



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock. Parish Newsletter 13th /14th September, 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.
Tel: 01 288 21 04
Email: office@sjb.ie

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.

Join us for Café Conversations in the context of our place in God's Creation.

Dates: Monday Sept 1st, 8th & 15th
10.30 – 12 noon.

Venue: Church of the Guardian Angels,
Newtownpark Ave.

Facilitators: Tony Horgan MSC,
Anna Byrne DC

Further Information & registration please contact: annabyrne@daughtersofcharity.ie
by August, 29th.



Blackrock Hospice

Coffee Morning will take place on
Thursday 25th Sept at 10:15am

Special Guest this year is comedian and actor Deirdre O'Kane.

All welcome and please do drop in if you are free.

Thank you for supporting your local Hospice.

Crosscare Collection 20th/21st September, 2025.

The Annual Collection for Crosscare, the social support agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin will be taken up at all Masses in the Diocese next weekend 20th/21st September.

Crosscare seeks your support to prevent more people losing their homes as the housing and accommodation crisis continues.

This will replace the Share collection at all Masses.

Church Sound System

We have been very kindly made aware of issues with the sound system in the Church.

This week the sound system repair team have tried to resolve a number of issues.

In the long term we may have to replace the speakers in the Church which were installed in the 1990's.

As the leaves turn from green to a deep red, we all have an opportunity for reflection. Autumn reminds us that life comes in cycles and not everything will always be perfect- but even if something bad happens, there are still blessings around every corner.

Wherever you find yourself during the autumn season, whether it is a place of hope, or in the midst of uncertainty with the changes around you, prayer is a great way to steady yourself. When we pray, we connect to God and receive his peace, and wisdom.

Autumn Prayer

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we embrace these autumn months,

May the earlier setting of the sun

Remind us to take time to rest.

May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet

Remind us of the brevity of this earthly life.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air

Remind us that it is you who give us
your breath of life.

May the scurrying of the squirrels and the migration of the birds

Remind us that you call us to follow your will.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever.

Amen.



Dates for your Diary.

- Sacrament of First Penance and First Holy Communion Parent's Meeting 17th September at 7.30 p.m.
- Crosscare Collection 20th/21st September.
- Sacrament of Confirmation Parent's Meeting 24th September at 7.30 p.m.
- Safeguarding Sunday and Outdoor Collection for the Parish Maintenance Fund 27th/28th September.
- Harvest Weekend and Blessing of Pets 4th/5th October.
- Mission Sunday and Home and Away Weekend 18th/19th October.
- Annual Mass of Remembrance 11th November. 7.30 p.m.