

The Offertory collection
last weekend amounted to:
€880

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

The Building Fund Collection
last weekend amounted to:
€1,210

*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**

SUNDAY DUTY ROTA

6th August, 2023.

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

Cathedral 086 457 0292

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

Requiescat in Pace

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 5th August, (5:30pm)

- i) Mary Coughlan RIP
- ii) William Downey RIP (38th Anniv)

Sun 6th August, (9am)

- i) Sr. Teresa O'Connell RIP
- ii) Special Intentions

Sun 6th August, (11.30am)

- i) Shaunagh O'Riordan RIP
- ii) Peggy O'Donoghue RIP (Anniv)

Mon 7th August, (10am)

Tue 8th August, (10am)

- i) Buckley & Lane Families RIP
- ii) Holy Souls
- iii) Special Intentions

Wed 9th August, (10am)

- i) Holy Souls
- ii) Thanksgiving

Thurs 10th August, (10am)

- i) Mary Wyse RIP (1st Anniv)
- ii) Rita Jacob RIP (Died recently)

Fri, 11th August, (10am)

- i) Holy Souls
- ii) Sr Pauline Casey's Intentions

Sat 12th August, (10am)

- i) Pro Populo



Ascension Parish, Gurrabraher

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

Sunday, August 6th, 2023

Feast of the Transfiguration, (A)

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Fr Cian O'Sullivan, resident at Knocknaheeny, (021 439 2427)

Weekend Masses – Saturday 5.30pm (Vigil) & Sundays – 9am & 11.30am.

The Feast of the Transfiguration

In Christian teachings, the Transfiguration is a pivotal moment in salvation history - and the setting on the mountain is presented as the point where human nature encounters God: the meeting place of the temporal and the eternal - with Jesus himself as the connecting point, acting as the bridge between heaven and earth. Christians consider the Transfiguration to fulfill an Old Testament messianic prophecy that Elijah would return again after his ascension (Malachi 4:5-6).



The very last of the writing prophets, Malachi, promised a return of Elijah to hold out hope for repentance before judgment (*Mal. 4:5-6*). Elijah himself would reappear in the Transfiguration. There he would appear alongside Moses as a representative of all the prophets who looked forward to the coming of the Messiah (*Matt. 17:2-9; Mark 9:2-10; Luke 9:28-36*). Christ's redemptive sacrifice was the purpose for which Elijah had ministered while on earth. ... And it was the goal about which Elijah spoke to Jesus in the Transfiguration.

St Vincent de Paul Monthly Church-door Collection (5th & 6th August)

The monthly Church-door collection taken up 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.

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 – Mass Bouquet, 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 includes inclusion in a Novena of Masses.

Edith Stein, (Sr Teresa Benedicta of the Cross), Patron of Europe

On Wednesday August 9th the Church in Europe celebrates the Feast of Sr Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. Known more generally by her Jewish name, Edith Stein, Sr Teresa Benedicta was martyred at Auschwitz Concentration Camp on August 9, 1942 at the age of 50 years. A brilliant philosopher who stopped believing in God when she was 14, Edith Stein was so captivated after reading the autobiography of Saint Teresa of Avila that she began a spiritual journey that led to her Baptism in 1922. Twelve years later she imitated St Teresa by becoming a Carmelite Nun, taking the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. Born into a prominent and observant Jewish family in Breslau (now Wroclaw, Poland), Edith rejected God and abandoned Judaism in her teens. As a student at the University of Göttingen, she became fascinated by phenomenology, a new approach to philosophy, and earned a doctorate in philosophy in 1916. Her appointment as lecturer at the Educational Institute of Munich ended under pressure from the Nazis. After living in the Cologne Carmel Monastery (1934-38), she moved to the Carmelite monastery in Echt, Netherlands. The Nazis occupied that country in 1940. In retaliation for being denounced by the Dutch bishops, the Nazis arrested all Dutch Jews who had become Christians. Teresa Benedicta and her sister, Rosa, also a Catholic, were rounded up and sent to Auschwitz Concentration Camp where seven days later they were despatched to the Gas Chambers.

Saint John Paul II beatified Teresa Benedicta in 1987 and canonized her 12 years later – and named her as one of the Patron Saints of Europe. At the ceremony Pope John Paul II prayed that through the intercession of St Benedicta of the Cross Europe would never again witness the horrors and inhumanity of WWII - or the evil of Nazism.

The Feast of the Assumption – Tuesday, 15th August

The Feast of the Assumption is one of the great Marian Feasts of the Church. It celebrates the event of Mary, Mother of God, once she slept the sleep of death is assumed body and soul into Heaven. It is a holyday of obligation, meaning that all Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on that date to commemorate this event.

Vigil Mass – Monday 14th August @ 5.30pm &

Morning Masses, (Tuesday) – 8am & 10.00am

Mass of Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary at Marian Shrine, Lee Road.

Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday at 7.30pm, at the Marian Shrine, on the Lee Road, to mark the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. The Rosary will begin at 7.30pm. For Many years this Marian shrine has been the location where large numbers gathered to venerate the Blessed Virgin Mary on the Feast of the Assumption. Each generation of Christian must keep alive and transmit the treasures of the Catholic faith to a new generation. Bishop Buckley appeals to parishioners from the parishes of the Diocese to be present for these devotions.

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 Gurranabraher Credit Union Arena Parochial Hall

Bingo continues every Sunday from 8pm at Gurranabraher 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.

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.gurranabraherparish.ie