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

Website: www.sjb.ie **Masses available on webcam** **Email: office@sjb.ie**

Priests
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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.

Home and Away

We thank all those for their support and prayers for the Home and Away weekend.

November Altar List of the Dead

The month of November gives us the opportunity to remember our dear departed when we enter their names on the Altar List of the Dead, so that they may be prayed for at all Masses during November and on the first Friday of each month for the coming year. If you wish to have the names of your loved ones inscribed on the list, there are envelopes at the back of the Church.

These can be returned in the collection baskets at Mass or to the Parish Office. Contributions and donations for the November List of the Dead go directly to support your local parish clergy when they offer prayers and Masses. We ask you to be as generous as possible in your contributions.

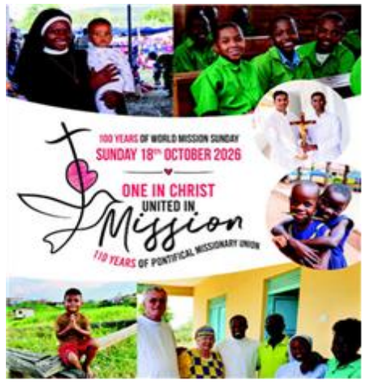
ANNUAL MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

The Annual Mass of those who have died and whose funerals have taken place from our Parish Church during the past year will be celebrated on **TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER at 7.30 p.m.**

Their names will be called out and a lighted candle in their memory will burn on the Sanctuary during the Mass.

Last week-end Fr. Peter made reference to the painting by Amelia Curran which is at the back of the Church. Amelia has inspired Martina Devlin to write a book called "Glorious Monsters".

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 17TH/18TH OCTOBER, 2026



World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's Annual Appeal in support of overseas mission. Missio Ireland coordinates world Mission Sunday, it is part of a global network, serving the Church in over 1,130 dioceses worldwide. All projects go through the local bishops and nuncios in the countries where funds are requested. They are vetted and checked by the Pontifical Mission Societies in Rome. All donations received on Mission Sunday become part of the Holy Father's Universal Solidarity Fund.

Blackrock parish has a great tradition of supporting the missions. The notice board in the back of the Church on the left-hand side as you enter the Church testifies to this tradition. We remember all past missionaries in our prayers.

The collection for WORLD MISSION SUNDAY will take place this weekend 17th /18th October and will replace the Second COLLECTION

We invite you to pray for all Missionaries especially those of our own parish.

The Irish Synod

The Irish Synodal Pathway is **a multi-year journey of renewal and structural reform initiated by the Irish Catholic Bishop's Conference.**

Officially launched in **March 2021**, it marks the first time that a national assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland directly involves the laity, alongside clergy and bishops to discern the future mission of the Church.

The entire process is building toward the historic **National Synodal Assembly,** which is scheduled to take place this weekend.