

The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to: €820.

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

Building Fund Collection last week amounted to €1,435.

*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

2nd April, 2023.

**A priest can be contacted urgently this Sunday at**

**Cathedral 086 457 0292**

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

Keith Forde, Baker's Road

*Requiescat in Pace*

*Let me say this once more:  
God never tires of forgiving us:  
we tire of seeking His mercy.*

*Pope Francis*

### Mass Intentions this Week

**Sat 1, April, (5:30pm)**

- i) Dominic Myers RIP (9<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- ii) John Bruton RIP (29<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- iii) John (Dinny Bobs) McCarthy RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

**Sun 2, April, (9am)**

- i) Fr. Sojan Puthuparambil RIP
- ii) Marion Noonan RIP (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv)

**Sun 2 April, (11.30am)**

Deceased Members of  
Gurrabraher Credit Union

**Mon 3, April, (10am)**

- i) Fr. Eamonn Breslin RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)
- ii) Novena Mass 1
- iii) Special Intentions

**Tue 4, April, (10am)**

- i) Eleanor & Keith O'Callaghan RIP (11<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- ii) Frank Butler RIP (Month's Mind)
- iii) Holy Souls

**Wed 5, April, (10am)**

- i) Denis Coveney RIP (Months Mind)
- ii) Frank & Nora Dilworth RIP
- iii) Frank & Nellie O'Leary RIP

**Thu 6 April, Holy Thursday**

10am Mass of Chrism @ North Chapel.  
7pm Mass of the Last Supper

**Fri 7, April, Good Friday**

12pm Stations of the Cross  
3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**Sat 8, April, Holy Saturday**

7pm Easter Triduum Mass Intentions



## **Ascension Parish, Gurrabraher**

***(Part of the family of parishes incorporating  
Farranree/ Knocknaheeny/ Clogheen/ Kerry Pike)***

**Sunday, April 2, 2023**

**Passion of the Lord Jesus, (A)**

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

email:[ascensionparish123@gmail.com](mailto:ascensionparish123@gmail.com) Website:[www.gurrabraherparish.ie](http://www.gurrabraherparish.ie)

**Office Hours: 10:30 – 12:30, Mon - Fri**

**Priests of the area:**

Fr. Tomás Walsh, SMA. 021 4303 658 ([walshtomas@hotmail.com](mailto:walshtomas@hotmail.com))

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

Fr Seán O'Sullivan, resident at Farranree, (021 493 2230)

Fr Cian O'Sullivan, resident at Knocknaheeny, (021 439 2427)

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



### **Passion (Palm) Sunday**

Today, Palm Sunday, Christians enter the holiest week in the Church's calendar culminating with His resurrection on Easter Sunday morning. Palm Sunday marks the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, the week before his death and resurrection.

The Bible reveals that when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds greeted him by waving palm branches and covering his path with palm. Immediately following this great time of celebration in the ministry of Jesus, he begins his journey to the cross. The biblical account of Palm Sunday can be found in Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-44; and John 12:12-19. No one who really calls himself/herself Christian should need reminding of the sacredness of this season - and of their solemn duty to journey with the Lord over these days.

### **Good Friday Collection for Holy Places (7<sup>th</sup> April)**

The Prefect who looks after the Eastern Churches has urged all Catholics around the world to contribute generously to the annual Good Friday collection, which supports the struggling Churches in the Holy Land and throughout the Middle East. Against enormous odds these Christians continue to bear witness to their faith in Christ Jesus. Cardinal Leonardo Sandri said that the funds donated on Good Friday help Christians who face "war, poverty, terrorism, violence, division." He remarked that the collection is one way to help assure the continued presence of Christianity in the Holy Land - and thus to form "a strong bond between all Christians across the world and the holy places." Please be generous to this collection.

### **St Vincent de Paul Monthly Church-door Collection next weekend (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> April)**

The monthly Church-door collection taken up by St Vincent de Paul Society will take place this weekend. 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.

### **Easter Collection for the Priests of the Parish (8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> of April)**

The Church collections on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday go towards the up-keep and support of the priests of the parish. Gurrabraher is blessed to have two priests in residence in the parish; Fr Tomás and Fr Aidan. We ask for your continued support for our priests.

### **Gurrabraher Bus Trip to Knock - for Feast of the Rosary, 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

A special bus to Knock, from Gurrabraher, will leave from Church gates at 7.30am, on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> and arriving back in Cork same day at approx. 10pm. Priced at €55. This includes a full Irish breakfast on way to Knock and full meal on journey home. We ask all who interested to book their place at Parish Office as soon as possible.

### **Easter Raffle for Parish Renovations**

Ms Anna Cotter and her friends are presently visiting houses selling tickets to raise funds for parish renovations. Tickets are €2 each or 3 for a €5. We ask parishioners to give their support to this raffle. The five prizes will be disclosed at a later date.

### **Easter Mass Bouquet Cards now available**

Ascension Parish Easter Mass Bouquet Cards are now on sale in the parish office. The prices are - €2 each, €5 for 3 and €10 for 6. The cards are signed by Fr. Tomás and the recipient will be included in a Novena of Masses. Give the gift of prayer to family and friends this Easter.

### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

Divine Mercy Novena beginning on Good Friday (07/04) to Mercy Sunday (16/04 @ 2pm) with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Holy Mass (3.30pm) at Church of the Real Presence, Curraheen Road.

### **Ascension Church Heating/Lighting Costs Escalates**

Like everyone else Ascension Church has seen a staggering increase in the cost of gas and electricity. Our gas bill for the billing period 22/02/23 – 24/03/23 is €3,798.56. We heat the Church for all Masses and other events, such as Baptisms/funerals, and it has become challenging to meet these costs.

### **Irish Catholic Newspaper - €2.50.**

We now have on sale in our church, the Irish Catholic Newspaper. It is the only weekly newspaper that gives a Catholic slant on the news. Please put the €2.50 into the Shrines.

### **Parochial Hall Bingo @ 8pm Every Sunday**

Bingo continues at Parochial Hall every Sunday at 8pm. The Hall is wheelchair accessible via the side door. Have a great night out and perhaps win a few €€€€.

### **The Bereavement Support Line**

The Bereavement Support Line, set up by Irish Hospice Foundation in partnership with the HSE, is a freephone service available mornings Monday to Friday. It provides a safe space for those who have lost a loved one, friend or colleague, to talk about their loss and grief. Tel 1800 80 70 77, Mon – Fri, 10am to 1pm.

### **Matt Talbot Novena**

On the closing night of the Novena in honour of Matt Talbot, we are honoured to have Most Reverend Alphonsus Cullinan, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore as our celebrant and preacher. Mass and Novena prayers begin at 7.30m p.m. in the Way of the Cross Church, Togher. The ceremony may also be viewed online at [www.churchservices.tv/togher](http://www.churchservices.tv/togher). *Petitions can be left at the shrine in honour of Matt Talbot at the back of Togher Church.*

### **Small Ink Cartridges Wanted**

We are still accepting used ink cartridges, the proceeds of which will be donated to schools and charities throughout Cork. The cartridges we accept are those from home printers.

### **Gurrabraher Meals on Wheels**

Gurrabraher Meals on Wheels has been providing nutritious meal to older and vulnerable members of the parish for many decades. Should you know of someone (family member, friend, neighbour) who would benefit from this service – please contact Liz/Brid on 021 430 1037.

### **Mens' Shed.**

Mens Shed meet every Thursday, 2pm – 4pm, at Parochial Hall. Men's Sheds are community spaces for men to **connect, converse and create**. The activities are often similar to those of garden sheds, but for groups of men to enjoy together. All men welcome.

### **Church Activities**

Tuesday: Legion of Mary meeting @ 8pm each Tuesday  
Wednesday: (First Wednesdays) Baptism Instruction @ 7pm  
Thursday: Holy Hour 7 – 8pm (Every Thursday)  
Friday: (First Fridays) Alliance of Two Hearts Vigil @ 7.30pm to Midnight.  
Saturday: (First Saturdays) – Marian Devotion 9.40am – 11.00am  
Sunday: Bingo (Parochial Hall) @ 8pm.

**Mass Live each day at 10.am @ [www.gurrabraherparish.ie](http://www.gurrabraherparish.ie)**