

Thank you for your generosity
last weekend

Offertory Collection - €1,020.00

This collection is for the ordinary day-to-day running of the Church in Gurrabraher.

Church Roof Appeal:

We thank Parish Assembly for raising the sum of €4,270.00 at recent event in Commons. Thanks to all for huge generosity.

Special blessings to Knitting Group, (Ard na Rí Sheltered Housing, Farranree) for raising the sum of €210.00 at Gurrabraher Christmas Fair.

Thanks too to organizers of lighting Tree of Remembrance at Churchfield for raising €85.00.

Donations for roof repairs gratefully accepted at Parish Office or they can be lodged directly into:

**Ascension Church Building Fund A/c at
AIB Bank
IE65 AIBK 934194 32642064**

SUNDAY DUTY ROTA

December 10, 2017

A priest can be contacted if required
this Sunday by phoning:

Cathedral: 087 - 2381187

*"If my people
who are called by my name
Will humble themselves and pray
and seek my face –
and turn from their wicked ways,
then I will hear from heaven
and I will forgive their sin
and I will heal their land."
- 2 Chronicles, 7:14.*

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat. 9, December

6pm. Jimmy Cotter, RIP, (1st Anniv)

Sun 10,

9am. Paddy Hession, RIP

11.30am. Mary & Denis Collins, RIP

Mon 11,

8am Novena Mass 3.

10am. Ellen O'Brien, RIP

Tue 12,

8am. Jimmy Barry, RIP. (12th Anniv)

10am. William Joyce, RIP

Wed 13,

8am. Elizabeth, Authur & Michael Murphy, RIP

10am. Patrick & Nora Cotter, RIP

Thu 14,

8am. Novena Mass 4.

10am. Margaret Mulligan, RIP.

Fri 15,

8am. Denis, Brigid & John McCarthy, RIP

10am. Michael O'Driscoll, RIP. (1st Anniv)

Sat 16,

10am. Pro-Populo.

RECENT DEATHS

We pray for those recently deceased...

Paddy Galgey, Templeacre Avenue,

Sandra Quilligan, Bakers' Road

..... Requiescat in Pace.

On First Friday of each month a special Mass (Month's Mind) is offered at 7pm in Gurrabraher for those who died over the past month. We specially invite family member to attend and pray for the person who has died.



**Ascension Parish
Gurrabraher, Cork. TK23 HK31
Sunday, December 10, 2017.
Second Sunday of Advent (B)**

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Fr. Aidan Vaughan, OFM, Cap. Tel: 021-4397472. (aidan1302@gmail.com)

Weekend Masses – Saturday 6pm (Vigil) & Sundays – 9am & 11.30am.

The Season of Advent – a Time to get Ready

The Advent season challenges us to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' first coming at Bethlehem around 2000 years ago. We are also to prepare for his present "coming" to us in his Word, in the Eucharist, in our neighbours and the



Christian community and in the abiding presence of his Holy Spirit in our souls. Finally, we are asked to be ready to meet him as our judge on his Second Coming, at the end of our lives and at the end of the world when he will come with power and great glory on the clouds of heaven, bringing our waiting for his coming to its completion.

Each year, the second and the third Sundays in Advent centres on John the Baptist, reminding us that if we want to prepare properly for the coming of Jesus we need to listen to the Baptizer's message – "Repent, prepare your hearts for the coming Messiah"..

We appeal to families especially to make Advent special by having some form of family prayer in the home each day during Advent.

***May this Advent Season bring us closer to Christ the Lord –
and may each new generation of Christians
treasure the specialness of Christmas.***

St Vincent de Paul Church door Collection this weekend

St Vincent de Paul Society hold their Christmas Church door appeal this weekend. They appeal to your generosity. There are still many who just barely manage to survive – SVP appeal to you to help them make Christmas real for the poor of our parish.

Monster Bingo at Parochial Hall – this Sunday - December 10th.

This Sunday evening, 10th December, there will be a Monster Bingo session at the Parochial Hall beginning at 8.15pm. Prizes will be double the usual – so will the price of books of tickets.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje – May, 2018.

A pilgrimage to Medjugorje is being organized for 31st May, 2018. It is 7 nights half board in Pansion Darko, close to St James' Church. Flight is from Cork and all transfers included in price. Total cost is €719.00. Special offer – all who pay the full fare by 18th December will get a €100 off price. Group Leader is Roger Power and a Spiritual Director will accompany the group.

Special Church Raffle for Church Roof

A Special Christmas Raffle is being organized at Gurrabraher Church this weekend, 9/10th December and again next weekend 16/17th December to raise fund for Church repairs. The raffle is being organized by Knocknaheeny Parish – they will provide the prizes and sell the tickets. All they ask of us is that we would support them in purchasing the tickets. There will be five prizes: 1st - Large Hamper; 2nd - Medium Hamper; 3rd – Bottle of Whiskey & Wine; 4th - Christmas cake; and 5th – Bottle of Baileys & Wine. **Tickets – €2. per sheet or 3 sheets for €5.** Draw will take place after 11.30am Mass on the 17th December.

Donations of Food items for the Needy

Gurrabraher parish is one of the few parishes in the city to make a serious effort to come to the aid of its needy - especially at Christmas time. We invite parishioners again this year to place their donations of food items in the baskets provided just off the sanctuary this week and next weekend. May God bless all generous givers. Also, if you know families that could benefit from some extra food this Christmas please let us know.

Christmas Mass Cards

Mass Cards that will remember in a Triduum of Masses all those whom the Cards will reach this Christmas are now available in Parish Office (and in Sacristy during weekend Masses). The three Masses will be offered on 24th, 25th & 26th December. These Masses will be offered up that God's love and peace may reign in each heart and home over the Christmas period - and throughout the New Year. **Cards are €2 Euro each – and six for €10.**

Regarding Infant Baptism

A minimum of One Months' notice is required for 'infant baptism'. *A pre-baptism instruction is mandatory before parents can have their child baptized.*

Next Pre-Baptism Instruction is on Thursday, January 4th @ 7pm in Parish Office

Parish Office Hours

Please be aware of the new Office Hours schedule.

10.30am – 12.30am. 2.30pm – 4.30pm. & 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

Carol Service – Scoil Padre Pio

A Carol Service organized by Scoil Padre Pio will take place at Church of Ascension on Wednesday, **13th December @ 11am**. If last year's performance is anything to go on we can be assured of a truly beautiful event. Both schoolchildren and teaching staff will take part in the event. The event is free of charge.

Ascension Parish Carol Service

Gurrabraher Parish is hosting a Carol Concert on Tuesday 19th December, 2017, @ 7pm. It will include choral singing with visiting choirs and will include vocal and instrumental performances - and congregational singing. It promise to be an enjoyable night. But it will also help us to focus on the real meaning of Christmas. We appeal to parishioners to support this event and to bring friends with them. Admission is free.

What do we mean to Happy Feastmas

I am not sure if you have seen the Subway advertisement on buses wishing people "a *Happy Feastmas*". It is an attempt by Subway to cash in on the Christmas spirit to sell their products but yet to refuse to mention the event itself. This is cynicism at its worst – and such companies that engage in this type of activity are undeserving of the support of any Christian. If you pass a Subway store be brave enough to call in and gently tell the manager of your disgust at such behaviour. We saw in UK last year Cadburys quickly reverse its decision to call Easter Eggs 'Festival Eggs' when enough people made their disgust known.

Holy Hour of Adoration

Each Thursday, parishioners gather from 7pm – 8pm to pray (mostly in silence) to the Lord for the needs of the world. During this Holy Hour we pray especially for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life. We bring before the Lord the names of those who are sick and in need of healing. We pray too for stable and happy marriages. Join with us in praying for the needs of the world each Thursday evening.