



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



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Year of Hope. Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. 19th January 2025.

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: Ellen Walsh RIP Anniversary.
10.00 am Sunday: Pro Populo.
12 noon Sunday: Eva Harvey RIP Anniversary.
Remembrance/ Anniversaries: Una Lodge. Kathleen and Teddy Coughlan. Eva Harvey. Nancy Donovan Johnson. Bridie Deasy. RIP. Recently deceased: Mary Buckley RIP.

Celebrating Altar Servers: The Office for Mission and Ministry and the Coordinator for Youth Ministry are looking at ways of supporting Parishes to develop or introduce Altar Servers. We are gathering on Saturday January 25th from 2.30 pm - 4:00 pm in Frankfield and Grange Parish Centre. T12 A660. **Our parish is calling for a volunteer to come forward to lead this initiative for us, conscious that safeguarding protocols be in place. Perhaps a sacristan/ Eucharistic minister who has already been "Garda vetted" may come forward for this role.**


What is the Jubilee Year?: It is a special time of grace and spiritual renewal, rooted in the tradition of the Church celebrated every 25 years. It is a time for pilgrimage, prayer, reconciliation and hope. The Holy Father has called us to become **"Pilgrims of Hope"**, journeying together in faith, as witnesses of God's steadfast love in a world longing for healing and peace.


 In our diocese, the Jubilee Year will be deeply integrated into the ongoing **Year of Prayer, Listening and Discernment**. The theme, "Pilgrims of Hope" resonates strongly with our collective discernment, as we continue listening to the Spirit, fostering hope for the future of our diocese, and renewing our commitment to mission.

 **Family of Parish Gatherings - Next Steps:** Over the next four months all the Parishes and Family of Parishes of our Diocese will be involved in the next stage of our Year of Prayer, Listening and Discernment. This will involve representatives of each Parish Leadership Team participating in 3 meetings over 3 weeks reflecting on the questions posed in Bishop Fintan's invitation in September. Since September, people individually and in Parishes have been praying the Diocesan Prayer from the Boat. As we continue to pray this prayer together, we pray for the success of these gatherings and we pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us as together we try to pray, listen and discern God's future for our Church.

 **Week of Christian Unity:** Saturday 18th January to Friday 25th January, the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul. The theme for the year is, **"Do you believe this?"**

 **Towards a Synodal Church: Synodality:** Summary by Fr. Michael McCabe SMA: https://youtu.be/n_lboK2Lncr

 **The Sacrament of Confirmation:** Confirmation Mass for the children of Scoil Iósaf Naofa, Ballintemple National School will take place on Wednesday 12th February 2025 at 10:30 am. There will be no 10:00 am Mass on that day. Mass at 07:15 am only.

 **Sunday 12 Noon Mass:** New members are welcome. Please ask someone, you know, to come along and sing. Our choir is wonderful!

 **Catholic Schools Week begins:** Sunday 19th January to Saturday 25th January.

Foundations in Theology and Sycamore Programmes for Young Adults: The Diocese of Cork and Ross, in collaboration with UCC Chaplaincy and the Presentation Brothers LEAF Project, is offering two exciting programmes for young adults (18-35 years), starting on Wednesday 29th January from 6-8pm in Mardyke House, Cork, T12 W8RP. Both programmes will run concurrently over the next 10 weeks.

1. Foundations in Theology: This introductory programme explores the fundamentals of our Christian Faith. Sessions will be presented by various experts, including some of our own priests.
2. Sycamore Formation Series: A welcoming and accessible starting point for young adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. Each session will begin with food and refreshments, and provide participants with an opportunity to engage in meaningful discussion. To sign up or for more information, please email Sheila at youthministry@corkandross.org

ALPHA COURSE: Every Wednesday from 22nd January to 2nd April 2025 at 7:30 pm, in the Cathedral Visitors' Centre.

Uncle Phil (Parish Critic) says, "I'm not one for gossip but they say that Fr. John does not like parishioners telling him, **"Father, you know what you should do?"** He would always respond, **"If you have any ideas and if they are reasonable and practical, then gather up some help from other parishioners and just do it. I will then have the parish fund it. It is not my parish. It is ours."**

Bulletin Sponsorship for January: Aidan and Nora O' Dowling RIP. Birthday Remembrance.

Second Collection: Church Renovation.