

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 29th April, (5:30pm)

- i) Tom Porter RIP (20th Anniv)
- ii) Michael O'Connell RIP (3rd Anniv))
- iii) William Fitton RIP (Month's Mind)

Sun 30th April, (9am)

- i) Chris Mangan RIP (Died recently)
- ii) Eileen Moloney's Intentions

Sun 30th April, (11.30am)

- i) Phil & Ned Sorenson RIP (3rd/13th Anniv)
- ii) Thanksgiving Mass

Mon 1st May, (10am) St Joseph the Worker

- i) Pro Populo (Public Holiday)

Tue 2nd May, (10am)

- i) Davie Morris RIP (13th Anniv)
- ii) Tommy & Dolly Higgins RIP
- iii) Annie & Jerry King & family RIP

Wed 3rd May, (10am)

- i) Noreen & Philomena White RIP
- ii) Novena Mass 1
- iii) Ted O'Brien RIP

Thurs 4th May, (10am)

- i) Mary O'Donovan RIP
- ii) Fr Denis Cashman RIP (Died recently)

Fri, 5th May, (10am)

- i) Holy Souls Mass
- ii) Novena Mass 2

Sat 6th May, (10am)

- i) Pro Populo



Ascension Parish, Gurrabraher

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

Sunday, April 30th, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter, (A)

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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: €860

***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

30th April, 2023.

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

Gurrabraher 085 804 1951

We pray for those recently deceased...

Mary Meehan, Kilmore Road

Thomas Harte, Knocknaheeny Avenue

Denis Kiely, Gurrabraher Avenue

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

Feast of St Joseph the Worker – Monday, May 1st.

Pope Francis described St Joseph as a father who worked to support his family and found himself in doing so. The importance of work in our lives is picked up in the Feast of St Joseph the Worker, celebrated on 1st May. The Feast commended a cooperative world in which work is a central part of human life and workers are honoured for themselves and not simply for their use to their employers. Pope Francis also speaks eloquently of the importance that work plays in any human life. Saint Joseph was a carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family. From him, Jesus learned the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one's own labour.

In our own day, when employment has once more become a burning social issue, and unemployment at times reaches record levels even in nations that for decades have enjoyed a certain degree of prosperity, there is a renewed need to appreciate the importance of dignified work, of which Saint Joseph is an exemplary patron. For St Joseph, work was both a gift and a struggle. The Feast of St Joseph the Worker reminds us that this negotiation must be based on respect and its fairness be enforced by governments, which must also be fair to people who are unemployed.

Building Fund Collection this weekend (29th & 30th)

The end-of-month building fund collection will take place at all Masses this 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.

Update on the Cross

Regrettably difficulties have arisen with the company tasked with the construction of the cross. A new contractor is now engaged to build the Cross. We now aim to have the Cross in-situ by June ending. We know that this long delay is hugely disappointing to all who await this Cross back overlooking the streets of the parish and the city of Cork.

St Vincent de Paul Monthly Church-door Collection (6th & 7th May)

The monthly Church-door collection taken up by St Vincent de Paul Society will take place next 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 be generous.

Cork Choral Society – Sunday 30th 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 30th 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 this Sacred encounter with the Lord, we hope you enjoy this joyous event and give our visiting choir a céad míle fáilte.

Prayers at Sprigg's Road Marian Grotto during Mary's Month of May

Beginning on Monday, May 1st, we invite parishioners out to pray at the Grotto on Sprigg's Road from 7pm to 7.20pm. The Rosary will be led by a member of the Legion of Mary at 7pm every evening for the 31 days of May. Christians all over the world pray to Our Lady during this month dedicated to Mary, and particularly so in Ireland. We invite parishioners to gather at the Grotto to pray that the faith will survive in Europe.

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 the entire cost trip (€55) within the next week so it can be finalised - at the parish office, Mon – Fri 10.30-12.30.***

The Totus Tuus Women of Faith Conference 2023

The Totus Tuus Women of Faith Conference 2023 will be LIVE on Radio Maria Ireland this coming Saturday May 6th from 2pm. You can follow the conference by: 1. Online at www.radiomaria.ie. 2. Download the App to your smartphone or tablet. 3. Live via Facebook. 4. Call 01 4373277 and listen live 5. Listen through your TV on SAORVIEW Channel 210

Good Shepherd Sunday

The fourth Sunday of Easter, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday, is the 60th World Day of Prayer for Vocations. On this day Catholics are invited to promote vocations to the priestly, religious and consecrated life, and to offer special prayers for those nurturing such desires. This annual event was introduced in 1963 by Pope Saint Paul VI.

Prayer for Vocations

Generous God, you show us the way that leads to everlasting life. Through baptism, you have called us to Proclaim the Good News. Bless and strengthen those who have made a commitment of service in the Church. Guide and give wisdom to those discerning their vocation. Enrich our Church with dedicated married and single people, with deacons, priests and with people in consecrated life. Filled with your Holy Spirit we ask this blessing that we, your people, may follow Jesus, our Good Shepherd, now and always. Amen.

Gurranabraher Meals on Wheels

Gurranabraher 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.

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