

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 20th May, (5:30pm)

- i) Patricia Shinkwin RIP (4th Anniv)
- ii) Denis Corcoran RIP (Died recently)
- iii) Denis Kiely RIP (Month's Mind)

Sun 21st May, (9am)

- i) Judy Meldon's Intentions (Birthday)
- ii) Patrick Galvin RIP

Sun 21st May, (11.30am)

- i) Parishioners Who Pioneered the Building
- ii) Gretta Dunphy RIP (9th Anniv)

Mon 22nd May, (10am)

- i) Eileen O'Donovan's Intentions
- ii) Novena Mass 8

Tue 23rd May, (10am)

- i) Norma Hallahan RIP (Month's Mind)
- ii) Special Intention.

Wed 24th May, (10am)

- i) Hannah & Seamus Matthews RIP
- ii) Novena Mass 9

Thurs 25th May, (10am)

- i) Joe O'Driscoll (Birthday & Thanksgiving)
- ii) Special Intentions

Fri, 26th May, (10am)

- i) Special Intentions
- ii) Special Intentions

Sat 27th May, (10am)

- i) Pro Populo

The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to: €900

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

Mission & Ministry Collection: €530

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

21st May, 2023.

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

Cathedral 086 457 0292

We pray for those recently deceased...

Michael Price, Churchfield Gardens
Mary Gamble, Turners Cross

Requiescat in Pace

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



Ascension Parish, Gurrabraher

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

Sunday, May 21st, 2023

Feast of The Ascension, (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.



The Ascension of Our Lord

This Sunday we commemorate Jesus' ascent to his Father after accomplishing the work He came into this world to do which was to restore the communion that existed in the beginning between creature and Creator – a communion that was destroyed by the disobedience of our first parents when they rebelled against God - and refused to live their creaturely status. The Ascension event occurred forty days after Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. On this day, the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven (Luke 24:51; Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9-11).

The reality of Christ's Ascension is so important that the creeds (the basic statements of belief) of Christianity all affirm, in the words of the Apostles' Creed: *"He ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead."* Christ's bodily Ascension foreshadows our own entrance into Heaven not simply as souls, after our death, but as glorified bodies, after the resurrection of the dead at the Final Judgment.

Our Parish is dedicated to our Ascended Lord. In a plaque in the Sacristy a promise was made by Bishop Lucey in 1956 that "as long as this building lasts prayers will be offered on this day for all who contributed to the building of this church." May God reward with eternal life all who worshipped in this church - and who in difficult times contributed to the building of this beautiful edifice - built for the glory of God.

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.

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.

Remembrance Mass

A Mass for our faithful departed will be held at St. Catherine's Cemetery, Kilcully, on Wednesday May 31st at 7pm.

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 are 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.

Holy Hour of Adoration every Thursday from 7pm – 8pm

The "Holy Hour" made in the presence of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament is a devotion in which we call to mind the Life, Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord. During this hour we seek, through prayer and meditation, the mercy of God, the conversion of souls, the sanctification of sinners and the mitigation of the terrible punishment foretold at Fatima in 1917.

Sincere Thanks to Eily Morris and Supporters

Thank you to Eily Morris and her supporters for once again raising the sum of Five Hundred Euro for Church Renovations. Eily and her supporters have been raising large sums of money in aid of the Church Renovations for many years and we are very grateful for their unwavering commitment. We thank all who contribute, may they be blessed with health and peace.

Gurranabraher/Churchfield Community Afternoon Tea Dance – May 21st

Tea dance time at Gurranabraher/Churchfield Youth & Community Resource Centre (The Hut). Organised by local volunteers and part-funded by Cork City Partnership, this monthly event will be held on Sunday May 21st, from 3pm to 6pm. Admission is free and refreshments are provided.

Cork Alzheimer's Café – May 26th

Cork Alzheimer's Café 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

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.

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