

The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to: €1,000

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

9th April, 2023.

A priest can be contacted urgently this Sunday at

Cathedral 086 457 0292

We pray for those recently deceased...

William (Billy) Fitton, Templeacre 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

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 8, April, (7pm) Holy Saturday

- ❖ Easter Triduum Mass Intentions

Sun 9, April, (9am) Easter Sunday

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Sun 9 April, (11.30am) Easter Sunday

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Mon 10, April, (10am) Easter Monday

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Tue 11, April, (10am)

- John Gamble RIP (23rd Anniv)
- Paddy, Sheila & Martin Ryan RIP (Anniv)
- David Manning RIP

Wed 12, April, (10am)

- Paddy Cummins RIP (Anniv)
- Novena Mass 2
- Des Sheehy RIP (Died recently)

Thu 13, April, (10am)

- David Manning RIP (Died recently)
- Holy Souls
- Sr. Philomena Deasy RIP (1st Anniv)

Fri 14, April, (10am)

- Isabella O'Connor RIP
- Novena Mass 3
- Mrs Hyde RIP

Sat 15, April, (10am)

- Pro Populo



Ascension Parish, Gurrabraher

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

Sunday, April 9th, 2023

The Lord's Resurrection, (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:

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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.

Jesus, the Lord, has Truly risen

"Christ's resurrection is not a theory, but a true "historical reality revealed by the man Jesus Christ by means of his 'Passover', that has opened a 'new way' between heaven and earth. It is neither a myth nor a dream, it is not a vision or a utopia, it is not a fairy tale, but it is a singular and unrepeatable event: Jesus of Nazareth, son of Mary, who at dusk on Friday was taken down from the Cross and buried, has victoriously left the tomb.



"If we take away Christ and his resurrection, there is no escape for man, and every one of his hopes remains an illusion. Yet today is the day when the proclamation of the Lord's resurrection vigorously bursts forth, and it is the answer to the recurring question of the sceptics, that we also find in the book of Ecclesiastes: "Is there a thing of which it is said, 'See, this is new'?" We answer, yes: on Easter morning, everything was renewed. "Pope Benedict went on to reflect on the evil in the world and the need for human cooperation in spreading the Gospel message. "Even if through Easter, Christ has destroyed the root of evil, he still wants the assistance of men and women in every time and place who help him to affirm his victory using his own weapons: the weapons of justice and truth, mercy, forgiveness and love. "The resurrection of Christ is our hope!" exclaimed Pope Benedict. "This the Church proclaims today with joy. She announces the hope that is now firm and invincible because God has raised Jesus Christ from the dead. The Church communicates the hope that she carries in her heart and wishes to share with all people in every place, especially where Christians suffer persecution because of their faith and their commitment to justice and peace. She invokes the hope that can call forth the courage to do good, even when it costs, especially when it costs." (Pope Benedict, 2009)

Easter Collection for the Priests of the Parish (8th & 9th 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.

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 books will be on sale for €5 at the church doors.

Gurrabraher Bus Trip to Knock - for Feast of the Rosary, Saturday 3rd June

A special bus to Knock, from Gurrabraher, will leave from Church gates at 7.30am, on Saturday, June 3rd and arriving back in Cork same day at approximately 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.

Divine Mercy Sunday at Church of the Real Presence

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.

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."

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.

Easter Raffle for Parish Renovations - Tickets are €2 each or 3 for a €5

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.

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.

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.

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