



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock. Parish Newsletter 7th/8th December, 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
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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.

Outdoor Collection
 We thank our parishioners who supported the Outdoor Collection for the Parish Maintenance fund on the weekend of the 23rd/24th November which raised €1,600.00
 A big thank you for your ongoing support.

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Collection

The Annual Collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take place during all Masses **this weekend the 7th /8th December.**

The funds raised will be spent in the local community helping those who need it most with food, heating, and education costs throughout the winter and beyond.

It will replace the Share collection

Parish Christmas Cards

The Parish Christmas Cards will be available from the Parish Office and after Masses on Sunday. The intentions of those to whom the cards are sent will be remembered in a Triduum of Masses to be celebrated in preparation for the feast of Christmas. The second and third card is a regular card with no Mass intentions with a beautiful picture of the Bell Tower and Christmas Altar scene. The prices are listed below.



Triduum €4 each €3 for 5 cards €5 for 5 cards

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Monday 9th December, 2024.

Mass will be celebrated at: 1.05 p.m.

Good News Stand

We have a selection of new books, calendars, and inspirational cards for you to choose from. They are all individually priced.

Colour In

We have a beautiful colour in of the Advent Calendar with daily reflections.

Coffee Morning - Parish Pastoral Council

In our ongoing efforts to make all you feel welcome and part of the Parish community, we propose to organise tea and coffee **after 10am Mass** in the Parish Centre on this **Sunday 8th December.** We hope you will join us and that you will have the opportunity to meet some of your fellow parishioners.



Decoration of the Church.



The decoration of the Church will take place next Thursday 12th December. The Christmas Tree and construction of the Crib will commence next Friday 13th December.



Christmas Contributions

There are two envelopes if you wish to contribute. One envelope is for Christmas Dues which go towards the salaries of all the clergy of the Archdiocese. The second envelope is for the Christmas Parish Offering, which goes towards the maintenance of Saint John the Baptist Church here in Blackrock.

Concerts

Frascati Singers Christmas Concert
 St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church,
 Lower Mount Merrion Avenue
Sunday 8th December at 4.00 p.m.

Carysfort National School Carol Service
 Tuesday 17th December at 7.30 p.m.
 St. John the Baptist, Church, Blackrock.



Advent Prayer

Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise.
 You constantly journey with us even in our darkness and doubts.
 We seek your way of loving kindness to walk together as one family.

Open our eyes to recognise you in the faces of one another, in the breaking of bread and in the splendour of creation.

May the risen Christ sow seeds of hope and new life deep within us.
 May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word, bringing forth truth, justice, and peace.

May the Holy Spirit working in and through us do much more than we can dare to imagine as we live out our baptismal calling in humble and loving service.
 We make this our prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.
St Laurence O'Toole, pray for us.
St. Kevin, pray for us
St Brigid, pray for us.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral council along with Fr. Peter will meet with the new volunteers next Tuesday 10th December at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

Saturday 7th December

This Saturday at the 6.30 p.m. vigil Mass we welcome the children from Carysfort National School who are preparing for Confirmation.