

The Easter collection for the Priests of the Parish amounted to: €1,860

Thank you

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

Gurranabraher Credit Union Account
Church of the Ascension Renovation Fund
– A/c No. 02255200.

SUNDAY DUTY ROTA

16th April, 2023.

A priest can be contacted urgently this Sunday at

Farranree 087 096 7177

We pray for those recently deceased...

Sandra O'Brien, St. Rita's Ave.
Nora Harris, Orrery Road
Betty Buckley, Baker's Road
Anthony Grace, Cathedral Road

Requiescat in Pace

Have the courage and humility to present yourselves to the world determined to be holy, since full, true freedom is born from holiness.

Pope John Paul II

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 15th April, (5:30pm)

- i) Michael O'Mahony RIP (2nd Anniv)
- ii) Kathleen Hosford RIP (1st Anniv)

Sun 16th April, (9am)

- i) Mary Egan RIP
- ii) Tom Porter RIP (20th Anniv)

Sun 16th April, (11.30am)

- i) Mary & Charlie Buckley RIP (Anniv)
- ii) Pat O'Gorman RIP (Birth Remb)
- iii) Rena O'Mahony RIP (1st Anniv)

Mon 17th April, (10am)

- i) Thomas Hussey RIP (Died recently)
- ii) Intentions of the Crowley Family
- iii) John Cullen RIP

Tue 18th April, (10am)

- i) Seamus & Hannah Matthews RIP (Anniv)
- ii) Novena Mass 4
- iii) Holy Souls

Wed 19th April, (10am)

- i) Billy Healy RIP (Anniv)
- ii) Eileen White RIP (Died recently)
- iii) Rachel O'Leary RIP (Birth Remb)

Thurs 20th April, (10am)

- i) Denis O'Brien RIP (44th Anniv)
- ii) Novena Mass 5
- iii) Nellie Bruton & Margaret Daly RIP

Fri, 21st April, (10am)

- i) Mary & Paul Montgomery RIP (Anniv)
- ii) Denis Corcoran RIP (Died recently)
- iii) Mary Ricken RIP (10th Anniv)

Sat 22nd April, (10am)

- i) Pro Populo



Ascension Parish, Gurranabraher

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

Sunday, April 16th, 2023

Second Sunday of Easter, (A)

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

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

Priests of the area:

Fr. Tomás Walsh, SMA. 021 4303 658 (walshtomas@hotmail.com)

Fr. Aidan Vaughan, OFM, Cap. Tel: 021 439 7472. (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.



Divine Mercy

This, the Second Sunday of Easter, is designated as Divine Mercy Sunday. From the diary of a young Polish nun, a special devotion began spreading throughout the world in the 1930s. The message is nothing new, but is a reminder of what the Church has always taught through scripture and tradition: that God is merciful and forgiving and that we, too, must show mercy and forgiveness. But in the Divine Mercy devotion, the message takes on a powerful new focus, calling people to a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available to everyone - even the greatest of sinners.

The message and devotion to Jesus, **the Divine Mercy**, is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread around Europe.

On this Sunday each year we are called to make atonement for our sins and to pray for the conversion, especially of family members, who show contempt for God's reign. May Mary, the mother of God, bring us to an awareness of our need for God's forgiveness

Neocatechumenal Way Fundraiser – 16th April

There will be a fundraiser on Sunday 16th of April to help members of the Neocatechumenal Way pay for their trip to World Youth Day in Lisbon to pray with Pope Francis. The trip will cost each person €500 and to help them pay for this; books will be on sale for €5 at the church doors.

Gurranabraher Bus Trip to Knock - Update

The capacity for the bus to Knock has now been reached. Should any further people wish to go; they will be placed on a list to be contacted if there are cancellations. We ask those who have booked a place already to please pay for their trip (€55) at the parish office, Mon – Fri 10.30-12.30.

Diocesan Needs Collection (22nd & 23rd April)

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

Pope's April prayer intention for April 2023: 'For a non-violent culture'

As the Church marks 60 years since Pope St. John XXIII published his encyclical *Pacem in Terris*, Pope Francis is calling on Christians to pray for a non-violent culture. "Living, speaking, and acting without violence is not surrendering, losing or giving up anything, but aspiring to everything," he said. Everyone, added the Pope, is called to "develop a culture of peace." Non-violence, he said, can offer a guide for our actions, "both in daily life and in international relations." "Let us remember that, even in cases of self-defence, peace is the ultimate goal, and that a lasting peace can exist only without weapons," he said. "And let us pray for a more widespread culture of non-violence," he said, "which will progress when countries and citizens alike resort less and less to the use of arms."

Irish Catholic Newspaper - €2.50.

At the request of parishioners, we have on sale in our church, each weekend, the Irish Catholic Newspaper. It is the only weekly newspaper that gives a Catholic slant on current news. We encourage our parishioners to support this newspaper. Please put the €2.50 into the Shrine Donation boxes.

Novena Masses

We wish encourage more of our parishioners to use the Novena Mass Cards for different occasions. These cards are deeply appreciated by people at times of anniversaries of deaths, at times of sickness, at times of death itself, at birthdays, exams or just to say 'Thank You' to those who have been good to us.

Easter Raffle Results for Ascension Church Renovations

Once again, we thank Mrs Anna Cotter for organising the Easter Raffle which raised €878.50, this incredible sum will be used to repay the debt the church owes for ongoing renovations. Anna continually shows an altruistic dedication to our church and also our parishioners; for that we are truly appreciative. Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket and congratulations to the winners who have already been contacted by Anna. **Winning tickets – 1. BZ 657866-657870, 2. BZ 653796-653800, 3. BZ 653551-653555, 4. BZ 638891-638895, 5. AL 004306-004310.**

Blarney Street Post Office

Thank you to Madeline and the staff and customers of Blarney Street Post Office who raised the very welcome sum of €335 for the ongoing renovations to the church. We are truly blessed by the generosity and thoughtfulness of this community; may God grant every one of you health and happiness.

Sincere Thanks to Eily Morris and Supporters

Thank you to Eily Morris and her supporters for once again raising the sum of *Five Hundred Euro* for Church Renovations. Eily and her supporters have been raising large sums of money in aid of the Church Renovations for many years and we are very grateful for their unwavering commitment. We thank all who contribute, may they be blessed with health and peace.

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.

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 €€€€.

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.gurranabraherparish.ie