



## St. Joseph's (SMA Church) Blackrock Road Parish.

Within the Family of Parishes:

Ballinlough, Blackrock, Blackrock Road and Mahon



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## Parish Bulletin: Third Sunday of Lent 3rd March 2024

### Mass Times

**Saturday Vigil:** 7.00 pm

**Sunday:** 10.00am and 12 noon.

**Weekdays:** 7.15 am and 10 am

**Bank/Public Holidays:** 10 am only

**Holy Days:** 7.15 am and 10 am

**Confessions:** 10.30 am Saturday

**Adoration** First-Fridays 10.30 am-12 noon

### Intentions for weekend Masses

**7.00 pm Saturday** Jane O' Dowling Birthday Remembrance.

**10.00 am Sunday** Pro Populo

**12 noon Sunday** Thecla O' Dwyer R.I.P 20th Anniversary

**Remembrance/Anniversaries:** Rhoda Kearney.

**Recently Deceased:** Fr. Seamus Nohilly SMA/ Barry Kelly/ Rose O'Rourke R.I.P

**Fr Seamus Nohilly:** The Parish acknowledges the unexpected death of Fr. Seamus Nohilly SMA. We are all grateful for his contribution to our Parish especially his generous work during last Summer as we awaited the appointment of our new Co-PP. The Parishioners extend their sympathy to the Nohilly family. May he rest in peace.

**Family of Parishes: Rotation of Priests:** We welcome Fr. Michael Keohane Co-PP and Moderator of this Family of Parishes to our Church this weekend.

**Formation and Development of Parish Pastoral Councils:** We have been recently praying at all Masses in preparation for the Development and Formation of Parish Pastoral Councils, within the "Family of Parishes". All Parishes within the "Family of Parishes" will have been addressed by members of the Diocesan Office for Missions and Ministry. We welcomed Eilís Casey who addressed all Masses in our Parish. We will continue to further this agenda throughout the coming months and we encourage "new blood" to consider giving some time and talents in the service of our Parish.

**Prayer for the Formation of a Parish Pastoral Council:** Heavenly Father, we come before you with grateful hearts as we embark on the journey of forming and developing our Parish Pastoral Councils within our Family of Parishes. We seek your guidance, wisdom, and grace to build a vibrant Parish Pastoral Council that reflects the love and teachings of your son, Jesus Christ. Lord, bless our efforts and help us to recognise the unique gifts and talents you have bestowed upon each of us. May we be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit as we discern the needs of our community and strive to fulfil your mission here on earth. We entrust the formation and development of our Parish Pastoral Council to the intercession of Mary our Mother. May she guide us in imitating her example of faith, humility and loving service. Amen.

**Finding hope in a hopeless world- Lent 2024:** This is a seven-week programme for Parish groups or individuals. It is available on the Diocesan website (<https://corkandross.org/lent2024>). A different aspect of Hope will be explored each week. The resource is available as a presentation, video, and podcast (all of which can be used online or download for off-line use).

**Tap Machines:** We have three "**Tap to Donate Machines**" in the Church. We recently experienced some technical difficulties with "AIB Cards". We are happy to report that this matter has been rectified. Please contact the Parish Office if the matter arises again. Thank you.

**Irish Catholic Bishop's Conference statement on the Family and Care referendums 2024:** Please visit [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie) to read the statement from the Irish Bishop's Conference.

**Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday at 12.00 pm during Lent. Members of the various parish church groups are to consider choosing a leader, who will lead the congregation in praying the Stations. Group leaders, please give this some consideration as we encourage greater lay leadership roles and tasks for this Parish.

**Scoil Iósaf Naofa, Ballintemple National School:** First Confessions will take place on Wednesday 6th March at 7:00 pm.

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting:** Tuesday 5th March at 7:15 pm.

**P.A.F.A (Parish Aid for Africa) Update:** Toilets and wash basins and plumbing equipment already bought by Fr. Benoit in Zambia. Renovations to commence soon. Thank you.

**Toilet Facilities:** New toilet facilities are now open in the Reception building.

**Vacancy for a Kitchen Assistant:** Up to 30 hours a week. Monday - Sunday, flexible. For more information please contact Alin at Reception. Thank you.

**Come to Lourdes as a Young Adult Helper in September:** A special Information Evening will take place in Mardyke House, Cork, (T12 W8RP) for those aged between 18 and 25, who would like to travel with the Diocese of Cork and Ross to Lourdes (Sept 20th - 25th) as a Young Adult Helper. The Information Meeting will begin at 7 pm on Tuesday 12th March. It is a wonderful opportunity for a young person to help those pilgrims who require assistance and to grow deeper in their faith by experiencing the unique spirituality of Lourdes. For more information call Sheila on 021-4902459 or email: [sheilakelleher@ucc.ie](mailto:sheilakelleher@ucc.ie)