

The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to €930.

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

The Building Fund collection last weekend amounted to: €1,405.

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

3rd April, 2022.

A priest can be contacted urgently

this Sunday at

Farranree 087 096 7177



We pray for those recently deceased...

*Pat Lynch, St Colmcille Road
Roy Greaney, Cathedral Road*

Requiescat in Pace

5th Sunday of
Lent
We prepare

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 2nd April, (5.30pm)

- i) Marie & Michael O'Mahony RIP
- ii) Mary O'Callaghan RIP (Months Mind)

Sun 3rd, (9am)

- i) Cahalane Family's Intentions
- ii) Special Intentions

Sun 3rd, (11.30am)

- i) Jenny McCarthy RIP (2nd Anniv)
- ii) Eleanor & Keith O'Callaghan RIP (10th Anniv)

Mon 4th, (10am).

- i) Sr Agnes Manley RIP
- ii) Mrs Flynn & family RIP
- iii) Novena 1

Tue 5th, (10am)

- i) Pádraig Ó Mhaoleon RIP
- ii) Bridget Foley RIP
- iii) Special Intentions

Wed 6th, (10am)

- i) Marian Noonan RIP (1st Anniv)
- ii) Kathleen & Christy Croke RIP (43rd Anniv)

Thur 7th, (10:30am)

- i) Michael & Mary Long & Mary Cronin RIP
- ii) Sally Meldon's Intentions
- iii) Novena 2

Fri 8th, (10am)

- i) John Gamble RIP (Anniv)
- ii) Patrick Cummins RIP

Sat 9th April, (10am)

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Ascension Parish

Gurrabraher, Cork.

Sunday, April 3rd, 2022.

5th Sunday of Lent, (C)

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

Only God can save us now

More and more, Western civilization becomes more degenerate. There is little or no reflection going on – nothing to combat the tsunami consumer culture that clouds our vision of the higher things. “The dismantling of Western civilization by culture-war zealots has destroyed the resolve of Western man to defend himself. Western civilization has been gutted from within. At the core of this moral bankruptcy is a watered-down Christianity that lacks the conviction to defend itself, given its post-modern moral-spiritual duplicity. Martin Heidegger, the German philosopher, who reflected deeply on issues concerning human life and human flourishing, in 1966 asked: “In a post-modern world, how many people are still capable of humility and hubris? How many are moved by the beauty of the human person, and existence itself as the highest value? When the interviewer for the German news weekly asked him about mankind’s future, Heidegger answered, “Only a God can save us now”. The one-time Catholic seminarian worried that neither philosophy nor human reflection was any longer equipped to bring about change in the debased moral-spiritual state of Western civilization. Man’s capacity for self-reflection, Heidegger suggests, has become subsumed by this debasement. Heidegger was concerned with the erosion of the sense for life that poetic sensibility instills in man. (Can Only a God Save Us Now? - Pedro Gonzalez - July 24, 2017).

Ukraine – Special Collection this weekend.

At their Spring General Meeting, the Catholic Bishops of Ireland said, “Millions of people have been forced to flee their homes as refugees in Ukraine following the invasion of that country by Russia. It is a source of inspiration that people all over Ireland are responding with customary generosity to support humanitarian efforts in this crisis. Many parish communities have already established links with charitable projects to support refugees and those remaining in Ukraine. Recognising these urgent needs, the bishops are asking that a special collection be taken up at all Masses in parishes around the country

Let the light of God surprise and reawaken our hearts this Lent

Pope Francis has called on Christians everywhere to: “Let the light of God surprise and reawaken their hearts to love”. “Let’s give the Lord the chance to surprise us and to reawaken our hearts,” he said. “We can do this, for instance, by opening the Gospel and letting ourselves marvel at the Word of God, because the Scripture enlightens our steps and enflames the heart. Or we can look at the crucified Jesus and wonder at the boundless love of God, who never tires of us and has the power to transfigure our days, to give them a new meaning, a new, unexpected light.”

Saint Vincent de Paul Monthly Church Door collection next weekend

The regular monthly Church-door collection by Saint Vincent de Paul will be taken up next weekend, (10th April). Escalating costs are putting enormous strains on the poor. We are called to respond to the pleas of the hungry wherever they are.

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. Please put the €2.50 in the shrines.

Seraphic Mass Cards now €15 each.

A recent order for Seraphic Mass Cards, (padded PVC Covered Cards), shows that they have gone up 40% since the last order. 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.

Trócaire Boxes available in Church

Each Lent, Trócaire, an agency of the Catholic Bishops Conference of Ireland, appeals to the generosity of Irish Catholics to support their many projects in the developing world aimed at alleviating hunger and promoting integral human development. Bishop William Crean, Bishop of Cloyne, and Chairman of Trócaire, has written appealing that we make an extra special effort this Lenten season to think of those who live in dire poverty. The box can be returned to the parish office.

Summer School with the Dominicans

Learn about philosophy, Christology, liturgy and moral life at St Martin’s Chapel, Pope’s Quay. Each course runs Mon-Fri 9:30 – 4pm and costs €195 per course. See Dominican Website. To book contact 085 746 4802

Sponsored Walk in aid of Ascension Church Refurbishment

A sponsored walk has been organised in aid of the Ascension Church Building Fund. The sponsored walk will leave Ascension Church at 11am on Easter Monday, 18th April, and will follow a route ending in Blarney. Christy’s Restaurant will be open where you can purchase a ‘Cuppa’ and a Scone. You can find your own way back to Gurranabraher. Cards available in the office.

Confirmation Ceremony on Thursday

Bishop John Buckley, our Bishop emeritus, administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 68 pupils from Scoil Padre Pio, on Thursday 31st March. It was a very beautiful celebration with family members participating as of old. We congratulate the teachers and assistant staff of Scoil Padre Pio for the long arduous preparation and hard work over the past year. We express thanks to the parents for their co-operation and assistance. We pray for these children who have received the fullness of the Holy Spirit. May they be filled always with that Spirit helping them to make the choices that will bring them to life in abundance.

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

Thanks to Eily Morris and Supporters

Yet again we thank Eily Morris and her band of supporters for raising the sum of Five Hundred Euro for Church Renovations during March. Eily and her supporters have been raising large sums of money for Church Renovations for many years. Well done to all who contribute. May they be blessed with health and peace.

Ascension Cross Gurranabraher GoFundMe

We would like to thank all of those who contribute towards the restoration of the cross on the Church roof. While certainly the insurance will cover the damage done in the process of the cross falling there will be a large amount involved in restoring the cross - and making it durable for the next 100 years. The Parish is not aware of any company offering to do the work for free. Scaffolding is now erected and an assessment is being made of actual costs. We will keep you informed.

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 - and 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.

Holy Hour of Adoration

Each Thursday, parishioners gather from 7pm – 8pm to pray (mostly in silence) to the Lord for the needs of the world. During this Holy Hour we pray especially for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life. We bring before the Lord the names of the sick and in need of healing. We pray too for stable and happy marriages. Join with us in praying for the needs of the world.