

## Mass Intentions this Week

### Sat, 11<sup>th</sup> January, (5:30pm)

- i). John O'Brien, RIP, (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- ii). Margaret & Pat McCann, RIP, (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)
- iii). All Members of the Hayes Family

### Sun, 12<sup>th</sup> January, (9am)

- i). Kate & Martin O'Rourke & Deceased Family Members, RIP, (Anniv)

### Sun, 12<sup>th</sup> January, (11.30am)

- i). Brendan Buckley, RIP, (Anniv)
- ii). Isabella & John O'Connor, RIP, (Anniv)
- iii). Tom Dunphy, RIP, (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

### Mon, 13<sup>th</sup> January, (10am)

- i). Mary O'Leary & Chris, Ellen & Michael Murphy, RIP, (Anniv)
- ii). Michael Barry, RIP
- iii). Bobby Moore, RIP, (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

### Tue, 14<sup>th</sup> January, (10am)

- i). Rita Donie & Jack Casey, RIP
- ii). Angela O'Brien, RIP
- iii). William O'Driscoll, RIP
- iv). Novena Mass 4.

### Weds, 15<sup>th</sup> January, (10.00am)

**No Mass on this day**

### Thurs, 16<sup>th</sup> January (9am)

- i). Mary O'Donovan, RIP
- ii). Bill O'Brien, (Recently RIP)
- iii). Maureen Horgan, (Recently RIP)

### Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> January, (10am)

**No Mass on this day**

### Sat, 18<sup>th</sup> January, (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)

**The Baptism of Our Lord**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Ordinary Time (C)**  
**Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

#### Priests of the area:

Fr. Tomás Walsh, SMA. PP ([walshtomas@hotmail.com](mailto:walshtomas@hotmail.com))

Fr. Aidan Vaughan, OFM, Cap. ([aidan1302@gmail.com](mailto: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 Offertory collection last weekend amounted to €920.00**

*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.**



## Just in passing...

### Vatican City:

If children do not learn to pray from their parents, it will be difficult for them to ever learn to communicate with God naturally, simply and deeply, Pope Benedict XVI said “In the family, children from the tenderest age can learn to perceive the sense of God thanks to the teaching and example their parents give of living in the presence of God,” he said at his weekly general audience. Continuing a series of audience talks on prayer, Pope Benedict looked at the Holy Family as a model of family life marked by faith, work and regular moments of prayer together. “The Holy Family is the icon of the domestic church called to pray together. The family is the domestic Church and must be the first school of prayer,” he said. While the Gospels do not give many details about Jesus’ childhood, he said, the Bible is clear that Mary and Joseph were observant Jews, which means they prayed at regular times throughout the day and before meals. They went to Jerusalem to present Jesus in the temple when he was 40 days old and journeyed to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. “An authentically Christian education cannot lack the experience of prayer,” the Pope said, “If one does not learn to pray in the family, it will be difficult to fill this void, so I want to invite you to rediscover the beauty of praying together as a family in the school of the Holy Family of Nazareth and, in that way, to become truly one heart and one soul, a true family.”

## MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

Group Leader: Roger Power

Led by Spiritual Director

4<sup>th</sup> of June 2025

7 Nights

€899.00 per person sharing a room

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

### 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 2024. 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 New Year in 2025. 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.



*Churchfield and Surrounding Areas Network  
welcomes you a*

**Neighbourhood Gathering  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025**

**1:30 pm - 3:00 pm**

**Gurrabraher Credit Union Arena**

**PAROCHIAL HALL  
Churchfield, T23 W08N**

**Showcasing**

**Services & Courses**

*available to the community  
Refreshments provided*



### Bingo at Gurrabraher 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.

**Come and Discover Alpha:** Would your Parish or *Family of Parishes* like to find out more about Alpha? We are hosting a 'Come and Discover Alpha' day from 10am to 4pm in the **Visitor Centre of the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne** on **Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4pm**. In the morning, you will have the opportunity to experience a full Alpha session, and we will be offering workshops in the afternoon on how to run Alpha. Registration is essential: <https://tinyurl.com/mission-ministry>

### 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](mailto:friendlycall@partnershipcork.ie) or call to their office in Parochial Hall, 114 Knockfree Avenue, Churchfield, Cork.

### 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.

### 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](mailto:volunteer@irishcancer.ie)

**Celebrating Altar Servers:** Altar servers are a really important ministry in each of our Parishes. Since Covid some Parishes have struggled to reengage 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, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 2.30pm to 4.00pm** (venue to be confirmed).