



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock. Parish Newsletter 28<sup>th</sup> February / 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2026.

Website: [www.sjb.ie](http://www.sjb.ie) Masses available on webcam Email: [office@sjb.ie](mailto: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.  
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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.

**PARISH NEWS**

**COFFEE MORNING**  
 The Parish Pastoral Council will be hosting **TEA+COFFEE** after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Mothers' Day, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March. All are welcome!

**PARISH OFFICE**  
 The Parish Office will be **CLOSED** on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March.

**Carysfort National School**

This Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February at the 6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass we welcome the children from Carysfort National School who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The **SERVICE OF LIGHT** for the children preparing for Confirmation will be held this Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7:30 p.m.

**CATHOLIC COUPLES DATE NIGHT**  
 CELEBRATE LOVE - DEEPEN FAITH - GROW TOGETHER

Join us for an evening designed to enrich your relationship & renew your commitment to the beautiful Sacrament of Marriage. Enjoy inspiring talks, meaningful conversations & time to reconnect as a couple.

Strengthen your bond, grow in faith & rediscover the joy of walking this journey together.

**When:** 7pm, 18th April 2026  
**Where:** Armagh City Hotel

**Speakers:** Mark & Anne O'Leary  
 Teams of Our Lady

- Mark & Anne O'Leary speak on 'Knowing each other' & 'Deeper in Love'
- Mr & Mrs Quiz
- 4-course meal
- Entertainment on the night

**"Love that leads to marriage is a gift from God & a great act of faith toward other human beings."**  
 St. John Paul II

Early bird pricing £45/€55 per person until 14th February then they will be £55/€65 per person

To join us, email [catholicmothers@outlook.ie](mailto:catholicmothers@outlook.ie) OR Scan this QR code

[www.catholicmothers.ie](http://www.catholicmothers.ie)

**Lent 2026**

**Trocaire Boxes** are available in the porch of the Church. Thank you for your support.



**A Children's Activity Calendar for Lent** is available at the Church doors. Price: 50c.

**A Stations of the Cross reflections leaflet** is available in the missalette stands.

**The Lenten Sacred Space** for prayer and meditation is at St. Anne's Altar.

**The Lenten Prayer Box** is available in front of the pulpit.

**2026 SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER NOVENA OF GRACE**

The Novena of Grace to Saint Francis Xavier begins on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March and will be prayed at Mass each day until Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

The International Ecumenical Service World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 3:00 p.m. in St Phillips and St James Church, Cross Avenue. This years' service was composed by the women of Nigeria and the theme is "I will give you rest." All are welcome.

Help a Mother in Need for Mother's Day!

**Community Connect** Ireland's Baby Bank

**Drive & Drop ANNUAL DONATION APPEAL**

Community Connect - Ireland's Baby Bank are appealing for new baby supplies for families in need.

**Can You Donate?**  
 Packs of Nappies - sizes 1 & 2, Baby Hooded Towels, Cellular Blankets, Packs of Sleepsuits (Babygros) & Vests (Bodysuits) in size 0-3m, Nappy Cream, Baby Wash, Baby Shampoo, Maternity Items for bringing into Hospital

Every donation will go directly to a family in need

For more information, scan QR code or see: [www.communityconnect.ie/driveanddrop](http://www.communityconnect.ie/driveanddrop) Community Connect is a Registered Charity No. 20206555

**Lent 2026**

**Young Adult Gospel Reflections**  
 5 Thursdays in Lent (beginning February 26th)  
 7pm - 7:45pm on Zoom

- Feb 26th: First Sunday of Lent: Matthew 4:1-11 with Niall Leahy SJ, Director Jesuit Centre for Faith & Justice
- March 5th: Second Sunday of Lent: Matthew 17:1-9 with Victoria Byrne, Chaplain Willow Park School
- March 12th: Third Sunday of Lent: John 4: 5-42 with Jane Mellett, Trocaire - Church Manager
- March 19th: Fourth Sunday of Lent: John 9: 1-41 with Saule Cameron, Office for Mission & Ministry
- March 26th: Fifth Sunday of Lent: John 11: 1-45 with Bishop Donal Roche, Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin

Register Now

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