

The Offertory collection
last weekend amounted to:
€880

*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 A/c
Church of the Ascension
Renovation Fund – A/c No.
02255200**

SUNDAY DUTY ROTA

23rd July, 2023.

**A priest can be contacted
urgently
this Sunday at
Gurrabraher 085 804 1951**

**We pray for those recently
deceased...**

**John Coleman, Orrery Road
Christine Ahern, Churchfield Green**

Requiescat in Pace

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 22nd July, (5:30pm)

- i) Dave (Da) Connolly, RIP (Anniv)
- ii) Nan & Jim Bullman, RIP

Sun 23rd July, (9am)

- i) Mary Walsh, RIP (Died recently)
- ii) Holy Souls

Sun 23rd July, (11.30am)

- i) Michael & Margaret Galgey RIP (Anniv)
- ii) Joseph Barrett, RIP

Mon 24th July, (10am)

- i) Mary Walsh, RIP (Died recently)
- ii) Novena Mass 7

Tue 25th July, (10am)

- i) Greg Cotter's Intentions
- ii) Tom Moynihan, RIP (Died recently)

Wed 26th July, (10am)

- i) Bob Galvin, RIP (Died recently)
- ii) Novena Mass 8.

Thurs 27th July, (10am)

- i) Raymond Gamble, RIP (Anniv)
- ii) Seán Murphy, RIP

Fri, 28th July, (10am)

- i) Novena Mass 9.
- ii) Private Intentions.

Sat 29th July, (10am)

- i) Pro Populo

Last Sunday's collection for

Bishop's Office amounted to €445.



Ascension Parish, Gurrabraher

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

Sunday, July 23th, 2023

16th 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.

Jesus is Lord of all Nations



Many nowadays wish to denigrate the work of Christian missionaries - and accuse the church as having done great harm to indigenous cultures. Pope Benedict rejects this assertion. He claims that the Christian message does not harm native culture – rather purifies it. Once Christianity has been accepted and interiorized, the new man and woman who emerge are illuminated to look at what is noble and beautiful in their culture and work to preserve it - and see what is debasing of true humanity and work to eradicate it.

Benedict wrote in 2007, while on a visit to Brazil: “The proclamation of Jesus and his Gospel did not at any point involve an alienation of the pre-Columbus cultures, nor was it the imposition of a foreign culture”.

He said: “The utopia of going back to breathe life into the pre-Columbus religions, separating them from Christ and from the universal church, would not be a step forward; indeed, it would be a step backwards” and “a retreat towards a stage in history anchored in the past.”

Cork Deaf Association Church Gate Collection this weekend (22nd & 23rd July)

The Cork Deaf Association is committed to the empowerment of Deaf and Hard of Hearing people in Cork city and county through the provision of information, advocacy and support services. They aim to achieve a more inclusive society, where Deaf and Hard of Hearing people enjoy equality of opportunity, independence and full citizenship. They rely heavily on public donations to provide this much needed service.

Building Fund Collection next weekend (29th & 30th July)

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. We ask for your continued support please.

Tea Dance Time at The Hut

On Sunday 23rd of July 2023 the Gurrabraher/Churchfield Community Afternoon Tea Dance will take place. The venue is Gurrabraher Churchfield Youth & Community Resource Centre (aka The Hut) from 3pm to 6pm. All are welcome to this free event and refreshments are provided. This social gathering is organised by local volunteers and part-funded by Cork City Partnership.

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.

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. We now have a 'Thinking of You' card which includes inclusion in a Novena of Masses.

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 28th July the next meeting.

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.

Community Employment Vacancies – Gurrabraher/Churchfield Area

There are two C.E. locations in the Gurrabraher/Churchfield area with a total of seven vacancies to be filled. These Janitor/Caretaker roles can be viewed on JobsIreland.ie (Ref: #CES-2289403 & Ref: #CES-2291144) along with eligibility rules – which will have to be verified by the DEASP. Email your CV to patricia.whelan@vincentsce.com.

Gurrabraher Meals on Wheels

Gurrabraher 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.

Bingo at Gurrabraher Credit Union Arena Parochial Hall

Bingo continues every Sunday from 8pm at Gurrabraher Credit Union Arena Parochial Hall. Competitive prizes are available including a 'must win' category. Bring friends and family to this great social event at your local amenity and support your local community.

World Day for Grandparents & Elderly

World Day for Grandparents & Elderly takes place on Sunday, 23 July. This is the third year celebrating this event. The theme offered by Pope Francis this year is '*His mercy is from age to age*' (Lk.1:50). We all know the wonderful part played by the elderly and by grandparents, so it is all the more important that we mark the celebration

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.gurrabraherparish.ie