

The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to €940.

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.**



SUNDAY DUTY ROTA

17th April, 2022.

***A priest can be contacted urgently
this Sunday at
Gurrabraher 085 804 1951***



We pray for those recently deceased...

Catherine O'Mahony, St Colmcille Road

Requiescat in Pace



Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 16th April, (7pm) Holy Saturday

i) Easter Triduum Mass Intentions

Sun 17th, (9am) Easter Sunday

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Mon 18th, (10am).

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Tue 19th, (10am)

i) Gerald O'Leary RIP (2nd Anniv)

ii) Novena 5

iii) Gavin's Intentions

Wed 20th, (10am)

i) Denis O'Brien RIP

ii) Annie May Aherne

iii) Sr. Bernadette's Intentions

Thur 21st, (10am)

i) Paul Montgomery RIP (1st Anniv)

ii) Tom Porter RIP (Anniv)

iii) Maria Crean's Intentions

Fri 22nd, (10am)

i) Keith Kelleher RIP (Birth Rem)

ii) Novena 6

iii) Margaret O'Connell's Intentions

Sat 23rd, (10am)

i) Pro Pop



Ascension Parish

Gurrabraher, Cork.

Sunday, April 17th, 2022.

Easter Sunday, (C)

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

Easter Proclamation – Man is Truly Free

The Exsultet, also known as the 'Easter Proclamation', is solemnly intoned immediately after the Easter Candle is placed on the Candle-stand at a central location on the sanctuary on Holy Saturday night. The Easter Candle signifies the 'Risen Christ' and the Exsultet proclaims the Freedom that results from Christ's resurrection. The lengthy Proclamation calls on Christians to make known the message of this most Holy Night. It reads: "On this, your night of grace, O Holy Father, accept this candle, a solemn offering... an evening sacrifice of praise, this gift from your most holy Church... Therefore, O Lord, we pray you that this candle, hallowed to the honour of your name, may persevere undimmed, to overcome the darkness of this night.

Receive it as a pleasing fragrance, and let it mingle with the lights of heaven. May this flame be found still burning by the Morning Star: the one Morning Star who never sets, Christ your Son, who, coming back from death's domain, has shed his light on all humanity, and lives and reigns for ever and ever.

In Ireland we associate the 'Easter Proclamation' with the 'Declaration of Freedom' read by Pádraig Pearse outside the GPO, on Easter Monday, in 1916. Pearse, being the deeply religious man he was, choose the religious symbolism and imagery of Easter to stage the 'Rising' against British rule in Ireland. But Pádraig Pearse was hugely aware that there was a greater freedom that only Christ's Resurrection bestows. May all our patriot dead know this Freedom!



Priests' Collection this Weekend

The Church Offertory collections on this Easter weekend go towards the up-keep and support of the priests of the parish. Gurrabraher is blessed to have two priest's resident in the parish. We ask for your support for our priests both in this collection this weekend and with the Easter Dues.

Easter Mass Triduum Cards in stock!

Give your family, friends and loved ones the gift of sharing in a Novena of Masses celebrated in Church of the Ascension in the coming month. The cards cost €2 each/€5 for 3 are available in the Parish Office.

Monster Easter Raffle

Our very generous and loyal supporters have organised an Easter Raffle in aid of Church Cross Restoration. Tickets are: 1 sheet for €2 and 3 sheets for €5 – available in the Parish Office. 1st prize is a Monster Easter egg, 2nd a Hamper and there are also four smaller hampers to win. Draw will take place after the 11.30am Mass on Sunday morning. Winners will be notified at once.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated on next Sunday, 24th April 2022, in the Church of the Real Presence, Curraheen Road, Bishopstown. The programme commences at 1.30pm and includes the Rosary, several Priests hearing confessions, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Stations of the Cross, and a talk by Fiona Kiely. Mass will be celebrated at 3.30pm.

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.

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. 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.

Easter Blessings to all Parishioners

A special Easter Blessing to all our Parishioners. We are deeply grateful to all involved in the Easter Ceremonies - our Choir for adding so much to our liturgical celebrations, the Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion, Collectors, Altar servers, our Sacristan, Roger, Ed Connolly for the beautiful Easter Garden, Michelle Coughlan Price for her floral displays and dressing of Altar – plus Chis and Willie and all whose presence each week ensures that our Church is kept open for future generations. Happy Easter to all in Gurrabraher.

Sponsored Walk in aid of Ascension Church Refurbishment Monday 18th

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 Gurrabraher. Cards available in the office.

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).

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