

## Mass Intentions this Week

**The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to €1.099**

*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). Pat Russell, Late of Churchfield Ave.*
- ii). Nora O'Keefe, Late of Colmcille Rd.*

***Requiescat in Pace***

### **Sat, 25<sup>th</sup> January, (5:30pm)**

- i). Jim Bell, RIP, (22<sup>nd</sup> Anniv)
- ii). Paddy Corcoran, RIP, (37<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- iii). Sheila Buckley, RIP, (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

### **Sun, 26<sup>th</sup> January, (9am)**

- i). Betty O'Doherty, RIP, (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv)
- ii). Novena Mass 7.

### **Sun, 26<sup>th</sup> January, (11.30am)**

- i). Gavin Lawless, RIP, (14<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- ii). Marie O'Callaghan, RIP, (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- iii). Tony Chambers, (Month's Mind)

### **Mon, 27<sup>th</sup> January, (10am)**

- i). Holy Souls
- ii). Sheehan Family, RIP
- iii). Hugh O'Brien, RIP

### **Tue, 28<sup>th</sup> January, (10am)**

- i). William O'Driscoll, RIP
- ii). Holy Souls
- iii). Novena Mass 8.

### **Weds, 29<sup>th</sup> January, (10.00am)**

**No Mass on this day**

### **Thurs, 30<sup>th</sup> January (10.00am)**

- i). John Long, RIP, (Anniv)
- ii). Abina O'Sullivan, RIP, (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)
- iii). Michael Murphy, (Birthday Remembers)
- iv). Novena Mass 9.

### **Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> January, (10am)**

**No Mass on this day**

### **Sat, 1<sup>st</sup> February, (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)

**St. Timothy and Titus**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time (C)**  
**Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

#### **Priests of the area:**

Fr. Tomás Walsh, SMA, PP ([walshthomas@hotmail.com](mailto:walshthomas@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**

### **Evangelii Gaudium “The Joy of the Gospel”**

Pope Francis recently published this letter (Encyclical) to Gods' faithful people.

He wishes to encourage the Christian faithful to undertake a new evangelization marked by the joy of the Gospel.

Pope Francis wants to awaken in every single Catholic a dynamic sense of the call to share the Good News of Jesus with others.

“I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ as no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord”

The emphasis of joy is the Church's response to the emptiness and pain of today's culture of despair in a world pervaded by the consumerist approach to life.

Today's technological society has succeeded in multiplying occasions of pleasure at the expense of true joy. Joy is the by product of our relationship with Jesus and Our Lord and Saviour.

### Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage to Rome Launch

Bishop Fintan will lead a group of fifty young people (18 to 30 years) to Rome this summer from the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025 to the 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025 for **Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage**. It is a once in a life opportunity for our young people to not only meet the Pope, to experience the Eternal City, but also to be encouraged and inspired as they meet other young people of faith from all continents.

Hundreds of thousands of young people are expected to travel and to experience this Jubilee Celebration, which only happens every twenty-five years in the Church. The pilgrimage will cost €550 per person (plus fundraising) and will include seven nights half board at the Irish College, Travel Insurance, a 20Kg bag, and a pilgrim kit.

There will be a special Launch Evening on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7.30pm in Mardyke House (T12 W8RP)**.

### 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.

"The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart are going to Lourdes from the 25-30 May 2025 from Cork." For more details, please ring Mary at 021 454 6691 or email [mary.morrish@mscmissions.ie](mailto:mary.morrish@mscmissions.ie)

### Foundations in Theology and Sycamore Programmes for Young Adults

The Diocese of Cork and Ross, in collaboration with UCC Chaplaincy and the Presentation Brothers LEAF Project, is offering two exciting programmes for young adults (18-35 years), starting on **Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025 from 6-8pm in Mardyke House, Cork, T12 W8RP**

Both programmes will run concurrently over the next 10 weeks:

- **Foundations in Theology:** This introductory programme explores the fundamentals of our Christian faith. Sessions will be presented by various experts, including some of our own priests.
- **Sycamore Formation Series:** A welcoming and accessible starting point for young adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith.

Each session will begin with food and refreshments, and provide participants with an opportunity to engage in meaningful discussion.

To sign up or for more information, please email Sheila at [youthministry@corkandross.org](mailto:youthministry@corkandross.org)

### 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.

### 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**

### Christmas Raffles Results:

1. **Salmon: BZ 639731**
2. **Salmon: BZ 639161**
3. **Pink: BZ 639231**
4. **Pink: BZ 632476**

### Year of Prayer, Listening and Discernment

**Family of Parish Gatherings – Next Steps:** Over the next four months all the Parishes and Families of Parishes of our Diocese will be involved in the next stage of our Year of Prayer, Listening and Discernment. This will involve representatives of each Parish Leadership Team participating in 3 meetings over 3 weeks reflecting on the questions posed in Bishop Fintan's invitation in September. Since September, people individually and in Parishes have been praying the Diocesan Prayer from the Boat. As we continue to pray this prayer together, we pray for the success of these gatherings and we pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us as together we try to pray, listen and discern God's future for our Church.

**Celebrating Altar Servers Gathering:** The gathering for Altar Servers, parents, priests and adult volunteers who look after them to celebrate Altar Serving in a fun atmosphere and to look at how we can develop this ministry together will take place on **Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025 from 2.30pm to 4.00pm in Frankfield & Grange Parish Centre**. The parish centre is just behind the **Church of the Incarnation, Frankfield/Grange, Douglas, Cork, T12 A660**.

Parking is available in the church car park.