



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock. Parish Newsletter 11th/12th January, 2025.

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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.

Welcome
 We extend a warm welcome to Fiona Collins, the new principal of Carysfort National School. We look forward to the positive impact she will bring to Carysfort National School. We assure Fiona of the full support and prayers of the Parish Community. May her time here be blessed with success, joy, and fulfilment.

GRATITUDE TO ALL

As we have rejoiced in the great feast of Christmas, we thank all who do so much to enhance our celebration: those who have cleaned and decorated the church, the flower arranging group, those who built the crib and put up the Christmas tree, the collectors, the choirs, organists and instrumentalists, ministers of the Word and ministers of the Eucharist. Our Sacristans as well as those who serve during the year on the Parish Pastoral Council, the Parish Finance Committee, and Baptism and hospitality teams. Thanks also to those who helped sell the Parish Christmas cards during the month of December.

A big thank you to you all.

Christmas Dues and Christmas Parish Offering

The priests of the parish wish to thank you all most sincerely for returning your Christmas Dues and Christmas Parish Offering. Please know that you will be remembered in their prayers.

Envelopes are available in the Church should you wish to take one. Please place envelopes in the safe, the Parish Office or the Sacristy.



PILGRIMS OF HOPE

“We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision.”

Pope Francis

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Prayer/Reflection

Lord Jesus, touch our eyes so that we may see the signs of your presence in our lives and in the world.

**Touch our ears so that we may hear your word.
 Touch our tongues so that we may profess our faith.
 Touch our hands so that we may give and receive.
 Touch our feet so that we may walk in your paths.**

**Touch our minds so that we may understand your ways.
 Touch our wills so that they may be in tune with your will.
 Touch our hearts so that we may bring your love to our brothers and sisters,
 to the praise and glory of God.
 Amen.**

Knock Pilgrimage

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 10th February 2025. €699.00 pps. Price includes return train, 4 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre, Quiet Man Museum. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 094 900 6426 or 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.