

The Offertory collection last weekend
amounted to: €1,080

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

The Building Fund collection last weekend
amounted to: €1,225

*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

4th September, 2022

A priest can be contacted urgently

this Sunday at

Cathedral 086 457 0292



We pray for those recently deceased...

Maura O'Shea, Ascension Heights

Tony Elliott, Cathedral Road

Billy Cronin, Gurrabraher Ave.

Requiescat in Pace



Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 3rd Sept, (5:30pm)

- i) Kathleen Gamble RIP (Anniv)
- ii) John Sutton RIP (29th Anniv)

Sun 4th Sept, (9am)

- i) Sr. Antonia Murphy RIP (Died recently)
- ii) Special Intention

Sun 4th Sept, (11.30am)

- i) Canon Arthur Murphy O'Connor RIP
- ii) Special Intention

Mon 5th Sept, (10am)

- i) Jeremiah Lynch RIP (Anniv)
- ii) Dominick & Val O'Boyle's Intentions

Tue 6th Sept (10am)

- i) Eileen's Intentions
- ii) Special Intention

Wed 7th Sept (10am)

- i) The O'Herlihy Family's Intentions
- ii) Special Intention

Thurs 8th Sept, (10am)

- i) Our Lady's Intentions
- ii) Special Intention

Fri 9th Sept, (10am)

- i) Rose Desmond (Get Well)
- ii) Special Intention

Sat 10th Sept, (10am)

- i) Pro Populo



Ascension Parish

Gurrabraher, Cork

Sunday, September 4th, 2022

23rd Sunday, Ordinary Time, (C)

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

email: ascensionparish123@gmail.com

Website: www.gurrabraherparish.ie

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

Priests of the Parish:

Fr. Tomás Walsh, SMA. 089-6054771. (walshtomas@hotmail.com)

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

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

Saint Athanasius showed what (and how) to believe

We live in an anxious time, while the mission of the Church finally depends on God, it also depends on us - and how courageously we live our faith; how deeply we believe; and how much apostolic zeal we show to an unbelieving world that urgently needs Jesus Christ...

Of course, the Church has seen periods of internal strife many times before. The fourth-century Council of Nicaea, so crucial to formulating the creed Christians believe, was also one of the most bitterly divided gatherings in Church history. That council, and all the long conflict over the substance of Catholic belief that followed it, could have turned out very differently. It didn't because of one man – a young deacon and scholar at Nicaea named Athanasius of Alexandria, whose feast day we celebrate each year.

Athanasius fought for the true Catholic faith at Nicaea and throughout his entire career. Arian bishops excommunicated him. Arian scholars loathed him. Emperors hated him. His enemies falsely accused him of cruelty, sorcery and even murder. He was exiled five times for a total of 17 years. And in the face of it all, he became the single most articulate voice defending the orthodox Catholic faith, which is why even today we remember him as 'Athanasius contra mundum'; "Athanasius against the world." He never gave up. He never compromised on principle. He never lost his zeal for preaching the true Jesus Christ. And in the end, the truth won out. Athanasius became one of the best-loved bishops and greatest Doctors of the Church - and the faith we take for granted today, we owe largely to him. (Archbishop Charles Chaput)

St Vincent de Paul Monthly Church-door Collection this weekend

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 give what you can afford to this collection.

Welcome to Fr Cian and Fr Sean

As part of the Family of Parishes of Clogheen, Farranree, Hollyhill and Gurrabraher, we at Ascension Parish we like to extend a warm welcome to Fr. Cian O'Sullivan (who will reside at Knocknaheeny) and Fr. Sean O'Sullivan (in Farranree), and wish them a happy ministry in their new appointments. Fr Seán will be Moderator, (Coordinator), of this Family of Parishes.

Legion of Mary – Cathedral/Gurrabraher/Blackpool Parishes

Annual pilgrimage to Our Lady's shrine at Knock Co. Mayo on Sunday 25th Sept 2022 (departure details to follow). Price per person is €55 with a deposit of €25 per person required to secure a seat. This fee covers bus, full breakfast and evening meal. For further details contact Bernard Spillane 086 164 8372.

Marian Devotion Saturday 3rd September

Our devotion to the Blessed Mother has a long legacy - over 10 centuries in Ireland. In these present challenging times, faithful commitment to Our Lady is as needed as ever. Please come along on the first Saturday of every month from 10 to 11:15am to be part of this devotion to Mary.

Holy Hour of Adoration

Each Thursday, parishioners gather from 7pm – 8pm to pray to the Lord for the great and urgent 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 those in need of healing. We pray too for stable and happy marriages. Join with us in praying for the great needs of the world.

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Irish Catholic Newspaper - €2.50.

We now have on sale in our church, the *Irish Catholic Newspaper*. A weekly newspaper that gives a Catholic slant on the news. Please put the €2.50 into the Shrines collection box.

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 €€€€.

Trócaire Lenten Appeal 2022

Excerpt of a letter received from Trócaire: "I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to parishioners for their continued support of Trócaire's work, especially for your generous contributions to this year's Lenten appeal." Thanks to the generosity of Ascension parishioners the sum of €1,790 was raised to aid this worthy cause.

Only 10 seats left...

Pilgrimage to Italy for 7 nights on September 13th 2022. €1195 per person sharing and includes a fully escorted pilgrimage, return flights Dublin to Rome, coach transfer Cork to Dublin. Highlights include Assisi historic town, Papal audience in St Peter's, Montecassino Abbey, San Giovanni Rotondo, Monte Sant'Angelo and St Mathew's Monastery. For details and bookings contact: Mr Roger Power 087 644 2529.

Dominican Centre/St Mary's, Popes Quay Courses on Christianity on Zoom

A Series of talks on our Christian faith will begin at Dominican Church, Pope's Quay, starting late September. Each talk, (one weekly for seven weeks) will touch on central themes of our Christian faith. Topics include: 1. Who is Jesus, 2. The Liturgy Explained, 3. Introduction to Christian Philosophy, 4. The Book of Revelation, 5. Developing our Prayer Lives, and 6. Who is the Holy Spirit. The course will be on Zoom. You will be provided with an Internet link and a Password to enter the Zoom talks weekly. For more information – email dominicanscork@gmail.com or call 085 746 4802 between 9am and 5pm.daily. Course costs €70.

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

Printer Ink Cartridges Wanted

We are looking for empty ink cartridges from HP & Canon Printers. These cartridges are recycled and the money obtained is used to purchase 'Tablets' and Laptops for children in schools.

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

Vigil to the Alliance of the Two Hearts Friday 2nd September.

The First Friday Prayer Vigil to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary will again take place at Ascension Church beginning at 7.30pm, on Friday, 2nd Sept. The first Mass of the Vigil will take place at 8.30pm and the second Mass at 11.40pm on the night. The Vigil begins with Rosary and Divine Chaplet. This is a very beautiful devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We invite you to join us, at least for part of the night.

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Sincere Thanks to Eily Morris and Supporters

We thank, once again, Eily Morris and her band of supporters for raising the sum of *Five Hundred Euro* for Church Renovations during month of August. 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.

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!

Tesco Blue Token Local Good Cause Award

Gurranabraher 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 Gurranabraher Meals on Wheels by using the Blue Token, received at the checkout, to vote for Gurranabraher 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.

Pope John Paul I beatification set for 4 September

The Holy See Press Office has announced plans for the beatification of Pope John Paul I, who was born as Albino Luciani in Italy on 17 October 1912. 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 over the See of Peter for only 33 days. He was first Pope to choose a double name, saying he did so in honour of his two predecessors: John XXIII and Paul VI. He was also the last in the long line of Italian-born Popes which began with Clement VII in 1523. His successors – John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and Francis – have all praised the man known as “The Smiling Pope”.

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Diocesan Needs Collection this weekend 16th & 17th July

The quarterly Diocesan Needs collection takes place at all Masses this weekend Your kind and generous support will help Cork & Ross diocese reach to you in your homes and parishes in Pastoral Outreach, Youth Ministry and in caring for our sick and retired priests.

Our Father as Gaelige

Ár n-Athair atá ar neamh, Go naofar d'ainim, Go dtagfadh do ríocht,

Go ndéantar do thoil ar an talamh mar a dhéantar ar neamh.

Ár n-arán laethúil tabhair dúinn inniu, agus maith dúinn ár bhfiacha,

mar a mhaithimidne dár bhféichiúna féin. Ach ná lig sinn i gcathú,

ach saor sinn ó olc Amen.

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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. 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

Tir gan Cultúir – Tir gan anam – “A country without a culture is a Country without a Soul”

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).

A second collection will be taken up this weekend for the education and on-going formation of priests for the diocese of Cork and Ross. To put a young man through a formation course that takes many years is very costly. The Diocese ask for your support.

Collection for the Maintenance of Holy Places next Weekend

Pope Francis has appealed that the Annual Collection for the maintenance of Holy sites in the Holy Land - normally taken up on Good Fridays – be taken up in all churches around the world next weekend 12th/13th September. This collection was not taken up in churches on Good Friday this year due to the closure of churches. Struggling Christian communities in the Holy Land desperately need this support to maintain these sacred sites that are of immense importance to Christians everywhere. We ask you to be generous please.

Children's Rosary Apostolate

The next Children's Rosary will be on Tuesday, March 1st, at 6:30pm. It is for children aged 4 to 14 years and involves the children coming together publicly each month to recite the Holy Rosary as a distinctive group. The Rosary is a powerful prayer of intercession – and when recited by children it is doubly powerful. Please encourage your children and grandchildren to come along to pray for their dead.

Building Fund Collection next weekend

The end-of-month building fund collection will take place at all Masses next weekend. Shortly Financial Statements for the Year 2021 will be published. It will show again the magnificent contribution of parishioners over that time – and the work that was accomplished in 2021. We ask for your continued support for the Renovation project.

PragerU Five Minute Videos

Prager University publishes 5-minute videos which attempts to condense in five minutes the core moral and philosophical issues of our time. Subjects such as: "Is there a conflict between Science and Religion?" and "What is Communism" plus many others informative subjects are available free. To get started go to: www.prageru.com/video/are-religion-and-science-in-conflict-science-and-god

Collection for Chancery (Bishop's Office) this weekend

second collection will be taken-up at Church doors this weekend to help Bishop Fintan Gavin run his chancery. It is one of four collections taken up yearly for this purpose Please be generous.

Collection for the Education and formation of Priests this weekend