



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock. Parish Newsletter 16<sup>th</sup> /17<sup>th</sup> August, 2025.

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#### Priests

Fr. Peter O'Connor P.P. 01 288 21 04  
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#### 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.

#### Leaving Certificate Students 2025

**We wish every success to all the students as they await their Leaving Certificate results next Friday. We pray that you will be guided by the Holy Spirit in your decision making for your future.**

#### Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes



**The Annual collection for the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will continue after all Masses until this Sunday 17th August. There will be a table in each porch with collectors after the Masses.**

**Thank you for your continued support.**

#### History of St. John the Baptist Church Blackrock.

**Leaflets on the history of St. John the Baptist Church are available to take home. They are placed in baskets, at the back of the Church and in the porch.**

#### Day of Prayer and Reflection for Gaza August 24<sup>th</sup>

**Archbishop Farrell has asked that all parishes in the Archdiocese to dedicate next Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August as a special day of prayer and reflection for Gaza.**

#### PEACE IN UKRAINE AND GAZA

##### **Peace is...**

**Peace** is the resulting action on an agreement to end a war.

**Peace** is the mutual laying down of weapons.

**Peace** is the worldwide cessation of armament production.

**Peace** is the reconciliation between adversaries.

**Peace** is the change of hearts and minds of people who wage war.

**Peace** is the smile of the refugee housed following exile from home.

**Peace** is the satisfaction in the face of a hungry child just fed.

**Peace** is the return to boyhood of a child soldier.

**Peace** is the respect for women and their equal rights as human beings.

**Peace** is the just, merciful and compassionate use of power by the powerful.

**Peace** is the empowerment of disadvantaged and marginalised people.

**Peace** is the healing arrived at through truth and reconciliation commissions.

**Peace** is the mutual respect of people of all faiths and none.

Help us, Lord, to continue to strive for peace in all of its forms. **Amen.**



#### **ACCEPTING PEOPLE OF ALL NATIONS**

**Creator of all people, in our amazing diversity of size, shape, color, and giftedness: guide us, by your grace, to recognize the beauty and fitness of all whom you have made in your own image.**

**Give us gifts of humility and generosity of spirit to recognize in all people, the face of our Savior, Jesus, and to practice his commandment to “love one another,” toward the end of bringing harmony and peace among persons of all colors, origins, and abilities, for the sake of your Kingdom.**