

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

14th May, 2023.

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

Cathedral 086 457 0292

We pray for those recently deceased...



Requiescat in Pace

***Ascension Church is open for
private prayer from 9am until 3pm***

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 13th May, (5:30pm)

- i) Kitty & John Lyons, Lily & Augustine Weldon RIP
- ii) Frances Wilkinson RIP (Months Mind)

Sun 14th May, (9am)

- i) Hannah Casey's Intentions
- ii) Mr. Val Dunne RIP (Died recently)

Sun 14th May, (11.30am)

- i) Tommy & Dolly Higgins RIP
- ii) Tim Falvey RIP (2nd Anniv)

Mon 15th May, (10am)

- i) Catherine Allen RIP (13th Anniv)
- ii) Novena Mass 5
- iii) Noel O'Riordan RIP

Tue 16th May, (10am)

- i) Danny Murray RIP
- ii) Sr de Lourdes Keane's Intentions
- iii) Mary Gamble's Intentions (Get well)

Wed 17th May, (10am)

- i) Keith Kelleher RIP (6th Anniv)
- ii) Novena Mass 6

Thurs 18th May, (10am)

- i) Kay O'Mahony RIP
- ii) Paul Bourke RIP (40th Anniv)
- iii) Jim's Intentions

Fri, 19th May, (10am)

- i) Margaret Howe RIP
- ii) Novena Mass 7
- iii) Mrs Hayes RIP

Sat 20th May, (10am)

- i) Pro Populo



Ascension Parish, Gurrabraher

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

Sunday, May 14th, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter, (A)

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

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Priests of the area:

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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.



Church must remain Steadfast and Unaccommodating

There are many who write nowadays that the Church has lost touch with the world – especially with the world of the young. They insist that the Church must accommodate her teachings and doctrines to the 'fads' of the times. Former Pope, Benedict XVI, insists that were the church to do that it would no longer be 'a light' to the world. He wrote: "For the Church to be 'light' to the world it must be detached from the world. This is necessary so that the active potency of the faith can be revealed again. We have to remain steadfast and unaccommodating, in order to demonstrate, without any frivolity, that Christianity is intertwined with a world-view that reaches beyond every-thing linked with a secular, materialistic attitude. The Christian world-view involves the revelation of the eternal God. It is naïve to think you only need to dress all in different clothes, speak as the world speaks, and then suddenly all will be well. We must find our way back to an authentic proclamation, and a liturgy that brings the radiant mystery of the Mass to light." Benedict makes it clear that the true problems of the Church lie not in dwindling numbers but in a dwindling faith. He said: "The extinguishing of the Christian conscience is causing the crisis - the lukewarmness in prayer and worship; the neglect of mission. Benedict XVI insists that true reform is a question of inner awakening, of setting hearts on fire. "The top priority is to proclaim what we can know and believe with certainty about Jesus Christ." Pope Benedict welcomes (and sees great hope) in the dynamism and enthusiasm of the African, South American and Asian Churches. He believes that it can reinvigorate the tired West, "wake it from its exhaustion, from its forgetfulness of the faith". His criticism of the European Church, particularly the Church in Germany, is that it has become too weighed down, even crushed, by bureaucracy – that it no longer has a living dynamism.

Mission & Ministry Collection (May 13th & 14th)

The office for Mission and Ministry will support/resource parishes and Families of Parishes with training of new Parish Pastoral Councils, baptismal teams, support funeral ministry, and facilitate one-off workshops on such things as Ministers of the Word and Eucharist, altar servers, and choirs.

Gurranabraher Bus Trip to Knock - Update

Thank you to everyone who paid the balance owed for the trip to Knock. The bus is now at full capacity. As a reminder for those who are joining us; the bus will leave the Church at 7.30am and return at 9.30pm on Saturday, June 3rd. ***We are asking those who have not yet been contacted by the parish office, to phone the office on 021 430 3655 (afternoons only - between 2pm & 4pm) to confirm that they still plan to go to Knock.***

Thanksgiving Mass for Corks Christian Brothers

A Mass of Thanksgiving for the contribution of the Christian Brothers to education in Cork, for the last 209 years, will be celebrated in the North Cathedral on Monday, 22nd of May. The Brothers began teaching the children of Cork in 1811 and the last Brother left the North Monastery in 2020 during Covid-19. All welcome.

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 each one favourably.

Lourdes Young Adult Helpers Information Evening - 17th May

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

Junior Cert and Leaving Cert Students

Exam Prayer: Lord, I know you are with me and love me. Give me peace of mind as I prepare for this time of study. Help me to focus on my books and notes. Keep me from all distractions so I will make the best use of this time that is available to me the best use of this time that is available to me. *We wish all students preparing for exams every success.*

Novena Mass Cards

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.

First Holy Communion - Scoil Padre Pio

Children from 2nd Class at Scoil Padre Pio, received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday 13th May. We ask for your prayers for the children who received 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.

Join thousands of people across Ireland to Pray for Life!

The Pray for Life Novena (prayforlife.ie) is an invitation to people across Ireland, and across the world, to pray for the protection of human life. The novena, an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, begins on May 23rd and ends on May 31st, the feast of the Visitation of Our Lady to her cousin Elizabeth.

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 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.

Ink Cartridges Wanted – from home computers only

We are still accepting used ink cartridges, the proceeds of which will be donated to schools/charities throughout Cork. The cartridges we accept are 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