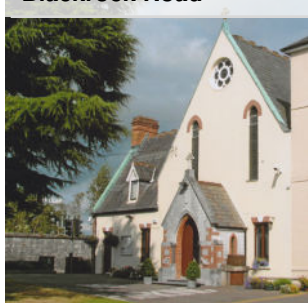




St. Joseph's (SMA Church) Blackrock Road Parish

within the Family of Parishes:

Ballinlough, Blackrock, Blackrock Road and Mahon.



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087 4744341 Sick Calls

Twenty - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 20th September 2026.

Sunday:

10.00 am and 12 Noon.

Ballintemple National School, Portacabin, Boreenmanna Road.

Intentions for Sunday Masses

10:00 am Sunday: Pro Populo.

12 Noon Sunday:

Remembrance/ Anniversaries: Uinsin MacGruairc. Phyllis Humphreys RIP.

Church Roof and Ceiling under Maintenance:

- i. Sunday Masses only, are celebrated in the Portacabin, at Ballintemple National School, Boreenmanna Road. No weekday Masses are celebrated in the Church.
- 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.
- iii.

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:

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Account Name: Society of African Missions.



The main message of the Gospel for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time is that God's grace and mercy are unconditional gifts, not wages to be earned.

1. **God operates on love, not transactional logic:** Human systems are built on merit, where your reward matches your hours logged. God, however, does not use a spiritual timecard. The landowner pays the workers who arrived at the final hour the exact same daily wage (a denarius) as those who slaved all day in the heat. This shows that salvation and divine love are granted out of pure generosity, not based on our personal achievements or how long we have been "pious".
2. **Radical equality in the eyes of God:** The parable directly challenges our human instincts about fairness. The early workers grumble, expecting more because they did more. By treating everyone equally, Jesus flips human hierarchy upside down, concluding with the definitive phrase: The last will be first, and the first will be last. In God's Kingdom, those who enter the faith late in life are just as valued as those who have served God since childhood.
3. **A cure for spiritual envy:** When the landowner asks the resentful workers, "Are you envious because I am generous?", Jesus exposes a deep flaw in human nature. The Gospel warns us against comparing our spiritual journey to others or resenting someone else's blessings. Instead, it invites us to rejoice in God's mercy whenever and to whomever it is given.



Date for your Diary: St Joseph's SMA

Parish Church Roof Fundraising Concert, **Thursday 15th October 7:00pm**, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Ballinlough. Featuring The City Of Cork Male Voice Choir, The Sonatina's Choir and more to be announced. MC PJ Coogan.



SMA National Novena to St. Therese:

We will be celebrating St. Therese's Novena in our SMA Church in Wilton, Cork City T12 KR23. The Novena will begin on Wednesday 23rd September and will close on Thursday 1st October 2026. The Novena Mass will be celebrated each evening at 7:30 pm (except Saturday 26th September at 6:00 pm Mass). Each evening, we will have a different SMA Priest leading the Mass and he will be joined by a guest choir/singer.



Thinking about being a Priest in the

Diocese of Cork and Ross: If you are between the ages of 18 and 40 and feel there is a possibility that God may be calling you to be a diocesan priest, then our monthly Discernment Group Meetings may be a good way to help you to discern this call. The first meeting takes place on Saturday September 26th. To find out more, have a chat, or to register your interest, please email Fr. Marius at vocations@corkandross.org



Gougane Sunday 2026: You are invited to

join people from across the Diocese for Gougane Sunday on Sunday 27th September when we gather to honour St Finbarr one of the Patrons of our Diocese. 1:30 pm: Confessions. 2:30pm: Rosary. 3:00 pm: Mass. Celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin. All are welcome.

Holy Cross Church Mahon celebrates 40

Years: Redemptorist-led Triduum, 21st-23rd September 2026, 7:30pm.



The Pavilion: Saturday 26th September, award-winning garden designer Jo Thompson will give a morning talk exploring "How to Create a Garden with Atmosphere" from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Please visit www.thepavilion.ie

Second Collection: Priesthood Education (12 Mass Only).