

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat, 21st December, (5:30pm)

- i). Margaret & Larry Coade, RIP
- ii). May Bradley, RIP
- iii). Novena Mass 7.

Sun, 22nd December, (9am)

- i). Collins & O'Connor Families (Deceased)
- ii). Myers & Kiely Families (Deceased Members)

Sun, 22nd December, (11.30am)

- i). Jimmy Josie, Paddy & Mary Hussey, RIP
- ii). Tony Dunphy, RIP, (1st Anniv)
- iii). Gerald O'Brien, RIP, (1st Anniv)

Mon, 23rd December, (10am)

- i). Sr. Bernadine Woods, RIP
- ii). Noel Walsh, RIP, (1st Anniv)
- iii). Michael Sheehan, RIP
- iv). Novena Mass 8.

Tue, 24th December, (10am)

- i). Michael & Kathleen Collins, RIP
- ii). Pat O'Gorman, Margaret & Maura Moynihan, RIP
- iii). Sarah-Kate O'Meara, RIP

Tue, 24th December, (5.30pm)

- i). Children's Mass
- ii). Tridium Mass

Weds, 25th December (9am)

- i). Christmas Tridium Mass

Weds, 25th December (11.30am)

- i). Christmas Tridium Mass

Thurs, 26th December, (10am)

- i). Christmas Tridium Mass

Friday, 27th December, (10am)

- i). Special Intention, (Birthday)
- ii). Novena Mass 9.

Sat, 28th December, (10am)

- i). Pro populo

No weekday Masses on Wednesdays and Fridays



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

4th Sunday of Advent (C)
Sunday, 22nd December 2024

Priests of the area:

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

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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 €883.00

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.**



We pray for those recently deceased

Kathleen Horgan, Late from Blarney Rd.

Requiescat in Pace

‘And man will live forever more because of Christmas day...’

The birth of the Christ child: "This was the moment that Israel had been waiting for centuries, through many dark hours and painful trials... the moment that all mankind was somehow awaiting, in terms as yet ill-defined: when God would take care of us, when He would step outside his concealment, when the world would be saved – and when all things would be restored to their original purity.

"Yet when at last he came there is 'no room at the inn'. In some way, humanity is awaiting God, waiting for Him to draw near. But when the moment comes, there is no room for Him. Man is so preoccupied with himself, he has such urgent need of all the space and all the time for his own things, that nothing remains for others - for his neighbour, for the poor, for God. *And the richer men become, the more they fill up all the space by themselves. And the less room there is for others.*

But for those who did receive Him there grows silently the new house, the new city, the new world. The message of Christmas makes us recognize the darkness of a closed world... Yet it also tells us that God does not allow himself to be shut out. He finds a space, even if it means entering by way of a stable.

"Whether we are simple shepherds or 'wise men' - the light and its message call us to set out, to leave the narrow circle of our desires and interests, to go out to meet the Lord and worship him. And we worship Him by opening the world to truth, to goodness, to Christ, to the service of those who are marginalized and in whom He awaits us."

Go Raibh gach sonas ort an Nollaig seo.

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.

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.

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.

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 2025 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 are available including a 'must win' category. Bring friends and family to this great social event at your local amenity and support your local community.

*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.*

Friendly Call Volunteers Needed

If you can spare a couple of hours a week and would like to tackle loneliness and isolation, please contact Fiona/Jackie at friendlycall@partnershipcork.ie or call to their office in Parochial Hall, 114 Knockfree Avenue, Churchfield, Cork.

The Irish Cancer Society

The Irish Cancer Society is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers in our community. Your time can help to continue the vital service of providing transport for patients attending cancer treatment appointments. If you have a few hours to spare, a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you're the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Your generosity can ease the journey for many during a challenging time. For more information and to become a volunteer driver, please contact Monica at volunteer@irishcancer.ie

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Group Leader: Roger Power

Led by Spiritual Director

4th of June 2025

7 Nights

€899.00 per person sharing a room

For Information Contact a Mr. Roger Power: (087) 6442529

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul wishes to thank you most sincerely for your very generous support at Christmas and throughout the year. The Christmas collection amounted to €786.39.

Your continuing support for our activities is very much appreciated.

Monthly Church Gate Collection for January 2025 are Saturday, 4th January 2025 & Sunday, 5th January 2025.