

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat, 14th December, (5:30pm)

- i). Teresa & James White, RIP, (Anniv)
- ii). Noreen Milnea, RIP, (4th Anniv)
- iii). Ellen O'Brien, (Birthday Remembers)

Sun, 15th December, (9am)

- i). Keane & O'Brien Family, (Deceased)
- ii). Ellen & Frank Cummins, RIP

Sun, 15th December, (11.30am)

- i). Michael O'Driscoll, RIP, (14th Anniv)
- ii). Nancy O'Connell, RIP
- iii). Bina Falvey, RIP, (4th Anniv)

Mon, 16th December, (10am)

- i). Jerry & Eva O'Riordan, RIP
- ii). Denis & Kathleen O'Mahony, RIP, (Anniv)
- iii). Novena Mass 5.

Tue, 17th December, (10am)

- i). Davie Murphy, RIP, (4th Anniv)
- ii). Eillen Hogan, RIP, (Anniv)
- iii). Michael John O'Brien, RIP, (26th Anniv)
- iv). Leonard Baker, RIP, (17th Anniv)

Weds, 18th December (10am)

No Mass on this day

Thurs, 19th December, (10am)

- i). Margaret Buckley, RIP, (37th Anniv)
- ii). John O'Regan, RIP, (Anniv)
- iii). Novena Mass 6.

Friday, 20th December, (10am)

- i). John Ivor & Theresa McLoughlin, RIP
- ii). Pat & Margaret McCann, RIR, (1st Anniv)

Sat, 21st December, (10am)

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No weekday Masses on Wednesdays and Fridays



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

3rd Sunday of Advent (C)

Sunday, 15th December 2024

Priests of the area:

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OFFICE HOURS: 10:30 – 12:30 MON – FRI

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

The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to €990.00

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



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
Gurranabraher Credit Union Account
Church of the Ascension Renovation
Fund – A/c No. 02255200.**



Christmas - A long-awaited promise fulfilled

The promise: “*You, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are so little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for Me one who is to be ruler of Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days*” (**Micah 5: 2.**)

Consult any history book and the author will point you to the great centres of civilization in antiquity: Rome, Athens, Tenochtitlan, The Indus River Valley, China.

Nowhere in any ancient estimation would it be said that the fulcrum of the world was to be found in a hard-scrabble little village of washed-up dreams out on the fringe of Augustus’ realm. True, Bethlehem had had its little moment in the sun, politically, a thousand years before, because it was the birthplace of David (an obscure Semitic monarch who meant a great deal to one of the little ethnic groups that buzzed like flies somewhere on the borders of Roman political consciousness).

But let’s face it: Jewish nostalgia for David had about as much to do with hope as some tribe of Bantus dream of achieving world military domination. *So why did the Jews hang on? Because God promised a Saviour would be born of them. And on that Christmas night, against all hope, the promise came true. The King of the Universe – Jesus, the Christ, came to be born – and “man will live forever more because of Christmas Day!”*

May that King’s rule reign in the hearts of all people this Christmas.

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 Gurrabraher Parish Office on the first Wednesday of each month.

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.***

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.

CALLING ALL ADULTS AGED 65 AND OVER

Do you eat bread most days?

Would you be happy to consume a bread provided to you for 8 weeks?

JOIN THE OASIS STUDY

We are researchers in University College Cork investigating the benefits of vitamin

D-fortified foods in adults aged 65+

Help us shape the future of food fortification in Ireland!

What's involved?

2 x 60-minute visits to UCC

2 x Blood samples

2 x Diet intake assessments

Consumption of UCC trial bread for 10 weeks

For more information contact: Dr Colette O'Neill

Email: oasis@ucc.ie or Phone: 086 811 0792

Travel expenses covered within the Cork city area.

Bingo at Gurrabraher Credit Union/Parochial Hall Arena



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

Donations of Food Items for the Needy

Gurrabraher 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.

Gurrabraher Meals on Wheels

Gurrabraher Meals on Wheels has been providing nutritious meals to older and vulnerable members of the parish for many decades. Should you know of someone (family member, friend, neighbour, or yourself) who would benefit from this service – please contact *Liz/Brid on (021) 430 1037*

Cork Alzheimer's Café a safe place for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias, their carers, family and friends along with social and health professionals to meet. Last Friday of each month 11.00 am - 12.30 pm in St. Finbarr's Hospital, Douglas Road. Light refreshments provided free of charge. All welcome! *Friday, 20th December 2024 - Next Meeting. Art with Gillian & Inga from the Crawford Art Gallery.*

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 **Saturday, 25th January 2024 from 2.30pm to 4.00pm** in *Ballincollig Parish Centre, Station Road, Ballincollig, P31 KV63*

***Confessions after Vigil 5.30pm Mass on Saturday, 21st December 2024.
Confessions in Knocknaheeny after 6.00pm Vigil Mass and in
Farranree after 6.30pm Mass on Saturday, 21st December 2024.
In Clogheen after 10.30am Mass on Sunday, 22nd December 2024.***