

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 17th June, (5:30pm)

- i) Joan Kenneally RIP (Recent)
- ii) Betty Doherty RIP (Recent)

Sun 18th June, (9am)

- i) John Murphy RIP (21st Anniv)
- ii) Jeremiah Foley RIP + John Gamble, RIP

Sun 18th June, (11.30am)

- i) Paddy, Frank & Paul O'Leary RIP
- ii) Keith & Eleanor O'Callaghan RIP

Mon 19th June, (10am)

- i) Lily Morrison RIP (1st Anniv)
- ii) Paddy Galgey RIP (Birth Remb.)

Tue 20th June, (10am)

- i) Mark Dowling RIP (1st Anniv)
- ii) Special Intention

Wed 21st June, (10am)

- i) Pauline O'Leary RIP
- ii) Special Intention

Thurs 22nd June, (10am)

- i) Wally Hartnett RIP
- ii) Special Intention

Fri, 23rd June, (10am)

- i) Novena Mass 5
- ii) Clare O'Donovan's Intentions

Sat 24th June, (10am)

- i) Pro Populo

The Offertory collection last weekend

amounted to: €895

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 934 194 32642064**

or

To our Local Credit Union

Gurrabraher Credit Union Account
Church of the Ascension Renovation Fund –
A/c No. **02255200.**

SUNDAY DUTY ROTA

18th June, 2023.

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

Knocknaheeny 087 654 4836

We pray for those recently deceased...

Requiescat in Pace

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



Ascension Parish, Gurrabraher

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

Sunday, June 18th, 2023

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, (A)

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

email:ascensionparish123@gmail.com Website: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.

Fatherhood – what a gift to the World

A reflection on Fathers' Day by President Ronald Regan in 1986 gives a beautiful description of what a father is.

"...Fatherhood is walking the floor at midnight with a sick baby that cannot sleep; fatherhood is an arm around the shoulders of a child crying because a balloon is lost. Fatherhood is guiding a youth through the wilderness of adolescence toward the vast expanse of adulthood; fatherhood is holding tight when all else seems to be falling apart; and letting go when it is time to part.

Fatherhood is long hours at the blast furnace or in the fields, behind the wheel or in front of a computer screen, working a twelve-hour shift or doing a six-month tour of duty. In short, fatherhood is giving one's all, from a child's first day of life on, from the break of day to its end - on the job, in the household, but, most of all, in the heart.

From the vantage point of his love and responsibility, a father sees the future and dedicates himself to doing whatever is necessary to bring his family safely through. No father performs any of these tasks with thought of thanks or reward. The things that gratify him most are those that represent success in what he has labored to impart to his children: strength of character and conviction, love of family and country, a sense of right and wrong, and, above all, a spirit of thanksgiving for the generous gift of life itself.

Because human nature often keeps us from recognizing how great another's sacrifice is until we assume similar burdens, many of us realize for the first time how dearly we were prized only when we ourselves become parents. On Father's Day, all of us have a special opportunity to say thanks, to say a prayer for fathers everywhere - for their health and strength if they are with us, or for their blessing if this day finds them smiling down from heaven's bright corridors.

Ronald Reagan, Father's Day 1986

Peter's Pence Collection (17th & 18th June)

This annual special collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests to aid the most needy throughout the world. This can include those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression and natural disasters.

Building Fund Collection (24th & 25th)

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

Mass at St. Michael's Cemetery, Blackrock

On Wednesday 28th June at 7.30 pm, family members, friends and neighbours of all those laid to rest in St. Michaels Cemetery are invited to attend Mass. Please bring your own chairs as seating will not be provided. In the event of bad weather Mass will be celebrated in Holy Cross Church. Extra Parking and toilet facilities in St. Michael's GAA grounds.

Gurranabraher/Churchfield Community Afternoon Tea-Dance

An afternoon of song, dance and meeting friends from 3pm to 6pm on Sunday 18th of June at the Hut. Refreshments are provided and admission is free. This event is staffed by local volunteers and part-funded by Cork City Partnership.

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.*

New Mass Cards - 'Thinking of You' and 'Success in Exams' cards

We have a new Mass card available for occasions when perhaps, a Mass Bouquet or a Get Well Mass card isn't quite suitable for what we want to say. Or you just want to let someone know they are in your thoughts and prayers. The recipient will be included in a Novena of Masses. We wish to encourage more of our parishioners to use the Novena Mass Cards for different occasions. These cards are deeply appreciated by people.

MAY GOD BLESS ALL WHO DONATE TOWARDS THE CHURCH AT GURRANABRAHER

Pastoral Visit by Bishop Fintan Gavin

On next weekend, 24th/25th June, Bishop Fintan Gavin will visit our parish to meet parishioners and look at the administration of our parish. It is Bishop Fintan's first visit to our parish so we ask all parishioners to give him a traditional Gurranabraher Céad Mile Fáilte. A cup of tea will be available after the 11.30am Mass for parishioners, so we invite parishioners to wait behind and join us in the celebration.

Considering the Priesthood?

The Diocese of Cork and Ross will host a special 'Come and See' event for men considering the priesthood on Sunday, July 2nd. It will take place in Mardyke House (T12 W8RP) from 2pm to 5pm. It will be an opportunity to take a gentle initial step and to pray, share and explore if the Lord might be calling you to the priesthood. To register simply email vocations@corkandross.org

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 €€€€.

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.

Song Writing Course

Would you like to learn about song writing? The Rory Gallagher Music Library on Grand Parade will be hosting a series of five workshops that will be exploring the art of song writing and self-expression. The Classes will take place each Saturday in July from 2.00 - 3.00 pm. To book your place please email music_library@corkcity.ie or call at (021) 492 4907.

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