

The Offertory Collection
last weekend amounted to: €950

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

The Building Fund Collection
last weekend amounted to: €1,160

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

2nd July, 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 1st July, (5:30pm)

- i) Jimmy Walsh RIP (23rd Anniv)
- ii) Joan Montgomery RIP (Birth Remb)

Sun 2nd July, (9am)

- i) Martin Collins RIP (6th Anniv)
- ii) Fínoia's Intentions
- iii) Emma Hales RIP (2nd Anniv)

Sun 2nd July, (11.30am)

- i) Paul O'Leary RIP
- ii) Nora & Frank Dilworth RIP
- iii) Nellie & Frank O'Leary RIP

Mon 3rd July, (10am)

- i) Daniel Buckley RIP (6th Anniv)
- ii) Jamsie Buckley RIP (Months Mind)

Tue 4th July, (10am)

- i) John & Deirdre (Thanksgiving)
- ii) Novena Mass 1
- iii) Catherine Kelleher & Family RIP (Anniv)

Wed 5th July, (10am)

- i) Michael O'Mahony RIP (Birth Remb)
- ii) Finbarr O'Connell RIP (Died recently)
- iii) Karen O'Mahony RIP

Thurs 6th July, (10am)

- i) Jason Butler RIP (Died recently)
- ii) Sr. Teresa O'Connell RIP

Fri, 7th July, (10am)

- i) Danny & Margaret O'Mahony's Intentions
- ii) Novena Mass 2
- iii) Mary Walsh RIP

Sat 8th July, (10am)

- i) Pro Populo



Ascension Parish, Gurrabraher

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

Sunday, July 2nd, 2023

13th 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.

We are Daughters and Sons of God, the Most High

The question of identity is central to the human experience. In our modern world we tend to build our identity on unreliable foundations. Often, we tend to identify ourselves not by *who we are*, but instead by *what we do* (e.g., “I am a teacher”), or *what we desire* (e.g., “I am gay”), or *the group we belong to* (e.g., “I am a Republican”). However, these ways of identifying ourselves never fully satisfy because they're based on things that are ultimately passing. Jobs can be lost, desires ebb and flow, and groups fall apart. We must, then, find our identity in a deeper place. The celebrated document of Vatican Council II, ‘Gaudium et Spes’, tells us where we draw our meaning and dignity from. It declares: “*In reality it is only in the mystery of the Word made flesh that the mystery of man truly becomes clear... Christ the new Adam, in the very revelation of the mystery of the Father and of his love, fully reveals man to himself and brings to light his most high calling*” (GS,22). In other words, the response to the deepest human question “who am I?” is found only in the person of Jesus Christ. Christ establishes and reveals to us the first and most fundamental identity of every human being: You are a son or a daughter of the Most High God. In a culture where the question of identity is everywhere, the Church invites women to discover and embrace the one unshakable, permanent and lasting identity that they've been given from God: You are a daughter of the King of Heaven and Earth. A woman's daughterhood in God is not a pious imagining, a nice name that a woman gives herself in order to feel special. The identity ‘*daughter of God*’ is the most fundamental truth about every woman. It's the ground of her existence, the source of her beauty, the assurance of her lovability, and the unmovable anchor of her dignity. No matter what circumstances shift and change in her life, a woman's daughterhood before God, and therefore the *fact* of her being infinitely loved, never change. (The same holds true for men in their ‘sonship’ before God the Father. (Archbishop Chaput – July 2018)

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

The monthly Church-door collection by St Vincent de Paul Society will take place this 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.

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 and hope they know we will never take their help for granted.

Mass at Curraghkippane Cemetery

On Wednesday, 5th of July, at 7.30pm, 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.

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

Irish Catholic Newspaper - €3.00.

At the request of parishioners, we have on sale in our church, each weekend, the Irish Catholic Newspaper. It is the only weekly newspaper that gives a Catholic slant on current news. We encourage our parishioners to support this newspaper. Please put the €3 into the Shrine Donation boxes.

Gurranabraher Meals on Wheels

Gurranabraher Meals on Wheels has been providing nutritious meal to older and vulnerable members of the parish for many decades. Should you know of someone who would benefit from this service – please contact Liz/Brid on 021 430 1037 from 9am-12pm Monday.

MAY GOD BLESS ALL WHO DONATE TOWARDS THE CHURCH AT GURRANABRAHER

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.

Pastoral Visit by Bishop Fintan Gavin

Last weekend Bishop Fintan Gavin visited Gurranabraher parish where he met parishioners and viewed the administration of the parish.

He celebrated the 5.30pm Mass on the Saturday and the 11.30am on the Sunday. In his homily at both Masses, he mentioned “declining numbers attending worship and the shortage of priests” necessitating the creation of ‘families of parishes’. It is hoped that with the collaboration of priests and parishioners from surrounding parishes working together a new springtime would arise for the Church.

At the end of the Mass on the Sunday morning Bishop Fintan presented two young parishioners from Gurranabraher, Adam Sorenson and Paul Sunday – and James O'Driscoll, a young man from Douglas parish, with the Pope John Paul II Gold Medal Merit Award for their constancy and commitment to specified tasks in the Church. With the sun barely shining it was still a momentous weekend for the parish.

We thank Bishop Gavin for visiting the parish and for celebrating two Masses with us. Many of the parishioners described their interactions with him as being with a ‘true man of the people’ who ‘had time for everyone’. To our parishioners who came to welcome Bishop Gavin, our steadfast ambassadors for Ascension parish – we thank you all for making his visit a success and for making the day special for Adam, Paul and James.

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