



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock. Parish Newsletter 21<sup>st</sup> /22<sup>nd</sup> June, 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 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.



#### Graduation Mass

We welcome the 6th class students from Carysfort National School who celebrate their Graduation at the 6.30 p.m. vigil Mass this Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June.  
Wishing you a future filled with success, happiness, and endless opportunities.

#### SUMMER DUES

The archbishop has asked that each parish would invite the faithful to contribute a summer offering again this year. If you feel you are in a position financially to contribute to the appeal, Summer Dues envelopes are available in the Church. Contributions can be left in the safe at the back of the Church, in the letterbox on the Parish Centre door, or by placing in the baskets in the Church.

#### First Holy Communion Procession last Sunday



#### Prayer to St. John the Baptist.

Oh God, you gave St. Elizabeth, in her old age, the gift of a son, St. John the Baptist, who would prepare the way for Jesus to begin His Ministry here on earth.

Lord, fill your people with the joy of possessing graces like those of Saint John the Baptist, and direct the minds of all us in the way of peace.

St. John was martyred for truth and justice,

so may we Dear God,  
energetically profess our Faith in You,  
and help us to lead others to  
Your way, Your truth, and your life.  
Amen.

#### The Feast of St. John the Baptist.

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June we celebrate the feast of our patron saint of the parish of St. John the Baptist. I would like to take this opportunity as we celebrate the feast day to say thank you for your support. I thank the Parish Pastoral Council for their work this year.

1. This year the Parish Pastoral Council concluded its meeting of prayer and reflection with our parish groups.
2. Engaged in the Building of Hope process with our partnership parishes.
3. Started a very popular coffee morning after the 10 a.m. Mass.
4. Continued to discern the needs of the parish, in particular welcoming everyone into our faith community.

I thank the Parish Finance Committee who:

1. Stabilised and overlooked the parish finances.
2. The committee this year completed an assessment of the Church properties which resulted in extensive repairs of the roof, seeking guidance as regards the Church railings, re painting of some of the statues, and the committee oversaw some of the recommendations from the Finance and Compliance Audit that took place last year.
3. Kept looking at new ways to make it easier for attendees at church to contribute financially.

I also wish to thank our Safe Guarding officers. A word of appreciation also to the parish staff, and the many volunteers in our Church.

Pope Leo's first words as Pope on the balcony of St. Peters when he was elected was "Peace be with You."

The gift of peace as we are well aware is in need in the world today. Thank you once again for your support to our Church.

May peace be with you.

Fr. Peter O'Connor, Adm.