



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



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Priest on call:

087 4744341 Sick Calls

Jubilee Year of Hope Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 23rd November 2025

Mass Times

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

Ceiling and Roof Update:

- Booked Masses continue to be celebrated in the private SMA Oratory.
- Funerals, Baptisms and Weddings are celebrated in Saint Michael's Church, Blackrock. Please book these celebrations 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 parish office.
- The Engineer** affirms that the church should continue to be closed and **all** entry should cease.
- Builders** have opened up "several pockets" in the ceiling for inspection purposes.
- Survey Company (Precise Control)** A "Quantum Survey" is to be carried out. A quotation for this survey has been received.
- The Architect** has visited and will investigate the **"Heritage Building Status"**.
- A Tap Machine** is installed in the Parish Office/ Kitchenette: €5.00
- 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:
- Please consider : **Cheque** **Cash** **Credit Transfer** **Standing Order.**





Cork Light Orchestra Presents: The Beginning of Christmas. Friday 28th November, 7:00 pm in St. Joseph's SMA Church, Wilton. Tickets €20 from Eventbrite. Price includes entry into a draw for a luxury hamper. This is a fundraiser in aid of the Camino for Down Syndrome, Cork Field of Dreams.

Second Collection: P.A.F.A. Parish Aid for Africa.


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.

 **Templehill Cemetery (Rosary and Blessing of Graves):** Will take place today at 3:00 pm. The earliest recorded burial here took place in the 17th Century. Burial markers from the 18th century include both Catholic and Protestant burials.

 **Uncle Phil (Parish Critic).** "I'm not one for gossip, but I heard them say, "We no longer attend the morning Masses in the Parish Kitchenette. We prefer a Mass in a **real Church.**" I brought this to the attention of Fr John our Co-PP. He replied, "If an **upper room** in Jerusalem was good enough for Jesus to celebrate the first Mass, then the parish **kitchenette** is good enough for me!" He went on to remind me that the Masses, in the history of the church, were celebrated in peoples' homes.


Department of Education Survey about School Choice: The current Department of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary sector is important in that it will shape the discussion on primary schools divesting for the years to come throughout the Republic of Ireland. While it is important that those who wish for a change in patronage would have their voice heard. **It is equally important that those who wish for a Catholic Education for their children and for those who would wish for sacramental preparation within the school would have their voice heard also.** For those reasons and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, please participate in this survey if you are a parent, prospective parent of a Primary school student. The survey can be accessed at www.gov.ie/primary-school-survey. The IEC message regarding this survey is available on the Cork and Ross Social media platforms.

 **Forever Loved, Forever Cherished:** A Service of Remembrance for children lost during pregnancy or at birth down through the years. Church of the Resurrection, Farranree, Knockpogue Ave, Farranree, T23 NV97 on Friday 28th November 2025 at 7:00 pm.

 **Christmas Masses 2025:** Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24th December, 3:00 pm, St. Michael's Church Blackrock. For SMA Parishioners and others. **Christmas Day, Thursday 25th December,** 10:00 am and 12 noon in Ballintemple National School Portacabin, Boreenmanna Road, Cork. T12 WN44.



Prayer for Seminarians: This week we will pray for our SMA seminarian, Erario Lungu from Zambia. He is presently on a one year Pastoral Training in Benin, West Africa.

 **Irish Church Synodal Priorities:** Belonging, Co-Responsibility and Lay Ministry, Family, Formation and Catechesis, Healing, Women, Youth. We are to approach these priorities through the lens of Baptism

Christmas Dues: Please take an envelope and kindly return it next week. Dues are for the upkeep of the priests of the parish throughout the year. You may wish to take several envelopes and distribute to your relatives.