



**St. Joseph's (SMA Church) Blackrock Road Parish**  
**within the Family of Parishes:**  
**Ballinlough, Blackrock, Blackrock Road and Mahon**



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**Parish Office:**

4616328: Monday and Friday 10 am - 4 pm

**Priest on call:**

087 4744341 Sick Calls (Temporary No.)

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly.**

**28th July 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** Nuala O' Sullivan Whooley R.I.P Anniversary.

**10.00 am Sunday** Pro Populo.

**12 noon Sunday** Eileen and Fox Heffernan.

**Remembrance/Anniversaries:** Annie and Frank Forde. Breeda Barry. Agnes Kavanagh. Nuala O' Sullivan Whooley. Fr. Peter Thompson SMA. Dennis Denvir.

**First Fridays:** Friday the 2nd of August is the First Friday. Communion will be brought to the sick and housebound. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament immediately after 10 am Mass.

**Monday 5th of August:** Is a Public Holiday. There will be no 07:15 am Mass. Morning Mass at 10 am only.

**Thought for the Day:** Grandparents 🙏🏻🙏🏻 bestow upon their grandchildren the strength and wisdom that time and experience have given them. Grandchildren bless their grandparents with a youthful vitality and innocence that help them stay young at heart forever. Together they create a chain of love linking the past with the future. The chain may lengthen, but it will never part. Grandparents are a family's greatest treasure, the founders of a loving legacy, the greatest storytellers, the keepers of traditions that linger on in cherished memory. Grandparents are the family's strong foundation. Their very special love sets them apart. Through happiness and sorrow, through their special love and caring, Grandparents keep a family close at heart.

**Synodality:** In October 2021, Pope Francis launched a three year journey of reflection and consultation on what it means to be Church, a People of God called to witness to Christ. The Pope wants all the members of the Church to be involved in this journey. He has invited all members to walk and work together, listening to one another and to the Spirit which we have all received in baptism. The second session of the Synod will begin in October 2024. Fr. Michael McCabe SMA has helped us understand what Synodality is and the kind of Church Pope Francis wants us to create. **As we now look towards the second session in October 2024 please scan these QR codes below to access his short presentation videos.**



<https://youtu.be/fIMnDNEV7Ec?si=XiDNEJh7wCQnbOJw>

<https://youtu.be/9gO7FstExKY?si=IGv5-HgSV-niAv2x>

[https://youtu.be/1i7W\\_hXZG\\_I](https://youtu.be/1i7W_hXZG_I)

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**Congratulations!** Well done to **Clare** on winning the All Ireland Hurling Championship 2024. We are so proud of **Cork's** performance and sportsmanship. Well done all!

**Catechism Notes: Corporal Works of Mercy.**

These are charitable actions by which we help our neighbours in their bodily needs. The corporal (bodily) works of mercy are to feed the hungry; to give drink to the thirsty; to clothe the naked; to visit the imprisoned; to shelter the homeless; to visit the sick; and to bury the dead.

**Towards a Parish Evaluation:**

Consider the following: How can we harness the youthful energy of all our young Cork **GAA** sportsmen and women, and those youth of **other sporting disciplines**, from our parish? Any suggestions as to how to bring them together; An evening of Prayer/ A "Mini Mission"/ A "Hat-trick Mission" of three evenings etc..? Keep it simple and put your responses in an envelope for Fr. John Denvir.

**SMA Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** 15th - 20th September 2024. Hotel Roissy. €949 per person sharing. Please contact Joe Walsh Tours 01-2410800 for more information.

**Providing Compassionate Care at the end of Life:** To address the sensitive issue of compassionate care at the end of life, and in response to the need to inform the faithful of Catholic Teaching on this important issue that affects all families, the Bishops of Ireland have published the pastoral letter: **Freedom to live Fully, Until Death Comes. Contact Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference. See: [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie)** There are copies available at the back of the Church.

**SVP:** July collection €804. Thank you. 3/4th August next collection.

**Annual Padre Pio Ceremonies commemorating his ordination:** Church of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross, Sunday 11th August at 2.30pm. Bishop Fintan in attendance.

**Second Collection: P.A.F.A. (PARISH AID FOR AFRICA):**

One request has been received, for our consideration, for help from one of our young Indian SMAs who works in Sierra Leone, West Africa. He wishes to upgrade the toilet facilities in a school. Please give generously. Thank you all very much.