

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

28th May, 2023.

A priest can be contacted urgently this Sunday at

Farranree 087 096 7177

We pray for those recently deceased...

Catherine Hession, Baker's Hill

Requiescat in Pace

Ascension Church is open for private prayer from 9am until 3pm, Monday to Saturday.

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 27th May, (5:30pm)

- i) Mary McGrath RIP (2nd Anniv)
- ii) Finbarr & Theresa Sutton RIP (53rd Anniv)

Sun 28th May, (9am)

- i) Special Intention
- ii) Mary Coughlan's Intentions

Sun 28th May, (11.30am)

- i) Timothy & Mary Power RIP

Mon 29th May, (10am)

- i) Jim Lehane RIP (Birth Remb)

Tue 30th May, (10am)

- i) Mary McGrath RIP (2nd Anniv)

Wed 31st May, (10am)

- i) Special Intention

Thurs 1st June, (10am)

- i) Michael O'Donovan RIP
- ii) Bridie & Tom Marsh RIP
- iii) Bríd Powers Intentions

Fri, 2nd June, (10am)

- i) Special Intention

Sat 3rd June, (10am)

- i) Pro Populo



Ascension Parish, Gurrabraher

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

Sunday, May 28th, 2023

Pentecost Sunday, (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:

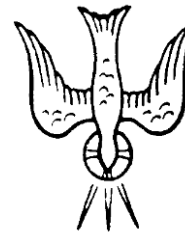
Fr. Tomás Walsh, SMA. 021 4303 658 (walshtomas@hotmail.com)

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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.



Pentecost

Holy Spirit Rebuilds the Bridge between Earth and Heaven

Today we celebrate the great Feast of Pentecost – the day the Holy Spirit descended powerfully upon the Apostles; and thus, the Church's mission in the world began. Pentecost is recognized as the beginning of the Church – it is born to go out and tell the whole world that the Risen Jesus is for all peoples of every place and time.

Pentecost is the new Sinai, it is the feast of the new pact, in which the Covenant with Israel is extended to all the people of the earth. For this reason, the Church was Catholic and missionary from her inception. The universality of salvation is significantly highlighted in the list of ethnic groups who listened to the first announcement of the Apostles. The People of God ... was enlarged ... until it no longer knew frontiers of race, culture, space or time. Unlike what happened in the Tower of Babel - when men, intent on building a way to heaven with their own hands, ended up by destroying their capacity to understand one another - in the Pentecost event the Spirit, with the gift of tongues, shows how His presence unites and transforms confusion into communion.

... The Holy Spirit ... rebuilds the bridge of true communication between earth and heaven. The Holy Spirit is Love.

Building Fund Collection (27th & 28th)

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.

Ascension Cross Update

Parishioners may have noticed workmen on-site recently – preliminary works are being undertaken to prepare the tower for the installation of the new cross. We thank parishioners for their donations and continued interest, and we all look forward to the return of our iconic cross atop the majestic Church of the Ascension.

Vincent de Paul Collection

The monthly collection by Vincent de Paul has been deferred until the weekend of 10/11 June.

World Youth Day 2023

A special collection will take place next weekend (3rd & 4th June) for our parishioners who are attending World Youth Day. 4-6 million people will attend this event and Bishop Fintan has asked each parish to find at least four youth representatives – we currently have three. The purpose of the collection is to help alleviate their travel/accommodation costs for this event.

Remembrance Mass

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

Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – May 31st

“Going beyond the surface, Mary “sees” the work of God in history with the eyes of faith... Her Magnificat, at the distance of centuries and millennia, remains the truest and most profound interpretation of history, while the interpretations of so many of this world's wise have been belied by events in the course of the centuries... Let us bring the same sentiments of praise and thanksgiving of Mary to the Lord, her faith and her hope, her docile abandonment in the hands of Divine Providence. May we imitate her example of readiness and generosity in the service of our brethren. Indeed, only by accepting God's love and making of our existence a selfless and generous service to our neighbour, can we joyfully lift a song of praise to the Lord.”
(Pope Benedict XVI) As May draws to a close, we invite parishioners out to pray the rosary for the last few days of the Month of Mary, at the Grotto on Sprigg's Road from 7pm to 7.20pm.

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 €€€€.

Pioneer Mass (June 9th St Patrick's Church, Bandon)

The annual Diocesan Pioneer Mass will be celebrated by Fr John Newman PP in St Patrick's Church in Bandon on Friday June 9th at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Centre after Mass. Anyone due for silver, gold or diamond (60 yrs.) pins which will be presented at the Mass please contact your local Pioneer Centre, Teresa McCarthy between 10.00am and 12 noon, Aislinn Cogan 087 9699 or Sheila Murphy 087 768 6112. Anyone wishing to join the Pioneers, contact the above. All are welcome to attend the Mass.

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.

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.

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.

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