

The Offertory Collection
last weekend amounted to: €970

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

The Peter's Pence Collection
last weekend amounted to: €490

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

25th June, 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, Monday to Saturday.

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 24th June, (5:30pm)

- i) Finbarr O'Sullivan RIP (3rd Anniv)
- ii) Donal & Greg Marah RIP (1st Anniv & Anniv)

Sun 25th June, (9am)

- i) Tim O'Neill RIP
- ii) Michael Twomey RIP

Sun 25th June, (11.30am)

- i) Margaret Moynihan RIP (Anniv)
- ii) Michael Hegarty RIP (1st Anniv)

Mon 26th June, (10am)

- i) Nellie Farrell RIP (Anniv)
- ii) Novena Mass 6

Tue 27th June, (10am)

- i) Thomas & Helen Cronin RIP
- ii) Novena Mass 7

Wed 28th June, (10am)

- i) John O'Leary's Intentions
- ii) Special Intention

Thurs 29th June, (10am)

- i) Bertie Walsh RIP
- ii) Fr. Billy O'Sullivan RIP (Birth. Remb.)
- iii) Novena Mass 8

Fri, 30th June, (10am)

- i) Michael O'Brien RIP (2nd Anniv)
- ii) Jamsie Buckley RIP (Died recently)
- iii) Novena Mass 9

Sat 1st July, (10am)

- i) Pro Populo



Ascension Parish, Gurrabraher

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

Sunday, June 25th, 2023

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, (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:

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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.



Know what it is to be Truly Catholic

Cardinal Donald Wuerl of Washington explained in 2015 “why it is so crucial that we rediscover again what it is to encounter Jesus Christ and live by his Law. He also called for a greater Catholic identity. Cardinal Wuerl recalled: “When I was a young priest in the late 1960s and 1970s, there was much experimentation and confusion in the Church... Teachers and clergy were encouraged by some to communicate an experience of God’s love, but to do it without reference to the Creed, the sacraments, or Church tradition. It did not work very well. Catholics grew up with the impression that their heritage was little more than warm, vaguely positive feelings about God” and over time the faith became eroded. “Those years of experimentation left many Catholics weak, spiritually and intellectually, and unable to withstand the tsunami of secularism that came in recent decades,” he continued. “We lost many people because we failed to teach them about right and wrong, about the common good, about the nature of the human person. This left many no longer able to admit that they are sinners who need Jesus because many no longer know what sin is. This lived experience of people not being fully or correctly presented the truth of the faith illustrates why we are called to the New Evangelization.” Catholic must again be taught the truths of the Catholic faith and shown how only in following God’s law are the longings of the human heart truly satisfied beyond measure.

Building Fund Collection (24th & 25th)

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.

St Vincent de Paul Monthly Church-door Collection (1st & 2nd July)

The monthly Church-door collection taken up by St Vincent de Paul Society will take place next weekend. Covid-19 restrictions and the war in Ukraine has brought much devastation that is hugely affecting the poorer members of society. We ask you to be generous to this collection.

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.

Mass at Curraghkippane Cemetery

On Wednesday, 5th of July, at 7pm, family and friends of all those laid to rest in St Mary's Cemetery, Curraghkippane are invited to attend Mass. We ask everyone to come out and pray for those who have gone before us.

Cork Alzheimer's Café

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. Friday 30th June - next meeting.

Fr. Mathew Commemoration

The Annual Commemoration in honour of Fr. Mathew will take place at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Tory Top Road, Ballyphehane T12 HW89, on Tuesday 4th July at 7.30 p.m. This event is organised by Cork Regional Pioneer Council. We look forward to the attendance of the Lord Mayor. There will be refreshments afterwards in Togher Community Centre on Togher Road, T12TX 2Y Beidh fáilte roimh cách. Everybody's welcome

MAY GOD BLESS ALL WHO DONATE TOWARDS THE CHURCH AT GURRANABRAHER

Pastoral Visit by Bishop Fintan Gavin

This 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.

Pope John Paul II Gold Award Presentation

We are pleased to announce that at the end of 11.30am Mass on Sunday, two of our parishioners; Adam Sorenson and Paul Sunday will be presented with the John Paul II Gold Award by Bishop Fintan Gavin. This eponymous award is given to those who have distinguished themselves at a specific task on behalf of the Church.

Paul Sunday, formerly a student at North Monastery and now studying at U.C.C., has been proclaiming the word of the Lord every Sunday at 9am Mass, in Ascension Church, since 2019. *Adam Sorenson*, a student of Presentation College, Mardyke, is currently awaiting his Leaving Certificate results, has been proclaiming the word of the Lord every Sunday at 11.30am Mass, in Ascension Church, since 2019 also.

We congratulate Paul and Adam, and a third recipient, Paul O'Connor from Douglas, and also their parents, for their ongoing commitment to the Church and the Catholic faith which has resulted in them receiving this distinguished award. Comhghairdeas ar fad!

Gurranabraher Credit Union Partnership

Gurranabraher Credit Union is once again supporting the community with a €50,000 commitment to the Parochial Hall over the next five years. The signing of the agreement took place in the credit union recently, with members of the Parochial Hall committee and Gurranabraher Credit Union board present. The funds will be used to upgrade and maintain the facilities of the Parochial Hall, which serves as a vital community hub for events and activities. To celebrate this wonderful partnership the hall will be renamed to Gurranabraher Credit Union Arena Parochial Hall to reflect the Credit Unions commitment to supporting the local community.

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