

The Offertory collection last weekend
amounted to €945.00

*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

December 26th, 2021.

A priest can be contacted urgently

this Sunday at Cathedral

086 457 0292



We pray for those recently deceased...

Sheila McSweeney, Cathedral Road

Sean O'Leary, Mount Eden Rise

Requiescat in Pace.

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 25th, Christmas Day

9am – Triduum Mass

11.30am – Triduum Mass

Sun 26th, St Stephen's Day (9am)

9am. - Triduum Mass

11.30am – Triduum Mass

Mon 27 (10am).

i) Special Intention

Tue 28 (10am)

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ii) Christina Goulding RIP

iii) Paddy O'Connor RIP

Wed 29 (10am)

i) Vincent & Julia White RIP

ii) John O'Sullivan RIP (28th Anniv)

iii) Presentation Sisters Intentions

Thu 30 (10am)

i) Maureen Myers RIP (3rd Anniv)

ii) Mary Hegarty RIP (1st Anniv)

iii) Sheila O'Rourke RIP

Fri 31, (10am)

i) Collins & O'Connor family RIP

ii) Derry Kelliher RIP (2nd Anniv)

iii) John Hegarty RIP (4th Anniv)

Sat 1st January, 2022, (10am)

i) Pro Populo



Ascension Parish

Gurrabraher, Cork.

Sunday, December 26th, 2021.

Feast of the Holy Family (C)

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Fr. Aidan Vaughan, OFM, Cap. Tel: 021-439 7472. (aidan1302@gmail.com)

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

Feast of Holy Family

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. It was in the home of Mary and Joseph that Jesus was formed and shaped into the 'Man for Others' he was to become.



There in that lowly home he knew what it was to be loved, the cost of sacrifice and - what it is to grow in human wisdom.

The feast of the Holy Family reminds us of the sacredness of the institution of the family itself. The family is the most important cell of human society - and essential for human flourishing. It should be obvious that much of the dysfunction that occurs in people's lives or

in the life of society has its roots in the dysfunction of the family.

The family then – founded on the marriage of a man and a woman – is the path where children can best encounter and know God; it is a school of faith and of values; it is where the mutual self-giving and faithfulness of husband and wife provides a secure and protected home for children to best grow in virtue and to assume their own responsibilities as members of society and as citizens of a country.

Christmas Collection for the Priests of the Parish

The Church collections on Christmas Eve and on Christmas day go towards the up-keep and support of the priests of the parish. Gurrabraher is blessed to have two priests resident in the parish; Fr Tomás and Fr Aidan. We ask for your support for our priests.

Christmas Raffle to Raise Funds for Church

The annual Christmas raffle to raise funds for Ascension Church will take place again this year. These tickets are now available. Three Prizes consisting of quality Hampers will be drawn after the 5.30pm Mass on Christmas Eve. One strip for €2 and Three strips for €5. We ask your support for this raffle as declining numbers - and falling income - makes it difficult for the Church to meet its needs.

Priests of the Parish say “Thank You”

The priests of the parish, Fr Aidan Vaughan and Fr Tomás Walsh thank very sincerely Gurrabraher parishioners for their friendship and support during the year 2021. We thank most especially all who generously give of their time and talents to making sure that there is an active Christian presence in Gurrabraher. We wish all parishioners a happy and grace-filled Christmas 2021. May this season be for each parishioner a time of celebration and of happy memories – above all, may it be time when each is enraptured and enthralled by the grace of God's nearness in the presence of a little Godchild.

Calling Men to Greatness

Exodus 90 is a spiritual exercise for men to become better men, (over 50,000 who have completed it so far). It's a challenging 90-day period (Jan 17th to Easter Sunday 2022) of prayer and asceticism, supported by a weekly fraternal gathering. Today Exodus 90 is renewing the Church by transforming men. See www.exodus90.com to learn more. Zoom information event with testimonies on Thursday Jan. 6th at 8pm. Meeting ID: 494 625 9738 - Passcode: 997298 with zoom link.

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.

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.

Without Jesus man suffers only an aching hunger

The world's only hope is Christ, the Infant King, born in Bethlehem... When Bethlehem fades from the heart and souls of men, then their starved souls escape to a dead-end transcendence. Look at our culture without Christ. Its men and women, especially its young, seek to step beyond their flattened world by absorption with ghosts, and zombies; with end of the world obsessions and cartoon superheroes. What a pity - for the true Hero is so close - awaiting them in the unimposing face of a Divine Child. Christmas imposes upon every Catholic a solemn obligation: to tell the world that our joy, our answer, our peace and our rescue lay in the humility of Bethlehem.

Phone line for Senior Citizens this Christmas

Seniorline is a national confidential listening service for older people provided by trained older volunteers. This phoneline is open every day of the year from 10am to 10pm, including Christmas Day, St Stephen's Day and New Year's Day. Christmas can be a sad time for many people; and some can feel very alone. Help Line volunteers are trained older people who understand the ups and downs of life, and are happy to listen, to keep company and to support you if you feel the need. LoCall 1850 440 444. All calls completely confidential.

Thanks to Eily Morris and Supporters

We thank once again Eily Morris and her band of supporters for raising the sum of Five Hundred Euro for Church Renovations during month of December. Eily and her supporters have been raising large sums of money for Church Renovations for a good number of years. Well done to all who contribute. May they be blessed with health and peace.

SMA Calendars for 2022 @ €3 each

The SMA Fathers have asked us 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.

Vigil of Thanksgiving on New Year's Eve

A three-hour vigil of Thanksgiving will take place at Ascension Parish on Friday, 31st December, beginning at 9pm. It will conclude with Mass at 11.45. It will be to give God thanksgiving for his blessings in 2021 – and asking His protection on our families and nation in 2022.

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

Printer Ink Cartridges Wanted

We are looking for empty ink cartridges from HP and Canon Printers. These cartridges are recycled and the money obtained is used to purchase 'Tablets' and Laptops for children in schools. Drop them into the church or Parish Office.