

The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to: €925

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

The Building Fund collection last weekend amounted to: €1390

*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

7<sup>th</sup> May, 2023.

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

**Knocknaheeny 087 654 4836**

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



*Requiescat in Pace*

*The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, oh Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.*

**Psalm 9:9-10**

### Mass Intentions this Week

**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> May, (5:30pm)**

- i) William Wilkinson RIP (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- ii) Paddy (Blacker) Falvey RIP (40<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**Sun 7<sup>th</sup> May, (9am)**

- i) Sheila Gilmartin's Intentions
- ii) Special Intention

**Sun 7<sup>th</sup> May, (11.30am)**

- i) Shaunagh O'Riordan-Long RIP (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- ii) Lena Newman RIP (22<sup>nd</sup> Anniv)

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> May, (10am)**

- i) John O'Brien RIP (Birth Remb)
- ii) Novena Mass 3
- iii) Michael & Anna Higgins RIP

**Tue 9<sup>th</sup> May, (10am)**

- i) Sr. Gerard O'Connor RIP (Died recently)
- ii) Mary Kelleher RIP
- iii) Greg Cotter's Intentions (Get well)

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup> May, (10am)**

- i) Frances Wilkinson RIP (Died recently)
- ii) Gianfranco Acanfora RIP
- iii) Mary Kelleher RIP

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> May, (10am)**

- i) Mark Sullivan RIP (Birth Remb)
- ii) Paddy Buckley RIP
- iii) Novena Mass 4

**Fri, 12<sup>th</sup> May, (10am)**

- i) Sr. Carmel Ryan RIP (Died recently)
- ii) Mary Kelleher RIP (Died recently)

**Sat 13<sup>th</sup> May, (10am)**

- i) Pro Populo



## **Ascension Parish, Gurrabraher**

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

**Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter, (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)

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.**



### **Trust in Jesus: The Way, The Truth, The Life Lesson Plan**

The readings for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter tell us that we are called to follow Jesus and serve him, even though we don't know where that might lead us.

As Catholics, we see the importance of community and unity. The early Christian community was not without its challenges and disagreements, but they recognized the need to come together and address their problems as a group. They sought a solution that would benefit everyone and allow them to continue their work of spreading the Lord.

Second, we see the importance of serving others. The apostles recognized the need to prioritize prayer and preaching, but also the importance of serving those in need. We are called to serve others, particularly the marginalized and vulnerable in our society.

Finally, we see the importance of leadership and delegation. The apostles recognized that they couldn't do everything themselves and needed to delegate responsibilities to others. They chose seven men from among the community to ensure that everyone was taken care of. We are called to be leaders in our own communities, recognizing our strengths and weaknesses and delegating responsibilities to others when appropriate.

By following Jesus' example, we too can live in harmony with God and one another, and strive to make the world a better place for all. This involves caring for those in need, working together as a community, and seeking to do the will of God in all that we do.

### **St Vincent de Paul Monthly Church-door Collection (6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> May)**

The monthly Church-door collection taken up by St Vincent de Paul Society will take place this weekend. The increased cost of living and the war in Ukraine has brought much devastation that is hugely affecting the poorer members of society. We ask you to be generous.

### **Mission & Ministry Collection (May 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>)**

The Mission & Ministry collection next weekend is to support and resource faith development in communities so that each person can actively participate in parish life. We do this by accompanying teams and individuals, offering continuous training and formation opportunities. These include training of Parish Pastoral Councils, adult faith formation, liturgical resourcing, developing youth and young adult leadership and supporting the development of voluntary ministries.

### **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.

### **Easter Dues**

We ask parishioners who have yet to return Easter Dues to do so at their convenience. These Easter Dues are the main source of income for our priests. We recognise the incredible generosity of our people who kept contributions coming into the parish over the past few months. May God reward hugely each one favourably.

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

Beginning on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, we invite parishioners out to pray at the Grotto on Sprigg's Road from 7- 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. We invite parishioners to gather at the Grotto to pray that the faith will survive in Europe.

### **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 the entire cost of the 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 6<sup>th</sup> from 2pm. You can follow the conference by: 1. Online at [www.radiomaria.ie](http://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

### **First Holy Communion next Saturday for Scoil Padre Pio**

On Saturday next, May 13, 2023, @ 10.30am, children from 2<sup>nd</sup> Class at Scoil Padre Pio, will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. We ask for your prayers for the children who will receive this Sacrament, and for their parents, that they will take very seriously God's Invitation to share at the Lord's Table. We live at a time when things relating to God take second place – or no place at all, in the lives of most people. Without God there is no compass to show right and wrong; no guiding principles; no illumination to help children flourish and know what it is to have God as a friend. Let us pray earnestly this week for these children that they will return many times to the Lord's Altar and come into close communion with the Lord Jesus.

### **Lourdes Young Adult Helpers Information Evening**

There will be a special Information Evening for those aged between 18-25 who would like to come on the Cork and Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> -27<sup>th</sup>) as a Young Adult Helper. This special meeting will take place in Mardyke House (T12 W8RP) on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. For more information, please contact Sheila on 021 490 2459 (9am - 5pm) or email [sheilakelleher@ucc.ie](mailto:sheilakelleher@ucc.ie)

### **Ink Cartridges Wanted – from home computers only**

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 €€€€.

### **Cork City Library delivering books to your door for FREE**

Cork City Libraries can deliver to you at home, and to nursing homes in the city. With Library Link you can access a wealth of reading material. Email [nora\\_harrington@corkcity.ie](mailto:nora_harrington@corkcity.ie) or phone 0214924900 to register. Ask at your local branch if someone you know might benefit from this service. It is simple to sign up and it is free.

### **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)**