



**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.      The Baptism of the Lord.      12th 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** Lisa Farrell RIP 13th Anniversary.  
**10.00 am Sunday** Pro Populo.  
**12 noon Sunday** Paddy Coogan RIP 7th Anniversary.  
**Remembrance/ Anniversaries:** John Barry RIP.



**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 "Pilgrimages of Hope", journeying together in faith as witnesses of God's steadfast love in a world longing for healing and peace.

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


**Towards a Synodal Church:**

1. The Synod opens avenues for change and renewal in the Church at every level.
2. Given the great diversity of viewpoints represented, the degree of consensus achieved by the participants in the synodal Assembly was remarkable.
3. "Conversations in the Spirit" methodology helped to create an atmosphere of deep and respectful listening and enhanced the sense of community among the participants.
4. **Synodality:** Summary by Fr. Michael McCabe SMA: [https://youtu.be/n\\_lboK2Lnrnc](https://youtu.be/n_lboK2Lnrnc)

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

**Camino de Santiago**   Have you ever dreamed of walking the Camino de Santiago? Breakthrough Cancer Research are taking on the 'Portuguese Way' from the 13th - 20th of June 2025. Starting in the charming town of Baiona, experience camaraderie and reflection as you walk toward Santiago de Compostela, creating lasting memories on this historic pilgrimage. You can enjoy this amazing adventure with our experienced guide and help Make More Survivors. For more information, please contact [edel@breakcancer.ie](mailto:edel@breakcancer.ie) or phone 021 422 66 55 for more details.

**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:** We welcome back our choir after the Christmas Break. New members are always welcome 

**Celebrating Altar Servers:** Altar servers are a really important ministry in each of our Parishes. Since Covid some Parishes have struggled to reengage 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**. A first step is to gather with all Altar Servers (in the diocese) and those priests and adult volunteers who look after them to celebrate Altar Serving in a fun atmosphere and to look at how we can together develop this ministry. We are gathering on **Saturday January 25th from 2.30 pm - 4:00 pm**. (Venue to be confirmed). **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/ reader/ Eucharistic minister who has already been "Garda vetted" may come forward for this role.**


**ALPHA TEAM TRAINING FOR LEADERS:** 15th January 2025 in the Cathedral Visitors' Centre.

**Come and Discover ALPHA:** Would your Parish of Family of Parishes like to find out more about Alpha? We are hosting a **"Come and Discover Alpha"** day from 10am to 4pm in the Visitor Centre of the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne on Saturday, January 18th from 10am - 4pm. In the morning, you will have the opportunity to experience a full Alpha session, and we will be offering workshops in the afternoon on how to run Alpha. Registration is essential: <https://tinyurl.com/mission-ministry>

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

**Uncle Phil (Parish Critic) says,** "I'm not one for gossip but they say that the future of the parish is up for discussion at the SMA Provincial Assembly from 30th June to 11th July 2025. So what?"

**Second Collection:** Diocesan Needs.

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