



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock. Parish Newsletter 19<sup>th</sup> /20<sup>th</sup> July, 2025.

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#### Priests

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#### 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.

#### OUTDOOR COLLECTION

**We thank all those who contributed to the Outdoor Collection held on the weekend of the 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> June for the maintenance of our buildings. The amount collected was €2,121.00**

#### SUMMER DUES 2025

**Please support your priests through the Summer Dues appeal. The generosity that you have shown towards your priests is indispensable. Please play your part, too, in a renewed and active involvement of all parishioners as together we nourish and support each other, counting the wonderful blessings of God in our lives.**

**Contributions can be left in the safe at the back of the Church, in the letterbox on the Parish Centre door, or placed in the baskets in the Church.**

#### Dublin Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes

**The Annual Lourdes Association collection will take place during the month of August.**

**Dates to follow.**

#### Youth 2000 Summer Festival

**The Youth 2000 Summer Festival for young people aged 16-35 takes place at Dominican College, Newbridge, Co Kildare, from the 7th to the 10th of August.**

#### National Grandparents Pilgrimage

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated on Sunday, July 27, 2025, and will be marked by a National Grandparents Pilgrimage at Knock Shrine, which includes Mass at 3 pm and Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica at 2:30 pm. The day will also include a Rosary procession (weather permitting). The event is a celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, established by Pope Francis.

**Theme: "Blessed are those who have not lost hope"**

#### ST. ANNE



#### ST. PATRICK



**Dear Parishioners,**

**The statues of St. Anne and St. Patrick have recently been re painted. The statue of St. Anne and Our Lady as a little girl is on display, in preparation for the feast days of the parents of our lady and the grandparents of Jesus which takes place next weekend.**

**I am also pleased to inform you that the problems with the webcam have been addressed and hopefully resolved!**

**During the past few weeks repairs have taken place to the porch roof which flooded during the downpour in mid-June. There will be more repairs needed to the Church roof during the next year.**

**In consultation with the Parish Finance Committee and from feedback through the Parish Pastoral Council after meeting with parish volunteers we aim to:**

- Place QR codes on the parish newsletter for the collections and the contributions to parish maintenance.**
- We hope to have a general clean of the Church, especially cleaning of some of the higher ledges and radiators in the Church during the summer months.**

**If any parishioner wishes to contribute to the cost of the statues or repairs a contribution would be greatly appreciated.**

**The re-painting of the statues and transportation cost €1,100.00.**

**The webcam services costs €184 a month.**

**The initial repairs to the Church porch and lost roof tiles this June amounted to €17,000.00, and there is also some additional work to be completed to the roof.**

**A survey has been completed assessing damage to some of the stained-glass windows which has a costing of €8,000.00.**

**I thank you for your support and we pray for and remember grandparents as we approach the celebrations next weekend for Sts. Joachim and Anne.**

**Fr. Peter, Adm.**