

### Mass Intentions this Week

The Offertory collection last weekend  
amounted to €1,035.00

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



*Donations for Church Renovations gratefully  
accepted at Parish Office -  
or it can be lodged directly into:*

**Ascension Church Building Fund A/c  
at any AIB Bank**

**IE65 AIBK 934194 32642064**

Or

**To our Local Credit Union**

**Gurrabraher Credit Union Account**

**Church of the Ascension Renovation Fund –  
A/c No. 02255200.**



**SUNDAY DUTY ROTA**

**November 28, 2021.**

***A priest can be contacted urgently***

***this Sunday at Farranree***

***087 096 71 77***



***We pray for those recently deceased...***

*Sheila Aherne, Blarney Road*

***Requiescat in Pace.***

**Sat 27, November (5.30pm)**

- i) Tony Gould RIP (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- ii) Mary & Jackie Kelleher RIP

**Sun 28, (9am)**

- i) Special Intention
- ii) Maura Rabone RIP

**Sun 28, (11.30am).**

- i) Maurice & Helena Newman (Anniv & RIP)
- ii) Phyllis O'Sullivan RIP

**Mon 29, (10am).**

- i) The White family RIP
- ii) Michael & Marie O'Mahoney (Recent RIP)
- iii)

**Tue 30, (10am).**

- i) The Creagh family RIP
- ii)

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> December, (10am).**

- i) Paddy O'Regan RIP (21<sup>st</sup> Anniv)
- ii)

**Thu 2<sup>nd</sup>, (10am).**

- i) Mark Sullivan RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)
- ii) Ann Corcoran RIP (51<sup>st</sup> Anniv)
- iii)

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>, (10am).**

- i) Special Intention
- ii)

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup>, (10am).**

- i) Pro Pop



## Ascension Parish

**Gurrabraher, Cork.**

**Sunday, November 28, 2021.**

### First Sunday of Advent (B)

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#### **Priests of the Parish:**

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**Weekend Masses – Saturday 5.30pm (Vigil) & Sundays – 9am & 11.30am.**

#### **The Season of Advent – a Time to get Ready**

Today we begin a New Church Liturgical Year by celebrating the Season of Advent. Advent is a time for getting ready - for making preparations to receive the Christ child when he comes again at Christmas. Without some type of spiritual preparation there is a great danger that we will miss the true significance of this very special and holy season. Christmas will then be reduced to just an occasion used to over-indulge the worst aspects of our nature.



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

The Advent liturgy for today directs our minds to the Last Day, to the Second Coming of Christ, to the Day of Judgement. We look at this not as individuals, but as a great gathering of all peoples. The suddenness of the coming of the Lord may make us a little afraid, but we should look forward in joy - rejoice when we hear them say - 'Let us go to God's house'. St Paul tells us how to live in the meantime: be fully awake and cast off the works of darkness.

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

### **Building Fund Collection this weekend – (28<sup>th</sup> November).**

The end-of-month building fund collection will take place at all Masses next weekend. At present essential work is going on around the compound at replacing broken underground drainpipes that carry away rainwater from roof. Also, a number of the Sacred Vessels, such as Chalices, Ciboria and the Monstrance for exposing the Blessed Sacrament were in very poor condition. To gild with silver and gold has cost some amount of money. But it is work that will show our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus - and that will last for decades. We appeal once again to parishioners to be generous.

### **Handel's Messiah Recital in Ascension Church – this Sunday - November 28<sup>th</sup> @ 8pm**

East Cork Choral Society will perform George Frideric Handel's great work about the life of Jesus, titled 'Messiah', at Ascension Church, Gurrabraher on Sunday, November 28, @ 8pm. Admiss. - €20.

**Soprano – Gemma Magner; Alto - Sarah Luttrell, Tenor - Peter O'Reilly;  
Bass – Gheorghe Palcu; East Cork Orchestra – Eithne Willis, leader.  
Conductor – Colin Nicholls.**

All proceeds, after expenses, will be divided between St Joseph's Parish Mayfield and our own parish, Gurrabraher. Tickets are now available at Parish Office.

### **Christmas Triduum Mass Cards**

Mass Cards that will remember in a Triduum of Masses, all those whom the Cards will reach this approaching Christmas are now available in Parish Office (and in Sacristy during weekend Masses). The three Masses will be offered on 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> December. These Masses will be offered up that God's love and peace may reign in each heart and home over the Christmas period. Cards are €2 each/€5 for 3/€10 for 6. Post early for a timely arrival to USA.

### **The Masses over the Christmas period are as follows:**

**Friday, 24<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Eve: 5.30pm & 7.30pm

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Day: 9.00am & 11.30am.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>** – Masses at 9am & 11.30am

### **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.

### **SMA Calendars for 2022 @ €3 each**

The SMA Fathers have asked us once again to help the missionary work of the Church by selling their 2022 Calendar. This Calendar is a very good quality production with Public Holidays and Holy Days of Obligation clearly marked out. It is priced at €3 each. It is a gift much appreciated by family members.

**Mass Live each day at [www.gurrabraherparish.ie](http://www.gurrabraherparish.ie)**

### **Calling Young People to a deeper knowledge of their Faith**

We invite young people who wish to have a more adult understanding of the faith to make contact with the priests of the parish. They will be directed to where they can, along with people of their own age, delve into the mystery - and encounter Jesus, the Risen Lord. Only some kind of encounter with Jesus will sustain us in the years ahead as Ireland turns its back on Christ and believes more and more that it is sufficient on its own.

### **Old Clothes Needed**

Substantial funds for church renovations can be made on old clothing. We ask all parishioners to please pass in their old clothing to Parish Office or at Parochial Hall. No pillows or duvets!

### **Children's Rosary Apostolate**

We launched a Children's Rosary on September 7<sup>th</sup>, with great success, and we would like to remind parishioners that the next Children's Rosary will be on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> of December, at 6:30pm. It is for children aged 4 to 14 years and involves the children coming together publicly each month to recite the Holy Rosary as a distinctive group. Please encourage your children and grandchildren to come along

### **Vigil to the Alliance of the Two Hearts – December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The First Friday Prayer Vigil to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary will again take place at Gurrabraher Church beginning at 7.30pm, on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The first Mass of the Vigil will take place at 8.30pm and the second Mass at 11.40pm on the night. The Vigil begins at 7.30pm with Rosary and Divine Chaplet. This is a very beautiful devotion to the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary – and in these confusing times we desperately need to pray more and more. Therefore, we invite you to join us, at least for part of the night on that date.

### **Church Activities**

**Tuesday:** Legion of Mary Meeting @ 7pm

**Wednesday:** (First Wednesdays) Baptism Instruction @ 7pm

**Thursday:** Holy Hour 7 – 8pm

**Friday:** (First Fridays) Alliance of Two Hearts Vigil @ 7.30pm to Midnight.

**Saturday:** (First Saturdays) – Marian Devotion 10am – 11.15am

**Sunday:** Bingo (Parochial Hall) @ 8pm.

### **Christmas Community Market**

The Gurrabraher Outdoor Christmas Market, usually held in Parochial Hall, will now be at the Sam Allen Sports Centre across from Parochial Hall on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December from 10am to 1pm. Should you have any saleable items/unwanted gifts you wish to donate to Ascension parish to raise funds – feel free to drop them into the parish office or to Parochial Hall. Wrap up well on the day!