



St. Joseph's (SMA Church) Blackrock Road Parish.
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Ballinlough, Blackrock, Blackrock Road and Mahon



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Parish Bulletin: Sixth Sunday of Easter 5th May 2024

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 7.00 pm
Weekdays: 7.15 am and 10 am
Holy Days: 7.15 am and 10 am
Confessions: 10.30 am Saturday
Adoration First-Fridays 10.30 am-12 noon

Sunday: 10.00am and 12 noon.
Bank/Public Holidays: 10 am only

Intentions for weekend Masses

7.00 pm Saturday Fia and Saoirse Grace R.I.P 2nd Anniversary.
10.00 am Sunday Pro Populo.
12 noon Sunday Ambrose Groeger R.I.P Anniversary.
Remembrance/Anniversaries: Nellie Casey/ Mabel Ryan/ Eily Mulcahy.

SMA Pilgrimage to Knock: Saturday 25th May 2024

- Bus departing from SMA Church, Blackrock Road at 06:30 am.
- Estimated time of return is 10:00 pm.
- Cost of travel on the Bus is €30. Please book at Reception.
- Tea/Coffee and Scones(morning) and Evening Meal: €30.00 per person. Treacy's West County Hotel, Ennis.

The SMA Novena in honour of Our Lady of Knock: Will begin on Friday 17th May at St. Joseph's SMA Church, Blackrock Road and will close on Saturday 25th May 2024 at Knock Basilica. The Novena will be celebrated each morning at 10:00 am Mass, except Saturday 25th May, which will be celebrated at 7:00 pm Vigil Mass.

An invitation to the 98th Cork Eucharistic Procession: The 98th Cork Eucharistic Procession to mark the feast of Corpus Christi will take place on Sunday May 26th. The procession will leave the North Cathedral at 3pm and make its way through the city to Saints Peter and Paul's where there will be a short liturgy and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Parish groups are encouraged to gather at the Cathedral and to process together under their parish banner. For those who may have mobility issues, you will be able to join the procession at the river side of the Opera House under a Eucharistic Banner. The Stewards will facilitate and direct this group to join the Procession. The media reported that over four thousand people processed in 2023, and it is wonderful to see that the Eucharistic Procession continues to unite people of faith across Cork from many different communities and backgrounds. The procession which will celebrate 100 years in 2026, is a great public witness to our faith in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. People from Parishes throughout the Diocese and especially those around the city are strongly encouraged to join us for this important event for our city and our people of faith united around the Eucharist.

Impact: By Alpha Youth: Impact is designed to bring those interested in the faith of young people together for a conversation on youth ministry. All who are interested are welcome to attend. **Date and Time:** 18th May 9:30 am - 12 noon. **Venue:** St Columba's Church, Church Road, Douglas, Cork. To register or to ask any questions please email gerard@alphaireland.org or call 083-0112560.

Synodality: Fr Michael McCabe SMA will present three evening talks on the theme of "Synodality" in Saint Joseph's Church, Blackrock Road, at 7:30 pm.

1. Thursday 9th May: An Explanation of "Synodality".
2. Thursday 6th June: What Pope Francis is now asking of us, the Church.
3. Thursday 11th July: What is now happening in the Church. Where we are going.

Easter Dues: Envelopes **are still available** at the back of the Church. Priests depend on it!

Tap Machines: We have three "**Tap to Donate Machines**" in the Church. We kindly ask you to make use of this way to donate to our Church.

69th Cork International Choral Festival: As part of this year's Sacred Trail Programme we welcome the Namdal Vokalensemble Choir (Norway), to our Parish, this Sunday to sing at the 10 am Mass.

Monday the 6th of May: Is a Public Holiday. There will be **no** 07:15 am Mass. Mass at 10 am only!

Scoil Iósaf Naofa, Ballintemple National School: First Holy Communions will take place on Saturday 25th of May at 11 am. There will be **no** 10 am Mass. Mass at 07:15 am only.

Parish Church Toilet Facilities: New toilet facilities are now open in the Main Reception building. Entrance is through the main office door. **If door is closed-over, be assured that it is not locked! Sacristans have keys also.**

Date For Your Diary: Cork Light Orchestra: Summer Concert in Cobh. Promenade Bandstand. Sunday 19th May, 14:00 - 16:00. Weather Permitting.
Midleton Arts Festival: Saturday 25th May, 10:00 - 12:30, Midleton Farmer's Market.

The Future of our Parish and Parish Church: **Let us together, begin informally, discussing the future of our Parish. Presently the Parish is a member of the Family of Parishes. This now, is our new reality. As we move into the future together, let us reflect upon this, in all its aspects. As Baptised Parishioners, we all share in the Mission of Jesus and his Church and therefore we all are responsible for "full and active participation" in our Parish. Discuss all this in your homes....**

Second Collection next weekend: Mission and Ministry.