her sister Margaret Murphy, a longtime volunteer in St John the Baptist Church, on the recent death of their brother Martin O Connor. May his soul rest in peace.