

**The Offertory collection
last weekend amounted to: €860**

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

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

SUNDAY DUTY ROTA

27th August, 2023.

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

Gurranabraher 089 804 1951

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

Denis (Clutch) McCarthy,
Churchfield Place East

Requiescat in Pace

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 26th August, (5:30pm)

- i) Norah Murphy RIP (40th Anniv)
- ii) Georgina Spillane RIP (8th Anniv)

Sun 27th August, (9am)

- i) Mary Walsh RIP
- ii) Novena 7

Sun 27th August, (11.30am)

- i) Graham O'Connell RIP
- ii) Stevie Keenan RIP (3rd Anniv)

Mon 28th August, (10am)

- i) Barry Twohig RIP (Died recently)
- ii) Seán Lucey RIP (Died recently)
- iii) Denis O'Connor RIP

Tue 29th August, (8am)

- i) Annie Russell RIP
- ii) Novena 8
- iii) Nellie Noonan RIP

Wed 30th August, (10am)

- i) Mary O'Driscoll (Get Well)
- ii) Sr Benedict O'Connor RIP

Thurs 31st August, (10am)

- i) Novena 9

Fri, 1st September, (10am)

- i) John & Mary Donovan RIP (Anniv)

Sat 2nd September, (10am)

- i) Pro Populo



Ascension Parish, Gurranabraher

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

Sunday, August 27th, 2023

Twenty First 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:

Fr. Tomás Walsh, SMA. 021 4303 658 (walstomas@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.



People of God

When we gather each Sunday to celebrate being the People of God, we address Jesus as 'our Saviour'. But we often forget that the basic image of 'saviour' is that Jesus came to bring healing. We are addressing Jesus as the one we look to for healing, health, and wholeness. We all need, in one way or another, healing for our bodies when afflicted with pain, we need healing for our minds when

they are distressed or embittered, and we need healing for our spirits which become damaged by sin. To encounter Jesus is to encounter the Father's gift of wholeness.

We are all aware that our lives are fractured, we want to live peaceful lives, yet we are caught up in various stressful pursuits. There are conflicts between what we would like to do and what we actually do. There are stresses between the demands of family and work. There are demands from various quarters that seem to contradict one another.

This need for healing and renewal takes on many expressions. We as Christians see it as a cry from within our deepest selves that we are incomplete without seeking God. 'You, a God, have made us for yourself, and our hearts are ever restless until they rest in you,' prayed St Augustine. Every occasion of human sickness should somehow, in some way, and to some extent remind us that we are not self-sufficient, that we need others, need forgiveness and mercy, and need God's love and mercy.

Building Fund Collection (26th & 27th August)

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 (2nd & 3rd September)

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.

Cork Deaf Association Church-gate collection

The sum of **€374.74** was raised by Anna Cotter and her fellow supporters, on behalf on the Cork Deaf Association (CDA), as part of their annual church gate collection. This money will go towards services and support groups provided by the CDA such as sign language/lip reading classes, assistive technology and clubs for deaf/hard of hearing children. Should anyone need assistance from Cork Deaf Association please contact them on: Tel: 021 4505944, Text: 086 8535574, Email: www.corkdeaf.ie.

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 are 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.

Pope Francis

“How good it is to live in gratitude and blessing instead of regrets and complaints, to raise our gaze upwards instead of wearing a long face! May our Mother, assumed into Heaven, help us to climb higher each day through service and praise.”

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.

Free Safe Pass Course

If you live in Cork City and are currently job seeking, you may be eligible for a place on our FREE Safe Pass Training course on Thursday, August 31st. For more information, call Cork City Partnership on 021 4302310 or email info@partnershipcork.ie.

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