

The Offertory collection last weekend
amounted to €915.00

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

Building Fund Collection - €1,215.00



*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

December 5th, 2021.

***A priest can be contacted urgently
this Sunday at Gurrabraher***

085 804 1951



We pray for those recently deceased...

Nancy Harris, Orrery Road

Requiescat in Pace.

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 4, December (5.30pm)

- i) Mark Sullivan RIP (1st Anniv)
- ii) Christopher Connolly RIP (9th Anniv)

Sun 5, (9am)

- i) Sheila Leahy RIP
- ii) Julia & William Hoare RIP

Sun 5, (11.30am).

- i) Molly O'Riordan RIP (36th Anniv)
- ii) Paddy Galgey RIP (4th Anniv)
- iii) Noreen Milner RIP (1st Anniv)

Mon 6, (10am).

- i) Geraldine Owen's Intentions
- ii)

Tue 7, (10am).

- i) Holy Souls

Tue 7, (5.30pm) Vigil Mass

- i) Mary O'Donovan & Dora O'Connor RIP

Wed 7. (9am) Immaculate Conception

- i) Sr Eileen Manley, RIP (2nd Anniv)

Wed 7. (10am) Immaculate Conception

- i) Cathal O'Neill, RIP

Thu 9, (10am).

- i) Special Intention

Fri 10, (10am).

- i) Michael Buckley RIP (44th Anniv)
- ii) Ellen O'Brien RIP (Birth Rem)

Sat 11, (10am).

- i) Pro Pop



Ascension Parish

Gurrabraher, Cork.

Sunday, December 5th, 2021.

Second Sunday of Advent (C)

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

The Season of Advent – a Time to get Ready to receive the Christ



Second Week of Advent

Today we enter the second week of 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.

Christmas St Vincent de Paul Collection next weekend

The Church Gate Collection by St Vincent de Paul to raise funds to meet their many needs takes place next weekend. This is the last collection by SVP before Christmas. We ask parishioners to be specially generous in this collection.

Booking of Masses

The Mass book for 2022 is now open. We advise those who wish to book Masses, especially First Anniversaries to book immediately so that they are not disappointed when they come later.

Christmas Triduum Mass Cards

Mass Cards that will remember in a Triduum of Masses, all those whom the Cards will reach this approaching Christmas now available in Parish Office (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 & home over the Christmas period.

The Masses over the Christmas period are as follows:

Friday, 24th - Christmas Eve: 5.30pm (Children's Mass) & 7.30pm (Solemn Mass)

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.

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.

Donations of Food items for the Needy

Gurrabraher parish is one of the few parishes in the city who makes 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. May God bless all generous givers. Also, if you know families that could benefit from some extra food this Christmas, please let us know.

Mass Live each day at www.gurrabraherparish.ie

Feast of Immaculate Conception - (Holy Day of Obligation)

Masses on Tuesday, Vigil – 5.30pm & Wednesday 8am and 10am.

On Wednesday, 8th December, Christians all over the world celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This feast recalls a hugely decisive moment in salvation history when God intervenes to spare Mary [at her moment of conception in the womb of her mother, Ann], from the consequences of the sin of Adam, (Original sin). What were/are these consequences? The Church teaches that because of Adam's disobedience every human being ever born is contaminated by that original sin – resulting in the loss of innocence - where the human will is weakened, the intellect is darkened and human passions are inclined towards evil. Why was Mary granted this special grace from God? For one reason only – Mary was singularly chosen to bring forth in her womb the Saviour of the world. It could not happen that this Saviour could dwell in the womb of a person contaminated in any way by sin - original or actual. Thus, Mary, seen by God, even before she took existence, as an exemplary disciple, is spared the contamination of that original sin and so is indeed a worthy vessel for the Christ to take human form and to be born. What was granted to Mary before Christ's death and resurrection is now granted to all of us at Baptism.

***O Mary conceived without original sin,
pray for us who have recourse to you.***

Children's Rosary Apostolate

We would like to remind parishioners that the next Children's Rosary will be on Tuesday, 7th 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.

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.

Church Activities

Tuesday: Legion of Mary Meeting @ 7pm

Wednesday: Pre-Baptism Instruction for Infant's Baptism (1st Wednesday of each Month)

Thursday: Holy Hour 7 – 8pm (Every Thursday)

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.