

The Offertory collection last weekend

amounted to €900.00

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

15th May, 2022.

***A priest can be contacted urgently
this Sunday at
Farranree 087 0967177***



We pray for those recently deceased...

Requiescat in Pace

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 14th May, (5:30pm)

- i) Ann Russell, RIP (Anniv)
- ii) Special Intention.

Sun 15th May, (9am)

- i) Catherine Allen Rip (12th Anniv)
- ii) Special Intention

Sun 15th May, (11.30am)

- i) Tim Falvey RIP (1st Anniv)
- ii) Christine Harrington RIP (7th Anniv)

Mon 16th May, (10am)

- i) Ann Falvey's Intentions
- ii) Novena Mass 5

Tue 17th May, (10am)

- i) Sr Hannah Dullea's Intentions
- ii) Pat Sheehan, RIP (Died recently)

Wed 18th May, (10am)

- i) Marie Cremin RIP (2nd Anniv)
- ii) Mr & Mrs Pat Hurley, RIP

Thur 19th May, (10am)

- i) Novena Mass 6
- ii) Special Intentions

Fri 20th May, (10am)

- i) John & Julia McGrath and Kitty Tracey, RIP
- ii) Special Intention.

Sat 21st May, (10am)

- i) Pro Pop



Ascension Parish

Gurrabraher, Cork

Sunday, May 15th, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter, (C)

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

Education must be about forming Character and Conduct

What is the purpose of education and especially Christian education - and is it achieving its purpose in Ireland today? Are our Catholic schools producing boys and girls noble in character and conduct - capable of living fulfilled and satisfying lives? Pádraig Pearse, poet and revolutionary, recognised as one of Ireland's great educationalists – said: "I can no more imagine an educational system without religion than I can imagine a religion without education." For Pádraig Pearse an educational system that did not cater for all dimensions of the human person, the intellectual, the social and the spiritual - and which did not open up a child's mind to mystery failed the child. He wrote: "The central purpose of the school is not so much the mere imparting of knowledge... as the formation of its pupils' characters, eliciting the development of the individual bents and traits of each, the kindling of their imaginations, the placing before them of a high standard of conduct and duty: In a word, the training of those entrusted to its care to be strong and noble and useful men and women." What outraged Pádraig Pearse at the education system of his time was that it was incapable of inspiring 'greatness' – its sole purpose was to produce zombie-like figures for service for the Empire. "There are no ideas there, no love of beauty, no love of books, no love of knowledge, no heroic inspiration... In a true education system, religion, patriotism, literature, arts and science must be brought in such a way into the daily lives of boys and girls as to affect their character and their conduct."

Mission & Ministry Collection This Weekend

This collection helps to fund the supports provided in the diocese to help parishes plan for the future, support lay leadership and ministries and develop new ways of being a vibrant faith community. A new chapter in Diocesan life with greater collaboration between priests and people requires training and resourcing.

First Communions for Children from Scoil Padre Pio

This Saturday, the children from Scoil Padre Pio, received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. It was a very beautiful, and meaningful celebration – and hopefully it has etched itself into the memory of these children and will stay with them for a lifetime. We earnestly appeal to parents and guardians of these children to honour the pledge made at Baptism and renewed again at First Confession that you would do all in your power to bring your children up in the ways of the Catholic faith. At a time when there is manifest evil present in our world - even some of it perpetrated by children – our young people desperately need God's protection and friendship. Without Jesus figuring in young people's lives, they have no moral compass to know the good from the bad, right from wrong, the true from the false. We plead with parents to wake-up to their obligations.

Young People Gather to Connect and Celebrate Faith with Bishop Fintan

On May 22nd young people (18-35 years) from all over the Diocese of Cork and Ross will join together with Bishop Fintan for a special event called CONNECT. It will take place in the Student Centre in UCC from 2.30pm. The event promises to be a special occasion of prayer, music, testimonies and sharing.

Padre Pio Birthday Remembrance Mass

You are invited to a special Birthday Mass to celebrate the life and mission of St. Padre Pio on Wednesday 25th May at 7.30pm in Holy Trinity Church, Fr. Mathew Quay. This Mass will be offered for all your intentions and will include a blessing with the relic of Padre Pio.

Rosary at our Fatima Grotto @ 7pm

The Rosary will be prayed each day during the month of May at our Fatima Grotto beginning at 7pm – Monday to Friday. It will also take place on Sunday evenings at the same time. On Saturday evenings, the Rosary will be said after the 5.30pm Mass. At a moment of great upheaval in Europe - and the threat of the Russian/Ukraine war - escalating we call on parishioners to join us in praying for world peace.

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.

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.

Ascension Charity Walk

The Parish community would like to sincerely thank Seamus O'Brien and Michael Walsh for organizing a charity walk on Easter Monday in aid of the Ascension Renovation Fund. As ever, we are humbled by those who take initiative and rally the community to raise funds by organizing and executing a very successful walk **which raised the tremendous sum of €5,735** – this will greatly help the renovation of our church. God's blessings to all who participated.

Eily Morris and Supporters

Special thanks to Eily Morris and her supporters for, once again, raising the sum of €500 for the Ascension Church Restoration Fund during the month of April. Well done to all who contribute. May they be blessed with health and peace.

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.

New App Which Enables People Deepen Their Faith

Aspal, a new cutting-edge digital platform for faith formation, is now available for the benefit of people who wish to engage with and learn more about their Catholic faith. Aspal is the brainchild of the Adult Faith Development Group of the Diocese of Ossory in collaboration of Saint Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth. Easy to use, and with the ability to access content anywhere and at any time, the app and digital platform allows people to deepen their faith at a time of their convenience. The Aspal team has now made it possible to access to the best lecturers available throughout the island of Ireland. Aspal, the word for 'Apostle' in the Irish language, is so called to remind all those who participate that they are, by virtue of their Baptism, called to be sent – sent to share with others their faith. Download Aspal from the App Store and the Google Play Store or visit Aspal.ie

March for Life – Friday, 20th May, 2022 @ 6pm

In 2020, the lives of 6,577 unborn children were removed from the wombs of mothers in Ireland and denied their right to live and make their own unique contribution to the world. There are some 40 to 50 million abortions worldwide each year – roughly about 125,000 abortions done daily. How can the world know peace, how can human hearts know peace when we are silent to this staggering genocide. If only we could respond in the same way as we do when we witness human atrocities in Ukraine, Africa, etc. True, we can't do everything but we can all do something to show our outrage at such senseless destruction of unborn life. Please join us in walking through the streets of Cork on Friday, next, 20th May @ 6pm – assembling near the city Library.

All Ireland Rosary Rally in Knock

The All-Ireland Rosary Rally will take place on Saturday June 4th from 1.30pm in Knock. A bus will leave from the following areas that morning. Please book early - Cork City - Kay (087 116 5669) & Damien (087 204 9048), (Inniscarra) - Margaret on 087 900 8235 (Wilton) John Joe (087 130 2763) East Cork Nuala (087 2313762)