

The Offertory collection last weekend
amounted to €900.00

*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

16th January, 2022.

***A priest can be contacted urgently
this Sunday at Gurrabraher
085 804 1951***

We pray for those recently deceased...

*Martin Morey, Mount Nebo Avenue,
Denis Healy, Churchfield Terrace (East)
Mary Casey, Knocknaheeny Avenue,
Requiescat in Pace.*

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 15th January, (5.30pm)

- i) Ellen O'Connor RIP (55th Anniv)
- ii) Harry & Kitty Quinn RIP

Sun 16th, (9am)

- i) Sr. Margaret Mary's Intentions
- ii)

Sun 16th, (11.30am)

- i) Jenny O'Sullivan RIP
- ii)

Mon 17th, (10am).

- i) Maurice Healy RIP
- ii) Ena O'Donovan's Intentions
- iii) Rose Moore's Intentions

Tue 18th, (10am)

- i) Owen Wills RIP
- ii) Sr Mary Dineen's Intentions
- iii) Holy Souls

Wed 19th, (10am)

- i) Fran McCarthy RIP (1st Anniv)
- ii) Michael Hosford RIP (1st Anniv)
- iii) Michael Sheehan RIP

Thurs 20th (10am)

- i) Timothy Byrd & family
- ii) Maurice Linehan RIP (4th Anniv)

Fri 21th, (10am)

- i) Brendan O'Shea & family Intentions
- ii) Mossie Twomey RIP (16th Anniv)
- iii) Brid Una Ní Mhaoleoin, RIP,

Sat 22nd (10am)

Pro Populo



Ascension Parish

Gurrabraher, Cork.

Sunday, January 16th, 2022

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, (C)

Parish Office – 021 - 430 3655 (If Urgent: 085 - 804 1951)

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Priests of the Parish:

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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.

The best gift we can give our country is the public witness of our Convictions

Politics is the arena where the struggle between truth and lies, justice and injustice, takes place. No nation's political life can be honest — and no government can serve the needs of its people — unless it welcomes the deepest convictions of its citizens into public debate.

People have a duty to bring their beliefs to bear on every social, economic and political problem facing their community. That's not just a privilege. And it's not just a right. It's a duty. For American Christians, to do so is a demand of the Gospel and a very practical expression of Christian love. Obviously, we have an obligation to respect the dignity of other people and their own basic rights as well. We're always bound to treat other people with charity, justice and prudence. But that can never be an excuse for our own inaction or silence.

Unless we live our faith not just in our private behaviours, but also in our public actions, including our political involvement, then we're living a lie. We're lying to ourselves, because we're not really serious about our faith unless we have the zeal and the courage to witness it. And we're also cheating our fellow citizens. In a democracy, the best gift any of us can give to our country is the public witness of our convictions. Democracy depends on an honest, unashamed, public struggle of ideas. If we withhold our religious and moral beliefs from our political debates because of a misguided sense of good manners, we are not being "polite." On the contrary: We're stealing from the public conversation. (**Archbishop Charles Chaput**)

Diocesan Needs Collection next Weekend

The second collection next weekend is one of four collections each year to help Bishop Fintan run his Chancery. Bishop Fintan asks us to be generous to these collections.

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.

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.

Volunteer Drivers Needed

The Irish Cancer Society is looking for volunteer drivers to drive patients to and from cancer treatments in our locality to the hospital. If you are available 2 weekdays per month and interested in this role, you can find further information including an online application form on www.cancer.ie. If you like further information, please email volunteer@irishcancer.ie for more details.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje – 1st – 8th June, 2022.

Inviting Pilgrims to Medjugorje. A pilgrimage from Cork to Medjugorje will take place from 1st June to 8th. 2022. It will be 7 nights plus half board, (breakfast and dinner daily). Total cost €749.00. For further information contact Mr Roger Power at 087 6442529.

Church & Parish 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.

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.

PragerU Five Minute Videos

Prager University publishes 5-minute videos which attempts to condense in five minutes the core moral and philosophical issues of our time. Subjects such as: "Is there a conflict between Science and Religion?" and "What is Communism" plus many others informative subjects are available free. To get started go to: www.prageru.com/video/are-religion-and-science-in-conflict-science-and-god

Support Catholic Journalism

The *Universe Catholic Weekly* like Newspapers everywhere struggles to survive. It suggests that even 3 subscribers in every parish would guarantee it's future. In a world where Christian news is marginalized it is important that believers would give it support. The *Universe Catholic Weekly* – delivers the contents of a great newspaper to parishioners' smartphones or tablets each Thursday for just £24 per quarter. For further details contact: universecatholicweekly.co.uk/subscribe or they can phone Michelle on [0743 661 7650](tel:07436617650) or email: sales@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

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.

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.

Old Clothes and Unwanted Gifts Gratefully Accepted

Substantial funds for church renovations can be made on old clothing, unwanted gifts or bric-a-brac from Spring clear-outs. We ask all parishioners to please pass in their old/unwanted items to Parish Office or at Parochial Hall. No pillows or duvets!

Meals on Wheels

Gurranabraher Meals on Wheels delivers nutritious meals daily to many of our senior neighbours in the Churchfield/Gurranabraher/Blarney Street area. If you or someone you know would like to avail of this service, please contact us at 021 430 1037 or 021 44301071.

Ministers of the Word Needed

We appeal for Ministers of the Word, (Readers), to proclaim the Word of God at Masses, particularly at weekends. We ask especially that younger members of the parish community would volunteer for this task in the church. If interested see Fr Tomás.

Mass Live each day at www.gurranabraherparish.ie