

**The Priests' Easter collection**  
amounted to €1,910.

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

**The Good Friday collection for Holy Places**  
amounted to €420.

*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.**



**SUNDAY DUTY ROTA**

**24<sup>th</sup> April, 2022.**

***A priest can be contacted urgently  
this Sunday at  
Knocknaheeney 087 654 4836***



***We pray for those recently deceased...***

*Kathleen Hosford, Churchfield Place East*  
*Donal Crowley, late Gurrabraher*

***Requiescat in Pace***

**Mass Intentions this Week**

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> April, (5:30pm)**

- i) Mark Horgan RIP (Birth Remb)
- ii) Grace McCarthy RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

**Sun 24<sup>th</sup>, (9am)**

- i) Kathleen Collins RIP (11<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- ii) Collins & O'Connor families RIP

**Sun 24<sup>th</sup>, (11.30am)**

- i) Mossie Crowley RIP (14<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- ii) Ned & Phil Sorenson RIP (12<sup>th</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv)

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup>, (10am).**

- i) Sr Nellie's Intentions
- ii) Novena Mass 7
- iii) Arie & Tom Hurley's Intentions

**Tue 26<sup>th</sup>, (10am)**

- i) John Sutton RIP (80<sup>th</sup> Birth Remb)
- ii) Michael & Marie O'Mahony RIP
- iii) Thanksgiving Mass

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup>, (10am)**

- i) Sr Bernadette Cotter's Intentions
- ii) John Cagney RIP
- iii) Nora Ahern RIP (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv)

**Thur 28<sup>th</sup>, (10am)**

- i) Nuala Manning, RIP (Died Recently)
- ii) Baby Ellie's Intentions
- iii) Novena 8

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup>, (10am)**

- i) John Hyde, RIP
- ii) Tracey Foley RIP (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv)
- iii) Novena Mass 9

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup>, (10am)**

- i) Pro Pop



## **Ascension Parish**

**Gurrabraher, Cork.**

**Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

**Divine Mercy Sunday, (C)**

**Parish Office – 021 - 430 3655 (If Urgent: 085 - 804 1951)**

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Website: [www.gurrabraherparish.ie](http://www.gurrabraherparish.ie)

**Office Hours: 10:30 – 12:30 & 1pm – 5pm**

**Priests of the Parish:**

Fr. Tomás Walsh, SMA. [Tel: 021-4303 658](tel:021-4303658). ([walshtomas@hotmail.com](mailto:walshtomas@hotmail.com))

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

**Weekend Masses – Saturday 5.30pm (Vigil) & Sundays – 9am & 11.30am.**

### **Divine Mercy – From Jesus issues an unfathomable Ocean of Mercy**



This, the Second Sunday of Easter, is designated as Divine Mercy Sunday. From the diary of a young Polish nun, a special devotion began spreading throughout the world in the 1930s. The message is nothing new, but is a reminder of what the Church has always taught through scripture and tradition: that God is merciful and forgiving and that we, too, must show mercy and forgiveness. But in the Divine Mercy devotion, the message takes on a powerful new focus, calling people to a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available to everyone - even the greatest of sinners.

The message and devotion to Jesus, **the Divine Mercy**, is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread around Europe. On this Sunday each year we are called to make atonement for our sins and to pray for the conversion, especially of family members, who show contempt for God's reign. May Mary, the mother of God, bring us to an awareness of our need for God's forgiveness.

### **Building Fund Collection this weekend**

The April end-of-month building fund collection will take place at all Masses this weekend. Shortly Financial Statements for the Year 2021 will be published. It will show again the magnificent contribution of parishioners over that time – and the work that was accomplished in 2021. We ask for your continued support for the Renovation project.

### **Vincent de Paul collection next weekend**

St Vincent del Paul will be collecting at all Masses next weekend. The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul exists to fight poverty and work for social justice and the creation of a more just, caring nation. They provide practical support to people in need through their wide range of services. Please help in any way you can by donating to those who are less fortunate.

### **Easter Raffle Results**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Church Renovations Fund by buying a ticket for the Easter raffle and especially to the ladies who organised it. The amount raised was €1293. The winning tickets were drawn after 11:30 Mass on Easter Sunday and are as follows: **AL006206, AL006656, AL006646, AL000626, AL007091, AL001991.**

### **Irish Catholic Newspaper - €2.50.**

At the request of a number of parishioners we now have on sale in our church, each weekend, the ***Irish Catholic Newspaper***. It is the only weekly newspaper that gives a Catholic slant on the news that is happening. We encourage our parishioners to support this newspaper.

### **Seraphic Mass Cards now €15 each.**

A recent order for Seraphic Mass Cards, (padded PVC Covered Cards), shows that they have gone up 40% in price since the last order. This is due to the increase in the cost of materials to make them. It means that the Seraphic Cards, (that have remained €10 for many years) are now costing the sum of €15 each. We hope that our parishioners will continue to take them as they are a very beautiful gift to give at times of bereavement.

### **Calling Young People to a deeper knowledge of their Faith**

We invite young people who wish to have a more adult understanding of the faith to contact the priests of the parish. They will be directed to where they can, along with people of their own age, delve into the mystery - encounter Jesus, the Risen Lord. Only some kind of encounter with Jesus will sustain us in the years ahead as Ireland turns its back on Christ and believes more and more that it is sufficient on its own.

### **Totus Tuus Pilgrimage to Fatima**

Fully escorted group pilgrimage to Fatima – also visiting Valinhos, Aljustrel, and Balasar. Coach from Cork to Dublin airport. 7 nights at €735pps. 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Spiritual Director Fr. Marius O'Reilly. For further details contact Damien Philpott: 087 204 9048

**Mass Live each day at 10.am @ [www.gurranabraherparish.ie](http://www.gurranabraherparish.ie)**

### **Rosary at the Grottos**

The Rosary will be prayed each day during May at grottos around the Island of Ireland. To see a list of locations, or to register a grotto simply visit [www.coastalrosaryireland.ie](http://www.coastalrosaryireland.ie) or by texting 087 278 6552. We are praying for Ireland and for peace in the world.

### **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.

### **Pilgrimage to Italy 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

A seven-night pilgrimage to Italy in September. Highlights of this tour include: visit to the historic town of Assisi, a Papal audience in St Peter's, and visits to Montecassino Abbey, San Giovanni Rotondo, Monte Sant' Angela and St Mathew's Monastery. Cost €1,195.00. *For further details contact Roger, 087 644 2529*

### **Parochial Hall Bingo @ 8pm every Sunday**

Bingo has resumed at the Parochial Hall each Sunday at 8pm. We encourage older parishioners to resume playing Bingo and meeting old friends again – enjoy the Craic.

### **Only when God grants vision is Jesus recognized**

"It is quite clear that after his Resurrection Christ did not go back to his previous earthly life, as we are told the young man of Nain and Lazarus did. He rose again to definitive life, which is no longer governed by chemical and biological laws and therefore stands outside the possibility of death, in the eternity conferred by love. That is why the encounters with him are "appearances"; that is why he with whom people had sat at table two days earlier is not recognized by his best friends and, even when recognized, remains foreign: only where *he* grants vision *is* he seen; only when he opens men's eyes and makes their hearts open up can the countenance of the eternal love that conquers death become recognizable in our mortal world, and, in that love, the new, different world, the world of him who is to come. That is also why it is so difficult, indeed absolutely impossible, for the Gospels to describe the encounter with the risen Christ; that is why they can only stammer when they speak of these meetings and seem to provide contradictory descriptions of them. In reality they are surprisingly unanimous in the dialectic of their statements, in the simultaneity of touching and not touching, or recognizing and not recognizing, of complete identity between the crucified and the risen Christ and complete transformation. People recognize the Lord and yet do not recognize him again; people touch him, and yet he is untouchable; he is the same and yet quite different. As we have said, the dialectic is always the same; it is only the stylistic means by which it is expressed that changes." (Joseph Ratzinger, 2004).

### **Free Part-Time Courses @ Cork College of FET, Knocknaheeny**

Cork College of FET Knocknaheeny Centre, Harbour View Road. Free Part-Time Courses. Open to all. We have a range of taster and accredited courses, including art, upholstery, sewing, computers, gardening to mention just a few. Call 086 1035343 or email for more information.