



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock. Parish Newsletter 17th /18th January 2026.

Website: www.sjb.ie

Masses available on webcam

Email: office@sjb.ie

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 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.

Christmas Dues and Parish Maintenance

There are two envelopes if you wish to contribute. One envelope is for Christmas Dues which go towards the salaries of all the clergy of the Archdiocese. The second envelope is for the Christmas Parish Offering, which goes towards the maintenance of Saint John the Baptist Church here in Blackrock.

Envelopes may be left in the Parish Office, the safe at the back of the Church or in the collection baskets.

The Lumen Dominican Centre.

The Lumen Dominican Centre, nestled on the Sion Hill Campus in the heart of Blackrock, Co. Dublin, is a hive of educational activity for adults of all ages. Lumen advocates for lifelong learning and human flourishing in a spirit of community through the ethos of the Dominican sisters. It is committed to the dialogue between faith and culture. Classes resume in a few weeks and run during the day (Tuesday to Friday) and once a week in the evening.

Subjects range from ballet, sacred dance, languages, and art history to philosophy and the Bible. In the coming Spring, Lumen will also continue its choir 'Cantus Lumen' (Song of Light). No auditions or experience are required, and it will be an opportunity for new and returning students to enjoy the benefits and enjoyment of choral singing. To book any of our courses or for further details, visit our website at lumenop.ie or call the centre at 01-2882075. All welcome.

Feast Dates

***The Feast of St. Brigid
Sunday 1st February, 2026.***

***Blessing of Candles
The Presentation of the Lord.
Monday 2nd February, 2026.***

***The Feast of St. Blaise.
Tuesday 3rd February, 2026.***

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the **18th to the 25th January** – the Octave of St Peter and St Paul. Its inauguration in Dublin will take place at an Interdenominational Service on Sunday 18th January 2026, at 8pm, at St Thomas Indian Orthodox Church in Palmerstown, Dublin 20, D20 VP97. Bishop Hovakim Manukyan, Primate of the Armenian Church of the UK and Ireland, will be the speaker at this Ecumenical Service.

The prayers and reflections for 2026 have been prepared jointly by the Armenian Apostolic, Catholic, and Evangelical Churches.

The chosen theme, **“One Body, One Spirit”**, highlights Christian Unity rooted in shared faith and hope.

The week is presented as a privileged time for prayer, encounter, dialogue, and for recognising the gifts present in other Christian traditions.

The message concludes with **New Year Blessings**, signed by **Archbishop Dermot Farrell**.



Catholic Schools Week 2026

Catholic Schools: Normal Lives, Called to Holiness

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week 2026 begins on Sunday **January 18th to Saturday 24th January**. This is a week to celebrate and acknowledge the wonderful contribution that our Primary Catholic schools, both primary and post-primary, make to the mission of the Church in our local faith communities and throughout the wider Church. The theme of Catholic Schools Week 2026 is 'Normal Lives, Called to Holiness'. Catholic Schools Week Resources are available for download at www.catholicschools.ie.

Prayer for Catholic Schools Week

Loving God, we thank you for the wonderful gift of our home.

As spring begins, help us see the beauty awakening all around us.

Help us to love and care for the earth, and share it with all who live here.

Help us to be guided by Pope Francis, our teachers and families in how we live and how we learn.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, and our Lord.

Amen.