



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



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087 4744341 Sick Calls

Jubilee Year of Hope Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Mission Sunday . 19th October 2025

Mission Sunday Theme: "Missionaries of Hope among all Peoples"

Sunday: 10.00 am and 12 noon.
(Ballintemple National School, Portacabin, Boreenmanna Road).
Weekdays: 7.15 am and 10:00 am. (Parish Office)

Mass Times

Ceiling and Roof Update: Saint Joseph's SMA Parish.

- i. Weekday Masses are held in the Parish Office Kitchenette and Sunday Masses are held in Ballintemple National School, Boreenmanna Road. Booked Masses have been transferred to the private SMA Oratory.
- ii. Funerals, Baptisms and Weddings are now celebrated in Saint Michael's Church, Blackrock. Bookings for these celebrations are to be made through Saint Joseph's (SMA) Parish Office on 021 4616328. The Parish SMA Fathers will celebrate these occasions in Saint Michael's, once booked with the SMA.
- iii. The Engineer affirms that the church should continue to be closed and all entry should cease. Tasks in hand now are: Builder to open up "**several pockets**" in the ceiling so that roof and ceiling can be inspected. **Survey Company** to be contacted so that a "Quantum Survey" be carried out. **Architect to be contacted** in order to investigate "Heritage Building".
- iv. In this difficult time, we ask you to continue to be supportive of the parish. You can support the parish by any of the following:
 - i. **Cheque Cash Credit Transfer Standing Order.**
 - ii. **A Tap Machine has now been installed in the Parish Office/ Kitchenette: €10.00**

 **ALPHA** is a series of interactive sessions exploring the Christian Faith. It is run over eleven weeks. A typical session consists of:

- i. A cup of tea/ coffee, with snacks.
- ii. Discussion and a chance to share ideas on the topic in an honest, friendly and open way.
- iii. This (5th) week's topic is: **How and Why do I pray?**
- iv. Every Wednesday at 7:30pm. Venue: SMA Parish Office/ Kitchenette/ House, Blackrock Road T12 TD54.

Funeral Ministry Team Formation: The Office for Mission and Ministry will be offering two more formation sessions for new teams and for new members of existing teams in the Parish Centre of Sacred Heart, Western Road on Tuesdays, October 21st and 28th from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Fr John will approach parishioners to ask them if they would consider this very important ministry. To register: <https://tinyurl.com/mission-ministry>

 **Second Collection:** Propagation of the Faith (Mission Sunday Collection).

The Bank Account number for receipt of Credit Transfers and Standing Orders is: IBAN IE97 BOFI 9028 1366 4151 45 BIC BOFIE2D
Account Name: Society of African Missions Church Account.

 **Blessing of Graves:** Sunday 2nd November at 3:00 pm in St. Michael's Cemetery, Blackrock.

 **Annual Remembrance Mass:** A Mass will be celebrated on Thursday November 20th at 7:00 pm to remember our deceased, especially those who have died since last November 2024. Please submit names to the Parish Office. **Our Remembrance Mass will take place in St. Michael's Church, Blackrock, Cork.**

Altar Server Ministry - Workshops for Priests, Parents and Adult Volunteers: To provide guidance on how we can introduce altar servers, or enhance and develop altar servers already within our parishes. These workshops will take place on Monday 20th October, 7:30 - 9:00 pm in Clonakilty Parish Centre and on Tuesday 21st October, 7:00 - 8:30 pm in Frankfield & Grange Parish Centre. For more information, contact youthministry@corkandross.org

 **Medjugorje Pilgrimage from Cork Airport:** Full daily programme. 7 nights , 4* hotel accommodation. Half board: breakfast and dinner each day. 3rd June 2026. Further information please contact Jim Keogh 4885371/0872678793. €100 off per person for bookings paid in full before 3rd November 2025!

The Roche Chalice: This chalice was used at the Diocesan Clergy Retreat. It is kept in Saint John the Baptist parish church, Kinsale. It appears to have been originally the property of the Roche family of Dunderrow, Kinsale. It has this inscription in Latin: "**Maurice Roche Esquire, of Dunderrow and his wife Maria, daughter of John Archdeacon of Monkstown, had this made.**" Originally, it was intended for use in the home of the Roche family, as there was no Catholic Church in Kinsale in the 17th Century. It was only in the house of Catholic gentry, like the Roches of Dunderrow, that Mass was offered under a roof. It has a date engraved on it, 1664. **It is 361 years old!**

