

The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to €770.

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

Building Fund collection €950.

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

7th August, 2022

**A priest can be contacted urgently
this Sunday at
Farranree 087 096 7177**

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 6th August, (5:30pm)

- i) Peggy O'Donoghue RIP (18th Anniv)
- ii) John (JD) Dalton RIP (Month's Mind)

Sun 7th August, (9am)

- i) John Finnegan RIP (Recently Deceased)
- ii) Special Intentions

Sun 7th August, (11.30am)

- i) Jim O'Rourke RIP
- ii) Special Intentions

Mon 8th August, (10am)

- i) Sr Patricia O'Shea's Intention
- ii) Special Intentions

Tue 9th August, (10am)

- i) Sr Borgia Shanahan RIP
- ii) Special Intentions

Wed 10th August, (10am)

- i) Susan Lordan RIP (Recently Deceased)
- ii) Special Intentions

Thurs 11th August, (10am)

- i) Michael's Intentions (Get Well)
- ii) Sr Ann-Marie's Intention

Fri 12th August, (10am)

- i) Sr Carmel Flynn's Intention
- ii) Special Intentions

Sat 13th August, (10am)

- i) Pro Populo



Ascension Parish

Gurrabraher, Cork

Sunday, August 7th, 2022

19th Sunday, Ordinary Time, (C)

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

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Website: www.gurrabraherparish.ie

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

Priests of the Parish:

Fr. Tomás Walsh, SMA. 021 - 430 3655. (walstomas@hotmail.com)

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

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

No turning point in sight for Catholic Church amid dwindling numbers

The only certainty for the future of the Catholic Church in Ireland is the “ongoing and sustained decline” of worshippers and priests, an Archbishop warned his parishioners on Saturday.

Archbishop of Tuam, Francis Duffy, said “I suggest you look at your priest, he may be the last in a long line of resident pastors and may not be replaced,” he told parishioners. “I suggest you look at your church, you may be lucky to have a Sunday Mass or several, but for how much longer?”

He encouraged parishioners not to “give up” or “let the situation drift” and said this is “a time of decline in some respect but it is a time of great hope”. He said, “now is not the time to be “silent about the good news of Jesus Christ and to relegate it to the back pages. This is a time for faith, faith into action, faith into reaching out”.

The Catholic Church is currently undergoing a global synodal process that seeks to gain feedback from all members on the future of its existence, with some hoping for progressive voices to be heard in Rome next year at the close of the three-year synod, and others looking to maintain the authority of the church hierarchy and its historical teachings.

“The landscape of the Catholic Church in Ireland, as you know, has been changing for some time and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future,” he said.

Fr Tomás Walsh, SMA, and Fr Aidan Vaughan, OFM Cap, will remain at Church of the Ascension.

We pray for those recently deceased...

John Finnegan, Presentation Road

Requiescat in Pace



St Vincent de Paul Monthly Church-door Collection

The monthly Church-door collection taken up by St Vincent de Paul Society will take place this weekend. Covid-19 restrictions and the war in Ukraine has brought much devastation that is hugely affecting the poorer members of society. We ask you to be generous to this collection.

Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady – Monday 15th August

The 71st annual Mass and devotions will take place on Feast of The Assumption of Our Lady (Monday 15th August) at the Holy Rosary Shrine, Lee Road, Cork. Rosary at 7pm followed by Mass at 7.30pm. This gathering is a wonderful display of Faith and a strong tradition of 71 years.

Bishop's Statement on Priests' Appointments and The Introduction of Families of Parishes

How priests minister in the parishes of the Diocese of Cork and Ross will change significantly in September. The diocese will have 16 families of parishes and each will be ministered to by a team of priests. Each priest will be resident in a particular parish but ministering across the whole family of parishes. In preparation for the introduction of the families of parishes, a summary of the main points of the pastoral letter will be read at all Masses in our diocese on the weekend of Saturday/Sunday 27th/28th August, 2022.

National Novena at Knock Shrine from 14 – 22 August 'A Journey in Hope'

The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock offers nine days of reflection, prayer and a chance to connect with faith at Knock Shrine. The purpose of the Novena is to recognise the unique role that Knock, as an International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine, has to play in the life of the Irish Church and to honour Our Lady. Ceremonies will take place at Knock Basilica at 3pm and 8pm over the nine days including a special candlelight procession following the 8pm ceremony.

Pope John Paul I beatification set for 4 September

The Holy See Press Office has announced the beatification of Pope John Paul I, Pope Francis will preside over the beatification Mass in Saint Peter's Square on Sunday 4 September 2022. Pope John Paul I's was the shortest papacy in modern history, reigning for only 33 days. He was first Pope to choose a double name, saying he did so in honour of John XXIII and Paul VI. His successors – John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and Francis – have all praised the man known as "The Smiling Pope".

Annual Padre Pio Mass

The annual concelebrated Mass commemorating the day of Padre Pio's ordination to the priesthood will take place on Sunday 7th August from 2.30pm, in the Church of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross, Cork. Confessions will be available from 1.30pm. Also, the anointing of the sick, benediction, and blessing with First Class Padre Pio relics.

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 Gurrabraher Parish Office on the first Wednesday of each month.

Holy Hour of Adoration

The Holy Hour of Adoration will recommence on September 1st 2022.

Parochial Hall Bingo @ 8pm Every Sunday

Bingo continues at Parochial Hall every Sunday at 8pm. Bingo has been a staple at Parochial Hall for decades and we thank those who continue to support us. Come on your own and find new friends or meet as a group, bring the family. Parochial Hall is wheelchair accessible via the side entrance. Have a great night out and perhaps win a few €€€€.

Tesco Blue Token Local Good Cause Award

Gurrabraher Meals on Wheels has, once again, been nominated by Tesco (Paul Street) to receive a much-needed donation to this wonderful service for our elderly parishioners. We need your help for Gurrabraher Meals on Wheels by using the Blue Token, received at the checkout, to vote for Gurrabraher Meals on Wheels. Please spread the word to everyone you know who shops at Tesco Paul Street. We thank you on behalf of the parish.

SMA Pilgrimage to Lourdes

A Society of African Missions led pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place this September from Sat 17th to Thurs 22nd with 5 nights of full-board at the 3-star Hotel Roissy – the nearest hotel to the grotto. For more info, contact Fr Martin Kavanagh SMA at 021 429 2871

Mass Collections Update

Ongoing the Mass collection will no longer take place at the doors of the church. We are reverting back to the pre-Covid 19 system and will, once again, have the collectors in place in the church during Mass. We thank you for your generosity and continued support.

CONNECT 2

Almost 100 young people, aged between 18 to 35, from all over the Diocese, gathered in UCC in May for the CONNECT event. It was a wonderful day of great joy. The Diocese is delighted to announce that CONNECT 2 will take place in UCC, on Sunday October 16th from 10.30am. Please save the date. It promises to be another great day. More details to follow and the opportunity to register. For now - just save the date!

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

We invite parishioners to visit our website – 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.

Mass Live each day at 10.am @ www.gurrabraherparish.ie