



Parish of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock. Parish Newsletter 16th / 17th May, 2026.

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Priests
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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

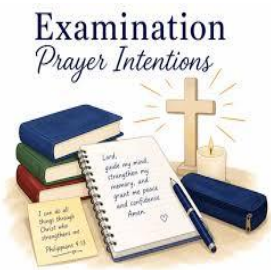
Confessions: Available on request.

Baptisms: Held on the 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.



We Congratulate the children from Carysfort National School who received Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion on Saturday 16th May.

Prayer for Examination Students
Lord, as I prepare to sit my exams
send your Holy spirit to guide me
and be with me.

Thank you for the many talents,
gifts and the opportunity of education you have
given me.

Calm my nerves & anxiety, help me to remember
all that I have studied,
to express it clearly and to answer the questions
to the very best of my ability.

Holy Spirit, be with me in my exams – and
always.

Amen.

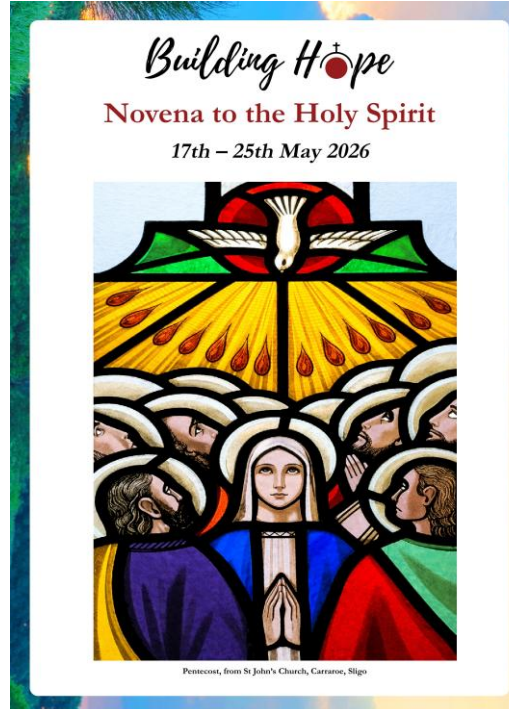
PARISH OFFICE
 THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE **CLOSED** ON
WEDNESDAY, 20TH MAY.

This weekend we begin our annual Novena to the Holy Spirit for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin. It will be a period of Prayer, Reflection & Planning as we prepare for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Novena will conclude on Monday 25th May, the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church.

Joining together in prayer is a central part of "Building Hope" – our journey of renewal under way across the diocese. We pray that these particular days of reflection and planning for the coming pastoral year, will be fruitful for our parish, our partnership and for our Archdiocese.

You are invited to join in the Novena Prayer each day at home or here at daily Mass over the next nine days. You will find the prayer on your Mass leaflet or prayer card.

Please join now as we pray together slowly...



Mary, Mother of the Church,
 stand with us at this Spirit-filled time.
 Grace us with your faithful presence
 as we pray, reflect and plan.

Mary, our Mother,
 wrap your mantle of gentleness and courage around us.
 Inspire us to say 'yes' to your Son,
 as we breathe in the Spirit of Truth and Love,
 to renew our communities of faith around Jesus.

Holy Mary,
 you stood at the foot of the Cross, broken-hearted.
 You witnessed the joy of the resurrection
 and the wonder of Pentecost.
 You walked great distances in your time.
 Be with us now on our Synodal Journey, Building Hope.

Beloved Mother,
 open our hearts generously to our baptismal calling.
 Encourage us into ever deepening communion with your Son, with each other,
 with those most in need, and with all of God's creation.

A Mhuire Mháthair,
 hold us close to you
 as we embrace God's loving invitation
 to wholeness, healing and peace.

Amen.

