



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



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**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  **22nd December 2024**

**Mass Times**


**Saturday Vigil:** 7.00 pm      **Sunday:** 10.00 am and 12 noon.  
**Weekdays:** 7.15 am and 10:00 am      **Bank/Public Holidays:** 10:00 am only.  
**Holy Days:** 7.15 am and 10:00 am  
**Adoration:** First-Fridays 10.30 am-12 noon.

**Confessions: 10:30 am Every Saturday after Mass.**




**Intentions for Weekend Masses**


**7.00 pm Saturday** Michael Barry RIP Anniversary.  
**10.00 am Sunday** Pro Populo.  
**12 noon Sunday** Eddie Hickey RIP Anniversary.


**Remembrance/ Anniversaries:** Nellie Denvir, Liam and Nellie Stack. Patricia, Edward and Stephen Quinn. Finbar Kiely. David O' Flynn. Wael Boustany. Kathleen and Brendan Harty. Roy McKnight. Cyril O' Riordan. RIP.


**Towards a Synodal Church:** The Synod affirms the call for greater inclusivity and the cultivation of an ecclesial culture where all members are made to feel welcome, irrespective of marital status, identity or sexual orientation. **NB. LGBTQ+** persons included. The Synod affirms the fundamental equality of all persons in the Church in virtue of their common  Baptism. This equality requires greater participation of lay men and women in the life and mission of the Church, including its decision-making processes at all levels, from local to universal. This equality requires new forms of lay ministry.... It calls for greater co-responsibility between clergy and laity... **To be continued next week.**

**Year of Listening, Prayer and Discernment:** Representatives from our parish participated in a Diocesan gathering recently, in the Rochestown Park Hotel. It was agreed that we will meet with the **other three parishes** in our Family of Parishes in the Spring on order to reflect on three central questions:


-  How can we make Baptism the gateway into life in our community?
-  How can priests and parishioners prepare for and celebrate the Sunday Eucharist so that we are nourished and strengthened to tell others about Christ?
-  How can we engage and invite young people to participate in our communities?

 **Flowers:** Donations towards flowers for Christmas would be appreciated.

 **Christmas Dues Envelopes:** are available at the back of the Church.

 **Christmas Clergy Collection:** Christmas Eve Vigil and Christmas Day. This collection is taken up for the upkeep of the Priests in our Parish. Thank you for your support.

 **Christmas Confessions:** Confessions **after** Masses in Blackrock Parish 21/22 December.



 **Christian Meditation Group:** Meets each Friday at 11:00am in Blackrock Parish Centre. Contact: 0876477841.

**Synodality:** Summary by Fr. Michael McCabe SMA: [https://youtu.be/n\\_lboK2Lnrc](https://youtu.be/n_lboK2Lnrc)

**Christmas Mass times:**   

- Christmas Eve Vigil: Tuesday 24th December at 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.
- Christmas Day (Wednesday 25th December) 10:00 am and 12:00 noon.


 **Bulletin Sponsorship for December:** Sponsored by the deceased members of the Hanley and O'Dowling families whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Recent Baptism:**   We welcome Cillian Pivnicov McConnell in to the Christian family.

**Thursday 26th December:** Is a Public Holiday. There will be no 7:15 am Mass. Mass at 10:00 am only.

**Chalice and Ciborium:** Thanks to the SMA, we received a beautiful gold chalice and a ciborium. Both are 109 years old! We will use them at Christmas.

 **Medjugorje Pilgrimage:** 4th June 2025. Contact: Jim Keogh 021 4885371.

 **Irish Cancer Society:** Seeking compassionate volunteer drivers. Contact Monica at [volunteer@irishcancer.ie](mailto:volunteer@irishcancer.ie)

**7:15am Masses:** Please note that there will be no 7:15 am Masses from December 26th to Monday 6th January 2025. **Mass resumes on Tuesday 7th January 2025 at 7:15 am. 10:00 am Masses and weekend Masses continue as normal during this period.**