

**The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to: €1,000**

*This collection is for the ordinary day-to-day running of Ascension Church*

**The Building Fund Collection last weekend amounted to: €1,200**

*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.**

*Those nourished by the Eucharist are called to bring the joy of the gospel to those who have not received it.  
Strengthened by the living Bread we are called to bring hope to those who live in darkness and in despair.  
Pope Francis. 12/11/2015*



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

Mary, (May) Bradley, Orrery Rd.

*Requiescat in Pace*

## Mass Intentions this Week

**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> September, (5:30pm)**

- i) John Sutton RIP (30<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- ii) Fe & Pio Carreon RIP

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> September, (9am)**

- i) Mary Walsh RIP
- ii) Gerard & Mary Coughlan RIP

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> September, (11.30am)**

- i) Kathleen Gamble RIP (Anniv)
- ii) Rita O'Sullivan RIP (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> September, (10am)**

- i) Fr. Tomás Walsh (Get Well)
- ii) Novena 1

**Tue 5<sup>th</sup> September, (8am)**

- i) Jeremiah Lynch RIP
- ii) O'Keeffe Family RIP

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> September, (10am)**

- i) Sr. Bernadine Woods RIP
- ii) Fr. Tomás Walsh's Intentions

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> September, (10am)**

- i) Novena 2

**Fri, 8<sup>th</sup> September, (10am)**

- i) Sr. Clare Sheehan RIP
- ii) Fr. Aidan Vaughan's Intentions

**Sat 9<sup>th</sup> September, (10am)**

- i) Pro Populo



## **Ascension Parish, Gurrabraher**

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

**Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

**Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, (A)**

**Parish Office – 021 - 430 3655**

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**Office Hours: 10:30 – 12:30, Mon - Fri**

**Priests of the area:**

Fr. Tomás Walsh, SMA. ([walshtomas@hotmail.com](mailto:walshtomas@hotmail.com))

Fr. Aidan Vaughan, OFM, Cap. ([aidan1302@gmail.com](mailto: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.**

## **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**



This is one of the most ancient Marian feasts. The Church celebrates Mary's birthday on September 8. This feast day is exactly nine months after the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8<sup>th</sup>. The primary event in Mary's life always remains the Annunciation. The Church looks on her as the Mother of God, but even more so as the disciple who can best offer us an example and model of the Christian life. The birth of Mary is ordained in

particular toward her mission as Mother of the Savior. Her existence is indissolubly connected with that of Christ: it partakes of a unique plan of predestination and grace. God's mysterious plan regarding the Incarnation of the Word embraces also the Virgin who is His Mother. In this way, the Birth of Mary, as that her Divine Child, is inserted at the very heart of the History of Salvation. Mary is the woman to imitate especially in the trust shown during the darkest moments in the life of Jesus, her Son. Here, and in many other moments, she explains why the people of God know they can find their refuge and comfort, help and protection in her.

### **St Vincent de Paul Monthly Church-door Collection (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> September)**

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.

### **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.

### **The Meaning of Life**

You are invited to a series of talks about life, love, suffering, and about *the meaning of life*. The series will begin on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. The venues are: Parochial Hall, Churchfield and Farranree Community Centre, Popham's Road. All are welcome.

### **Novena in Honour of Our Lady Sacred Heart**

Novena in Honour of Our Lady Sacred Heart 'A Mothers Care' - August 31st – Sept 8th at Sacred Heart Church, Western Road. Mass 10am & 8pm. Healing Service: Saturday 2nd at 10am & 3pm in the Parish Centre, Reconciliation Service: Tuesday 5th, at 10am & 8pm. Tel.: (021) 480 4120 for more information.

### **Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta – Feast Day - September 5th**

At the age of twelve, St. Mother Teresa felt a divine calling to serve the poor. Upon turning eighteen, she entered the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Ireland, known as the Loreto Nuns, with the desire to serve in India. In 1948, after completing medical training, Mother Teresa began her life as a Missionary of Charity in the slums of Calcutta. Mother Teresa began caring for the poor. She dressed their wounds, showed compassion for the suffering, listened to their stories, provided them with food, and treated them as if they were Jesus. Her influence on an international level was profound, yet she remained deeply humble and devoted to her central mission of love. By the 1990s, houses had been set up on every continent, including nearly every communist country. By the time of her death in 1997, the Missionaries of Charity numbered about 4,000, across 610 foundations in 123 countries. Two years after her death, Pope John Paul II opened her cause for canonization. He beatified her in 2003, and she was canonized by Pope Francis in 2016.

### **Season of Creation (1<sup>st</sup> September – 4<sup>th</sup> October)**

The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1 Sept. as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. This year's theme is "Let Justice and Peace Flow".

### **Holy Hour of Adoration resumes Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to having everyone back then.

### **Bingo at Gurrabraher Credit Union Arena Parochial Hall**

Bingo every Sunday from 8pm at Gurrabraher Credit Union Arena Parochial Hall. Competitive prizes are available including a 'must win' category. Bring friends/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.

### **Bon Secours Hospital Cork/Wilton Parish International Fun Day**

All are welcome to join us on Sunday 10th Sept. from 2-6pm on the grounds of St. Joseph's Parish, Wilton to celebrate the rich tapestry of cultures/nationalities here in Cork. You will enjoy a wide range of exciting activities, stage performances and a variety of other for young and old! There will also be food stalls with a diverse array of cuisines brought by our nurses and other members of the multicultural community for all to sample. All are very welcome. Entrance free of charge.

### **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. 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.gurrabraherparish.ie)**