

The Offertory collection last weekend

amounted to €955.00

*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**

**22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2022.**

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



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

*Christine O'Connor, McSwiney's Villas*

***Requiescat in Pace***

**Mass Intentions this Week**

**Sat 21<sup>st</sup> May, (5:30pm)**

- i) Keith Kelleher, RIP (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- ii) Fr Eamonn Breslin, RIP (Died recently)

**Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> May, (9am)**

- i) Paddy, Bridie Hurley & Sr Muriel & Nellie Noonan, RIP
- ii) Christine, Joe, Cronin, Margaret O'Keeffe, RIP

**Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> May, (11.30am)**

- i) Marie Dennehy & James Stout, RIP (Anniv)
- ii) Gretta Dunphy, RIP (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> May, (10am)**

- i) Novena Mass 7.
- ii) special Intention.

**Tue 24<sup>th</sup> May, (10am)**

- i) Novena Mass 8.
- ii)

**Wed 25<sup>th</sup> May, (10am)**

- i) Batt, Maureen and Maura Kiely, RIP
- ii) Pauline O'Riordan, RIP

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

- i) Donor's Intention
- ii) special Intention

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

- i) Novena Mass 9.
- ii) Special Intention

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

- i) Pro Pop



**Ascension Parish**

**Gurrabraher, Cork**

**Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter, (C)**

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

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**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)

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

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

**Mary, the bridge between us and God**

In a January 1, 2021, homily for the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, Pope Francis spoke of Mary as the bridge between us and God. He wrote:

*“The heart of the Lord began to beat within Mary; the God of life drew oxygen from her. Ever since then, Mary has united us to God because in her God bound himself to our flesh, and he has never left it. Saint Francis of Assisi loved to say that Mary “made the Lord of Majesty our brother” She is not only the bridge joining us to God; she is more. She is the road that God travelled in order to reach us, and the road that we must travel in order to reach him. Through Mary, we encounter God the way he wants us to: in tender love, in intimacy, in the flesh.”*

When we consider the teachings of Vatican II and this homily of Pope Francis, there are signs of a fundamental consensus on Mary's unique role in redemption. At our present historical moment, when the Church and the world so gravely need the full and powerful intercession of Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church, let us seek the greatest unity of faith and charity possible within magisterial and theological circles regarding Our Lady's unparalleled role in our Redemption and her consequent role as the Spiritual Mother of all people.

***(‘Reaching consensus on Mary’s role in redemption, CWR, May 15, 2022)***

### **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).

### **Rosary each evening at 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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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](http://Aspal.ie)

### **Pope Francis has appealed for peace, entrusting his prayers to Our Lady.**

“Spiritually kneeling before the Virgin, I entrust to her the ardent desire for peace of so many people, who in various parts of the world, suffer the senseless disaster of war”.

“To the Blessed Virgin”, the Pope said, “I present in particular the sufferings and tears of the Ukrainian people... In the face of the madness of war, let us continue to pray the Rosary for peace every day.” Pope Francis pleaded with all Christians to pray also for the leaders of nations: “That they may not lose their ‘feel’ for their people who want peace, and know well that weapons will never bring it.” Asking believers to remember all the victims of the war – the dead, including “fallen soldiers on one side or the other”, the wounded, homeless and refugees, the Pope said: “May the Lord send his spirit to make us understand that war is a defeat of humanity.”

### **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.

### **Heedless Disregard for Truth is Insane**

Perhaps the most tragic situation we face in the West today is the widespread, heedless disregard for the truth about man's existence and his relationship to God, which has resulted in an arrogant disregard for the reality of things both visible and invisible. The indifference displayed toward understanding reality as it is, in which we are inseparably immersed, and in which we are inescapably bound is patently insane. The poorest of all are those who rush headlong, ignorant of the truth by their own choosing, toward the loss of heaven. *The truth about reality begins and ends in God; the Alpha and Omega of Truth; the omnipotent, omniscient and immutable Being whose divine mind has preordained what is and what is to be. Reality is precisely and exactly what God says it is - nothing more and nothing less. (Pope Benedict XVI, 2011)*

### **Printer Ink Cartridges Wanted**

We are looking for empty ink cartridges from HP and Canon Printers. These cartridges are recycled and the money obtained is used to purchase 'Tablets' and Laptops for children in schools. Drop them into the church or Parish Office.

### **Visit Ascension Parish Website – [gurrabraherparish.ie](http://gurrabraherparish.ie)**

We invite parishioners to visit our website – [gurrabraherparish.ie](http://gurrabraherparish.ie) - regularly. As well as finding the latest news from the parish there are useful links to other sites. The weekly Newsletter is also available as is the Sunday readings.

### **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