



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



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Parish Office:

4616328. Hours: Monday and Friday 10 am - 4 pm

Priest on call:

087 4744341 Sick Calls



Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) 14th December 2025

Sunday:


10.00 am and 12 noon.



Ballintemple National School, Portacabin, Boreenmanna Road.

Weekdays:

7.15 am and 10:00 am. Parish Office.



 **Christmas Masses 2025: Christmas Eve Vigil, 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.**

  **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.

 **Church Roof and Ceiling under Maintenance:**

i. Booked Masses are celebrated in the private SMA Oratory.

ii. 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.

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.**

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.

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. Don't leave it to others, have your say before 16 December 2025.

 **Bulletin Sponsorship December:** In loving memory of the Culhane family.

Confessions for Christmas 2025:

Mahon Church.

- Saturday 13th December at 6:00 pm Mass.
- Sunday 14th December at 10:00 am and 12:15 pm.


Blackrock Church.

- Saturday 20th December at 6:00 pm.
- Sunday 21st at 9:00 am.
- Sunday 21st at 11:00 am

Ballinlough Church.

- Monday 22nd December at 7:00 pm



 **Congratulations to Fr. Alphonse Sekongo SMA on receiving his Irish Citizenship last week.**