

Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock. Parish Newsletter 9th /10th November, 2024.

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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@sjb.ie

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

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

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This National Freephone Service is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, by calling 1800 807077. Visit www.hospicefoundation.ie for more information.

Report from the Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council took place on Wednesday evening 6th November 2024.

Members of the Council discussed recent activities in the Parish including the celebration of Harvest, the Home and Away Sunday and the Mass of Remembrance for those who died in the past year. They wish to acknowledge and thank all those who worked to prepare for or were involved in any of these events.

The Parish Council hopes to organise an introductory meeting with Father Peter for all new volunteers. They will be contacted in the coming weeks regarding this meeting.

It was decided to begin the 'cup of tea' initiative after the 10 am Mass on the 8th December. Parishioners will be invited to partake of a cup of tea or coffee after Mass for those attending 10am Mass or before Mass for those attending 12pm Mass.

As part of the Building Hope Initiative, members of the Council responded to a survey issued by the Deanery to ascertain what Parish or Parish Partnerships are currently doing to support the theme of Social Justice.

Some members of the Council have undertaken to look at the Parish website.

TOWARDS PEACE

Towards Peace is a service offering spiritual support for anybody who has been abused, physically emotionally, sexually, spiritually, in a religious/church environment. Towards Peace was established in October 2014 by the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference and the Association of Leaders of Missionary & Religious Leaders of Ireland. (AMRI). The Towards Peace office hours are Monday and Tuesday 9am to 4pm and Wednesday 9am to 12noon. For further information phone 01 5053028 or 086 7710533 or visit www.towardspeace.ie

Dates

- <u>Thursday 14th November:</u> Feast of St. Laurence O'Toole.
- Saturday 16th November at the 6.30 p.m. vigil Mass we welcome the children from Carysfort National School who are preparing for First Holy Communion.

November Altar List of the Dead





The month of November gives us the opportunity to remember our dear departed when we enter their names on the Altar List of the Dead, so that they may be prayed for at all Masses during November and on the first Friday of each month for the coming year. If you wish to have the names of your loved ones inscribed on the list, there are envelopes at the back of the Church.

These can be returned in the collection baskets at Mass or to the Parish Office. Contributions and donations for the November List of the Dead go directly to support your local parish clergy when they offer prayers and Masses. We ask you to be as generous as possible in your contributions.

Lord of life and love

Lord of life and love,
as we give thanks for times past,
grant us courage to embrace the
present

and grant to share the future.

In memory of loved ones dear, kindle their flame to shine in the dark,

and light the path ahead.

Show the way that leads to life,
as we cherish days gone by,
and inspire us with the touch of
love

that faith and hope live on.

Annabel Shilson-Thomas.



SHARE APPEAL SUNDAY 9TH/10TH NOVEMBER.

Share Appeal Sunday takes place this weekend November 9th and 10th, highlighting the important work that is funded by the weekly second collection.

A copy of the Share financial report is available at the back of the Church for you to take home. If you wish to read the newsletter you can by emailing: Communications <communications@dublindiocese.ie>