

Mass Intentions this Week

The Offertory collection last weekend
amounted to €1,090

*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 14, 2021.

A priest can be contacted urgently

this Sunday at Cathedral

086 457 02 95



We pray for those recently deceased...

Dessie O'Callaghan, late of Blarney Street

Requiescat in Pace.

Sat 13, November (5.30pm)

- i) Sean O'Donovan RIP (1st Anniv)
- ii) Jimmy McDermott RIP

Sun 14, (9am)

- i) Martha O'Riordan's Intentions
- ii)

Sun 14, (11.30am).

- i) Niall Carmody RIP (22nd Anniv)
- ii) Francis (Fran) McCarthy RIP

Mon 15, (10am).

- i) Declan & Nell Cantillon – Murphy's Intentions
- ii)

Tue 16, (10am).

- i) Christopher O'Keeffe RIP
- ii) Holy Souls
- iii) Francis McCarthy RIP

Wed 17, (10am).

- i) Alice Ryan RIP (1st Anniv)
- ii) Mary & Jackie Kelleher RIP
- iii) Billy, Margaret & John Lenihan RIP (Anniv)

Thu 18, (10am).

- i) Ann O'Leary RIP (1st Anniv)
- ii) Monica Walsh RIP (Anniv)
- iii) Kitty Treacy RIP (Recent)

Fri 19 (10am).

- i) Keith Kelleher RIP
- ii) Denis & Colleen Sheehan (Intentions)
- iii) Daniel O'Callaghan RIP (21st Anniv)

Sat 20, (10am).

- i) Pro Pop



Ascension Parish

Gurrabraher, Cork.

Sunday, November 14, 2021.

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

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

Purgatory is a process, not a place

St Catherine of Genoa, a 15th Century mystic, was married at the age of 16 years to a much older man who had a serious gambling problem. The marriage was an unhappy one - and Catherine lived a very worldly life. After some years, she was struck by the emptiness of her life and searched for something deeper. In that search she encountered the heart of Christ. Thus, she began a "life of purification, which, for a long time, made her experience constant pain for the sins she had committed - and it pushed her to impose strict penances and sacrifices on herself to demonstrate her love to God".

Catherine never received specific revelations about purgatory or the souls that are being purified there... Rather, her deep prayer and focus on the conflict between human sin and God's love led her to understand logically how a person who has sinned would not be worthy to be in the presence of an all-loving, all-perfect God without purification".

"The soul that is aware of the immense love and perfect justice of God consequently suffers for not having responded correctly and perfectly to that love," said Pope Benedict in 2011. He added: "Purgatory is like a purifying fire burning inside a person - a painful experience of regret for one's sins... A soul stained by sin cannot present itself to God". Unlike most Catholics of her day, Pope Benedict XVI said, "Catherine was convinced purgatory was not a place, but a process". This purification process is not measured by temporal time – it is measured by heart's time – whatever duration it takes for the heart to be made ready to encounter the heart of Jesus.

Marriage Support Collection

Second collection this weekend is to run support programmes in the diocese for those whose marriages are in difficulty. We are asked to be generous

Kilcully Cemetery - Service of Remembrance

A Service of Remembrance will be celebrated at the following Cemeteries:

Kilcully, Sunday, 14th November @ 3pm

Curraghkippane, 21th November @ 3pm

We invite all those who have loved ones in these Holy Places to come out and pray for their dead.

Handel's Messiah Recital in Ascension Church – November 28th @ 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 will soon be 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 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. 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, 24th - Christmas Eve: 5.30pm & 7.30pm

Saturday 25th - Christmas Day: 9.00am & 11.30am.

Sunday 26th – 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.

Mass Live each day at www.gurrabraherparish.ie

Feast of Christ the Universal King – next Sunday

Next Sunday, the Church everywhere celebrates the Feast of Christ, the Universal King. The Feast concludes the Church's Liturgical year. The following Sunday, (29th November), the Church begins a new Liturgical Year with the Season of Advent – Four weeks of preparation to recognise and welcome the Christ child into our lives. The readings of these days up to the end of the Liturgical Year remind us that just as years come and go, so too a time will come for all of us when we shall be no more. All that will matter when God, the Universal King, calls is not what we have amassed in this world but how we stand in our relationship with God. The motto of the Boy Scouts is "Bí gí ullamh" (Be Ready) – that too should be the motto our motto; "for we know not the day nor the hour".

Legion of Mary Presidium at Gurrabraher

This year the Legion of Mary celebrates the centenary of its foundation in Dublin in 1921. Its founder, the Venerable Frank Duff, wished to provide a vehicle where the laity could fulfil its mission to bring Jesus to the world through Mary, his mother. Since that time many millions on all continents have been attracted to the spirituality of the Legion of Mary. Sadly, it has lost its attraction here in Ireland. Recently, we have been asked by former members for permission to relaunch a Presidium here in Gurrabraher. That Presidium will now meet every Tuesday evening at 7pm. The meetings last for approximately one hour. Can we appeal to parishioners to join with the Legion members and allow a new springtime burst forth in our parish community.

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 bed clothes!

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.