



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock. Parish Newsletter 10<sup>th</sup> /11<sup>th</sup> May, 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.  
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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.

#### MAKE YOUR GARDEN INTO A NATURE RESERVE.

with  
Ecologist Donna Mullan  
Co hosted by Green Foundation Ireland  
May 16<sup>th</sup> 7-8.30 p.m.  
Foxrock Parish Centre.  
**FREE EVENT**

See notice boards in Church porches for details.



#### St Thérèse the Little Flower.

As part of the Centenary Celebrations of St Therese of Lisieux's Canonisation, Avila Carmelite Centre are holding a very special Day on Saturday 17th May in Avila Carmelite Centre in Dublin from 2.30 - 5pm. They will have the Relics of St Therese & Her Parents St Louis & St Zelig Martin along with a unique exhibition of historical items from the life of St Therese and the Martin Family. Entry is FREE

#### Parish Information

- Willow Park School First Holy Communion. Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00 a.m.

#### Easter Dues

The Easter Dues and Easter Parish envelopes have now been distributed, if you did not receive these envelopes there are some available in the Church should you wish to take them. The Dues support the priests of the parish and the diocese. They may be returned to the safe at the back of the Church, or to the post box on the Parish Centre door.

#### Church Contributions

There are two Tap Machines at the back of the Church.

- In the 'Donate to Parish' Tap machine your contributions go towards candles, booklets, Church maintenance and repairs.
- In the 'Mass Collections' Tap machine the contributions go towards the FIRST AND SECOND COLLECTIONS that are announced at Mass.

#### Congratulations

We congratulate the children from our Parish School, Carysfort National School, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and we thank the teachers and parents who prepared the children for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Next Saturday **17th May**, we welcome the children from Carysfort National School who will make their First Holy Communion at **11.00 a.m.**

#### Parish Pastoral Council

A meeting of the Parish pastoral Council took place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. The main work of the Council at this meeting was to engage in a workshop reflecting on possible themes that would enhance the needs of the Parish and its Community. The themes discussed were among those highlighted at the recent Diocesan Synodal meeting which was attended by Father Peter and the chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council. Other matters discussed included the forthcoming meeting organised for the volunteers engaged in stewarding, doing the collections, counting, arranging the flowers, and cleaning the Church.

We also hope to hold another coffee morning after 10am Mass on Sunday 18th May and we welcome you all to that. The Parish Pastoral Council wishes to thank all those who helped prepare for Easter and at the Easter ceremonies. The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on 4th June. Our closing words included prayers for the recently deceased Pope Francis and prayers for guidance in the election of a new Pope.

#### School Leavers

##### Prayer

Lord God  
Guide me as I take the  
Next step of my journey  
In this life.  
Give me your blessing.  
Take care of me when  
I am not confident,  
And need your guidance,  
And your inspiration.  
Let me be true to myself  
And to your forever.  
Amen.



#### PRAYER

##### BEFORE EXAMS

Dear Lord  
Guide me to do my very  
best  
In my upcoming exams.  
Calm my fears,  
Help me be positive,  
Give me confidence.  
So that any anxiety will  
Not get in the way.  
Let the work I have done,  
Stand to me today.  
Lord, I know you will be  
There for me always.  
Thank You Lord  
Amen.



#### Building Hope through Lay

##### Ministry Appeal

The Lay  
Ministry  
Collection will  
take place next  
weekend  
17th/18th  
May. This  
collection will  
replace the  
Share  
collection.

#### 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 next **Sunday 18th May**. We hope you will join us and that you will have the opportunity to meet some of your fellow parishioners.

