

The Offertory collection
last weekend
amounted to: €890

*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

20th August, 2023.

A priest can be contacted

urgently

this Sunday at

Farranree 087 096 7177

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

Requiescat in Pace

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 19th August, (5:30pm)

- i) Eileen Cambridge RIP (2nd Anniv)
- ii) Jerry, Denis, Michael & Mary Lou,
Michael & Mary Long & Mary Cronin RIP

Sun 20th August, (9am)

- i) Mary Walsh RIP
- ii) Special Intentions

Sun 20th August, (11.30am)

- i) Kathleen & Seanie Donovan RIP
(Anniv & Months Mind)
- ii) Pat O'Connor RIP (2nd Anniv)

Mon 21st August, (10am)

- i) Ann Lenihan RIP (28th Anniv)
- ii) Special Intentions
- iii) Sean Lucey RIP (Died recently)

Tue 22nd August, (8am)

- i) Michael Myers RIP (1st Anniv)
- ii) Noreen O'Regan RIP (Anniv)

Wed 23rd August, (10am)

- i) Novena 5

Thurs 24th August, (10am)

- i) Special Intentions

Fri, 25th August, (10am)

- i) Harry & Hannah Goulding RIP (Anniv)
- ii) Novena 6

Sat 26th August, (10am)

- i) Pro Populo



Ascension Parish, Gurrabraher

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

Sunday, August 20th, 2023

Twentieth 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.



Mary enjoys God's Favour more than any other Created Being

In these troubled times with many negative events happening in the world threatening social cohesion such as the issues of racism, anarchy, the burning of Cathedrals and churches around Europe and the genocide of Christians in Muslim lands – a number of bishops have called on their people to turn to Mary, Mother of God, for direction.

It was to Mary that people in every generation have turned in moments of danger - when there appeared no human solution - and Mary never failed to come to their aid. This generation too must turn to Mary and seek her intercession. It is in the Rosary especially that Mary hears the cry of a repentant people and intercedes powerfully before her son, Jesus Christ.

“The Rosary mystically transports us to Mary’s side as she is busy watching over the human growth of Christ in the home of Nazareth. This enables her to train us and to mould us with the same care, until Christ is ‘fully formed’ in us,” said Pope John Paul II.

Pope Leo XIII who was known as the ‘Rosary Pope’ wrote 11 Encyclicals on the rosary - and instituted the tradition of the rosary, during which Catholics are encouraged to pray the rosary daily. He wrote: “Truly the Immaculate Virgin, chosen to be the Mother of God and thereby associated with Him in the work of man’s salvation, has a favour and power with her Son greater than any human or angelic creature has ever obtained, or ever can gain. And, as it is her greatest pleasure to grant her help and comfort to those who seek her, it cannot be doubted that she would deign, and even be anxious, to receive the aspirations of the universal Church.”

Mercy University Hospital Foundation Collection (19th & 20th August)

The Mercy University Hospital Foundation has been granted a permit for a church gate collection this weekend (19th & 20th August). The Mercy has treated generations of Cork people since it opened in 1957 and needs your help to raise funds.

Building Fund Collection (26th & 27th August)

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.

Leaving Certificate Results

On Friday, August 25th, over 50,000 students will receive their Leaving Certificate results and the pathways they follow will take them in many and varied directions. May they realise that their worth and value cannot be measured by exams and may they be carried by the love of family, and friends. We pray for them, for their families and for their teachers. We pray also that as they continue on their life journey that they will be guided and supported by the prayers and example of all the holy women and men who have gone before them.

Novena Mass Cards – Exam Success, Thinking of You, Thank You etc.

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 involves inclusion in a Novena of Masses.

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.

Cork Alzheimer's Café (Friday 25th August)

Cork Alzheimer's Café is 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 11- 12.30 pm in St Finbarr's Hospital, Douglas Road. Light refreshments provided free of charge. All welcome.

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.

Volunteer with Friendly Call

Friendly Call Cork is a free phone call service for older or vulnerable people based in Gurrabraher Credit Union Arena Parochial Hall. The service operates Monday to Friday and trained staff will make a brief phone call to check that all is well with the recipient. If you would like to tackle loneliness/isolation and enjoy chatting then contact Fiona/Jackie at friendlycall@partnershipcork.ie to discuss volunteering opportunities.

Holy Hour of Adoration resumes Sept. 7th 2023

We thank everyone who attends Holy Hour weekly to pray with us. Holy Hour will cease temporarily for the month of August and resume on September 7th. We look forward to having everyone back then.

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.

Gurrabraher Meals on Wheels

Gurrabraher Meals on Wheels has been providing nutritious meals to older and vulnerable members of the parish for many decades. Should you know of someone (family member, friend, neighbour, or yourself) who would benefit from this service – please contact Liz/Brid on 021 430 1037.

Church Activities

Tuesday: Legion of Mary meeting @ 8pm each Tuesday
Wednesday: (First Wednesdays) Baptism Instruction @ 7pm
Thursday: *Holy Hour 7 – 8pm (Every Thursday) Resumes Sept. 7th 2023*
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 10am @ www.gurrabraherparish.ie