



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 Presentation of the Lord: Cycle C. 2nd February 2025.

Saturday Vigil: 7.00 pm.
Weekdays: 7.15 am and 10:00 am.
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.

Mass Times

Sunday: 10.00 am and 12 noon.
Bank/Public Holidays: 10:00 am only.

Intentions for Weekend Masses

7.00 pm Saturday Aidan O'Dowling RIP Anniversary.

10.00 am Sunday Pro Populo.

12 noon Sunday Mary O'Leary RIP 10th Anniversary.

Remembrance/ Anniversaries: Michael Byrne. Tom and Marian Kilcommons. Dr. Brian Coffey. Maureen McCarthy. Recently Deceased: Kay Burke. Monica Hegarty. Patrick Duffy. Baby McNamara. RIP

World Day of Consecrated Life: Let us remember today **with appreciation**, all religious nuns, sisters and brothers and the marvellous contribution they have made and are making in the world. **Many of us were formed in one way or another by them.** Why not write a letter of appreciation to a religious community that has made a valuable contribution to our lives and the lives of our children!

The Gift of Plenary Indulgence during the Jubilee Year: The Jubilee Year brings the grace of a Plenary Indulgence for the faithful. In his Apostolic Bull *Spes Non Confundit*, Pope Francis outlined the conditions for receiving this grace: **i. Sacramental Confession. ii. Reception of the Holy Eucharist. iii. Prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father. iv. Performing a work of Pilgrimage or Charity.** 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: Since September 2024, people individually and in Parishes have been praying the Diocesan **"Prayer from the Boat"**. As we continue to pray this prayer together, we pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us as together we try to pray, listen and discern God's future for our Church. These three questions will be addressed by the Family of Parishes.

- 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?

Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage to Rome: 18-30 years. This Summer from the 28th July to the 4th August Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage. The pilgrimage will cost €550 per person (plus fundraising) and will include seven nights half board at the Irish College, Travel Insurance, a 20Kg bag, and a pilgrim kit. There will be a special Launch Evening on Thursday 6th February at 7:30 pm in Mardyke House (T12 W8RP).

Sunday 12 Noon Mass: New members are welcome. Please ask someone, you know, to come along and sing. Our 12:00 pm choir is **wonderful!** We would like to start up a choir for the 10:00 am Mass too. It just won't happen... **Make it happen!**

Bequests: Have you considered making a bequest in your Will for the Parish? More on this later...

Accidents/ Emergencies in Church **Call an ambulance!** Do not call on House

Mass with the Anointing of the Sick: This will take place on Saturday 15th of February at 10:00 am. Please consider being a driver for someone who has been housebound or sick in your family. Tea and Coffee will be provided after the Mass. It will be lovely to meet our elderly, sick and housebound parishioners on this occasion. Wrap-up well for this cold weather!

ALPHA COURSE: Come and Explore our Faith. This is held every Wednesday until 2nd April 2025 at 7:30 pm, in the Cathedral Visitors' Centre. Come along and join us any time to view a short video presentation, tea/ coffee and then a sharing of points of view and faith in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. The second of eleven sessions continue.

Uncle Phil (Parish Critic) says, "I'm not one for gossip but they say, there are **nine sacristans**, of which **seven are men.** That means only **two are women!** This was traditionally a woman's job. **What is happening in this Parish?** With so many sacristans, I'm wondering who polishes the brasses?"

First Friday, 7th February: Sick call visitation.

SVP: Christmas €1075; Jan €605. Thank you. Collection this weekend 1st/ 2nd February.

Lourdes Pilgrimage: with the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC). From the 25th - 30th May. Contact Mary at 021-4546691.

Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd of February 2025. There will be no 7:15 am Mass. Mass is at 10:00 am.

St. Blaise : Monday the 3rd of February is the feast of St. Blaise. The Blessing of Throats (with two blessed candles) will take place at 11:00 am **after** the funeral Mass of Mr. Patrick Duffy RIP.

Bulletin Sponsorship: February: In Loving memory of the Beausang Family.

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 7:15 am only.

Vocation Discernment Group: For men aged 18 - 40. Begins Saturday 8th February. Email: vocations@corkandross.org