

## Mass Intentions this Week

### Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> April, (5:30pm)

- i) Betty Power RIP (20<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- ii) Gracie McCarthy RIP (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv)

### Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> April, (9am)

- i) Kathleen Collins RIP (12<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- ii) Frank Butler RIP (Month's mind)

### Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> April, (11.30am)

- i) Mossie Crowley RIP (15<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- ii) Marie O'Mahony RIP (Birth Remb)

### Mon 24<sup>th</sup> April, (10am)

- i) Francis McCarthy RIP (Anniv)
- ii) Novena Mass 6
- iii) Martin O'Dea RIP (Died recently)

### Tue 25<sup>th</sup> April, (10am)

- i) Jane & Neil Egan's Intentions
- ii) Novena Mass 7
- iii) Special Intentions

### Wed 26<sup>th</sup> April, (10am)

- i) Bridie & Paddy O'Neill RIP (Anniv)
- ii) Sr. Gerard O'Connor RIP (Died recently)
- iii) Gavin's Intentions

### Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> April, (10am)

- i) Sr. Carmel Ryan RIP (Died recently)
- ii) Novena Mass 8
- iii) Thanksgiving Mass

### Fri, 28<sup>th</sup> April, (10am)

- i) Paul & Gertie McKenzie's Intentions
- ii) Novena Mass 9
- iii) Thanksgiving

### Sat 29<sup>th</sup> April, (10am)

- i) Pro Populo



## Ascension Parish, Gurrabraher

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

**Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

**Third 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.**

The Offertory collection last weekend  
amounted to: €870

***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**

***23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2023.***

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

***Gurrabraher 085 804 1951***

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

**Norma Hallahan, Baker's Road**

**Frances Wilkinson, Knockfree Avenue**

**Kathleen (Ka) Morey, Churchfield Ave.**

### ***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**



### **The Risen Jesus is Discovered only in the Realm of Faith**

In the two disciples encounter with Jesus while on their way to Emmaus, "at first sight, it looks as if we are confronted here with a completely earthly and material notion of resurrection... It looks as if the tendency to detailed depiction, to the concreteness of legend, supported by the apologist's desire for something tangible, had completely won the upper hand and fetched the risen Lord right back into earthly history. But this impression is soon contradicted by his mysterious appearance and his no less mysterious disappearance. The notion is contradicted even more by the fact that here, too, he remains unrecognizable to the accustomed eye. He cannot be firmly grasped as he could be in the time of his earthly life; he is discovered only in the realm of faith; he sets the hearts of the two travellers aflame by his interpretation of the Scriptures and by breaking bread he opens their eyes. This is a reference to the two basic elements in early Christian worship, which consisted of the liturgy of the word (the reading and expounding of Scripture) and the Eucharistic breaking of bread. In this way the evangelist makes it clear that the encounter with the risen Christ lies on a quite new plane; he tries to describe the indescribable in terms of the liturgical facts. He thereby provides both a theology of the Resurrection and a theology of the liturgy: **one encounters the risen Christ in the word and in the sacrament; worship is the way in which he becomes touchable to us and, recognizable as the living Christ.** And conversely, the liturgy is based on the mystery of Easter; it is to be understood as the Lord's approach to us. In it he becomes our travelling companion, sets our dull hearts aflame, and opens our sealed eyes. He still walks with us, still finds us worried and down-hearted, and still has the power to make us see."

**(An Introduction to Christianity – Joseph Ratzinger, 2004)**

### **Building Fund Collection next weekend (29th & 30th)**

The end-of-month building fund collection will take place at all Masses next weekend. The debt for the replacement of the roof is still ongoing and now we have the additional expense of the replacement of our iconic cross and the recent damage to a section of the roof. We ask for your continued support for the renovation project.

### **Cork Choral Society – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30 Mass**

We are delighted to be a part of the 2023 Sacred Trail of the Cork International Choral Festival. On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30 Mass, we will be joined by a choir of 15 vocalists from Ensemble Vocal de Neuilly [France]. All are welcome and we hope you enjoy this joyous event and give our visiting choir a céad míle fáilte.

### **Gurrabraher 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.

### **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.

### **The Pilgrimage of Everyday Life**

We often see pilgrims journeying to shrines and places dear to popular piety. These days, many of them are making their way to the Holy Door opened in all the churches of the world and in many shrines. But the most beautiful thing which emerges from the word of God today is that the whole family goes on pilgrimage. Fathers, mothers and children together go to the house of the Lord, in order to sanctify the holy day with prayer. On this pilgrimage of life, we also share in moments of prayer. It is important for families to join in a brief prayer before meals, in order to thank the Lord for these gifts and to learn how to share what we have received with those in greater need. These are all little gestures, yet they point to the great formative role played by the family in the pilgrimage of everyday life.

### **Tea Dance at The Hut**

On Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, The Hut and Cork City Partnership will host their afternoon Tea Dance from 3pm to 6pm. All are welcome at this event; admission is free and refreshments are provided. Please pass this information on to anyone who you think may be interested in attending.

### **Cork Alzheimer's Café - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

This is a safe place for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias, their carers, family and friends along with social and health professionals to meet. Last Friday of each month, 11am to 12.30pm, in St Finbarr's Hospital Activity Centre, Douglas Road. Light refreshments provided free of charge. All welcome.

### **Message from Trócaire**

As we have celebrated the Easter season 2023, we wanted to thank you for your dedication to telling the Trócaire Lent story over the past few weeks, and for the unending generosity shown by your parish. It's at this time of year that we ask people around the country to return their boxes or donations to their local church or to us directly at trocaire.org. We look forward to your ongoing support as we continue to mark Trócaire's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

With all my gratitude,  
Colm Hogan

### **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.gurrabraherparish.ie](http://www.gurrabraherparish.ie)**