



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

The Baptism of the Lord. 11th January 2026

Sunday:

10.00 am and 12 noon.

Ballintemple National School, Portacabin, Boreenmanna Road.

Weekdays:

7.15 am and 10:00 am. Parish Office.

Intentions for Sunday Masses


10:00 am Sunday: Pro Populo.


12 noon Sunday: Paddy Coogan RIP 8th Anniversary.

Remembrance/Anniversaries: Jane Kirk RIP.

 **New Year Message:** The Priests of the Parish wish you all a very **Happy New Year**.

We would like to thank all who contributed to the strengthening of the Parish Community within the Family of Parishes, throughout 2025. We pray that your own families and friends will be blessed with health and happiness throughout 2026. As a parish we continue our journey together within the **Family of Parishes**. Throughout 2026, the Parish will call forth gifts and talents from among us. It is our prayer that we soon get up and running with the repairs to the roof and ceiling and that we once again have our beautiful church building functioning with all the roles and ministries. **Happy New Year**.

 **Christmas Dues:** Please take an envelope and kindly return it. Dues are for the upkeep of the priests of the parish throughout the year. They depend on your generosity for their upkeep. You may wish to take several envelopes and distribute them to your relatives and friends. A big **thank you** to all who have generously returned theirs already.

 **Songs of Praise:** On Sunday, 1 February 2026, an afternoon for those involved in music ministry, in the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne, beginning at 2:30pm. This afternoon is for all who are involved in music ministry to come together to learn new music, reflect, listen, and lift our voices in praise, followed by an opportunity to chat over light hospitality. This is a free event. Booking is essential. Names to the Parish Office please.

Church Roof and Ceiling under Maintenance:

- Booked Masses are now celebrated once again in the Parish Office during the week and on Sundays in the Portacabins.
- 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.


We aim to start the roof and ceiling repairs in February/March.

7 Priorities of the Irish National Synod:

Baptism provides the framework within which these priorities are to be explored and lived, reminding each one of us that every initiative, ministry, and encounter of welcome, formation, and service is rooted in the grace and calling received at baptism:

- Belonging:** Fostering a Church of welcome, inclusion, and safety where each person finds a home in community and in Christ.
- Co-responsibility and Lay Ministry:** Empowering all the baptised, women and men, to share responsibility for leadership and mission through new models of ministry and decision making.
- Family:** Supporting the domestic Church as the primary place of faith transmission and belonging, and strengthening its connection with parishes and schools.
- Formation and Catechesis:** Deepening faith through lifelong formation that is Christ-centred, experiential, and equips the baptised for discipleship in today's world. Rooted not only in learning but also in liturgy and sacramental life, so that prayer and worship become living sources of faith, understanding and mission.
- Healing:** Acknowledging wounds, especially those caused by abuse, committing to accountability, justice, and reconciliation; and ensuring safe spaces for survivors and all who carry pain.
- Women:** Recognising and including women's gifts, leadership, and co-responsibility at every level of Church life, as a matter of justice and credibility.
- Youth:** Engaging young people with authenticity, offering them meaningful roles in leadership and mission, and listening to their hopes and challenges.

Let us address these priorities throughout 2026!

 **The Lord Mayor's Tea Dance 2026:**
City Hall, Cork. Sunday 25th January 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Tickets are available from Pro Musica, Oliver Plunkett Street.

 **Second Collection:** Diocesan Needs