

The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to €891.00

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.**



We pray for those recently deceased

*i). Martin O'Leary Late of
Churchfield Gardens*

Requiescat in Pace

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat, 30th November, (5:30pm)

- i). Noel O'Riordan, RIP, (2nd Anniv)
- ii). Michael O'Sullivan, RIP

Sun, 1st December, (9am)

- i). Sr. Bernadine Woods, RIP
- ii). Maisie Farrell, RIP, (Anniv)

Sun, 1st December, (11.30am)

- i). Molly O'Riordan, RIP
- ii). Jerry Crean, RIP, (1st Anniv)

Mon, 2nd December, (10am)

- i). Mark O'Sullivan, RIP, (4th Anniv)
- ii). Special Intentions for Denis
- iii). Holy Souls
- iv). Novena Mass 1.

Tue, 3rd December, (10am)

- i). Julia & Vincent White, RIP
- ii). Sheila Kelliher Intentions
- iii). Katherin & Tom Kiely and All they Family (Tom & Family, Larry & Family, Michael & Chloé & Henry & Mary & Andy & All they 17 grandchildren & greatgrandchild; (Blessing & Hope & Happiness & Peace & Safe Travels & Health).

Weds, 4th December (10am)

No Mass on this day

Thurs, 5th December, (10am)

- i). Ann & Mary Corcoran, RIP
- ii). Paddy Galgey, RIP, (7th Anniv)
- iii). Novena Mass 2.

Friday, 6th December, (10am)

No Mass on this day

Sat, 7th December, (10am)

- i). Pro populo

No weekday Masses on Wednesdays and Fridays.



Ascension Parish, Gurrabraher
(Part of the family of parishes incorporating Farranree/ Knocknaheeny/ Clogheen/ Kerry Pike)

**1st Sunday of Advent UN World Aids Day
Sunday, 1st December 2024**

Priests of the area:

Fr. Tomás Walsh, SMA. PP (walshtomas@hotmail.com)

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

Fr. Sean O'Sullivan, resident at Farranree, (021 493 2230)

Fr. Cian O'Sullivan, resident at Knocknaheeny, (021 439 2427)

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OFFICE HOURS: 10:30 – 12:30 MON – FRI

WEDS/THURS/FRI AFTERNOONS 1PM – 4:30PM

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 uniqueness of Christmas.***

Donations of Food Items for the Needy

Gurranabraher parish is one of the few parishes in the city that 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.

Building Fund Collection (30th November 2024 & 1st December 2024).

Building Fund Collection takes place on the 30th November 2024 & 1st December 2024. The end-of-month building fund collection will take place at all Masses over this weekend. The debt for the replacement of the roof is still ongoing and now we have the additional expense of the replacement of our iconic cross and restorative work on the grounds. We ask for your continued support for the renovation project.

RADIO MARIA IRELAND Christmas Fundraiser!

On Friday, 13th December 2024, in the Meadowlands Hotel, Tralee. Doors open @ 5:30pm followed by a four-course meal, live music, information about Radio Maria including its mission, vision and how it can help support the faithful in Ireland today. Why not come along and enjoy a great night and help a charity! To book your ticket (**€65 per person**) go to [Eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie) or to book over the phone or for more information, call the studio on (01) 4123456 or online on www.radiomaria.ie

Radio Maria Ireland is available on digital television via Saorview **channel 210**, website www.radiomaria.ie, or on the App 'Radio Maria Ireland', **via Alexa, Facebook and Google** and, for those without digital connectivity via landline phone broadcast on (01) 437 3277

Celebrating Altar Servers: Altar servers are a really important ministry in each of our Parishes. Since Covid some Parishes have struggled to re-engage Altar Servers. The Office for Mission and Ministry and the Coordinator for Youth Ministry are looking at ways of supporting Parishes to develop or introduce Altar Servers.

A first step is to gather with all of our Altar Servers and those priests and adult volunteers who look after them to celebrate Altar Serving in a fun atmosphere and to look at how we can together develop this ministry. We are gathering on **Sunday, December 8th 2024 from 2.30pm to 4.00pm** in *Ballincollig Parish Centre, Station Road, Ballincollig, P31 KV63.*

Bingo at Gurranabraher Credit Union/Parochial Hall Arena



Bingo continues every Sunday from 8pm at Parochial Hall. Competitive prizes available. Bring friends and support your local community.

Regarding Infant Baptism

A minimum of one month's notice is required for 'infant baptism'. A pre-baptism instruction is mandatory before parents can have their child baptized. Both parents will have to attend a pre-baptism instruction held at Gurranabraher Parish Office on the first Wednesday of each month.

Christmas Dues Collection

Shortly the Christmas Dues envelopes will be distributed throughout the parish by our very dedicated volunteers, and will also be available in the Sacristy should anyone wish to help us to deliver them – please let us know. This collection goes towards the up-keep of the church and support of the priests of the parish. Fr. Tomás and Fr. Aidan deeply appreciate your generosity, cooperation and friendship in 2024.

Booking of Masses 2025

The Mass book for 2025 is now open. We advise those who wish to book Masses, especially First Anniversaries to book immediately so that they are not disappointed later on. You will be asked to provide a contact number in case of Mass time changes. ***There are no Masses on Wednesdays and Fridays.***

St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Church-door Collection (7th December 2024 & 8th December 2024).

The monthly Church-door collection taken up by St. Vincent de Paul Society will take place next weekend. It is the largest voluntary charitable organization in Ireland. They take a hands-on approach to combating poverty, and are dedicated to reducing its effects on individuals and families, engaging directly with those in need.

Friendly Call Cork

Friendly Call Cork is a free service providing a daily phone call to older people or individuals' who may feel lonely or isolated in Cork City; the service specifically targets people who cannot engage in an active way in the community. Friendly Call Cork provides friendship and security helping clients feel safer at home. If a client does not answer, the Friendly Caller will phone a member of their family, a neighbour or a friend. Contact Jackie or Fiona on 021 430 1700 or 087 636 6407, email: friendlycall@partnershipcork.ie