

The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to: €1,040

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

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**

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or

**To our Local Credit Union
Gurrabraher Credit Union
Account
Church of the Ascension
Renovation Fund –
A/c No. 02255200.**

“For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Luke 14:11

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

Daniel Garvin, Barrett’s Buildings
Terry McCarthy, Sprigg’s Road
Kathleen Roche, Mourne Avenue

Requiescat in Pace

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 9th September, (5:30pm)

- i) Christopher Kane RIP
- ii) Frank O’Leary RIP (30th Anniv)

Sun 10th September, (9am)

- i) Humphrey O’Callaghan RIP (12th Anniv)
- ii) Fr. Arthur Murphy O’Connor RIP (Anniv)

Sun 10th September, (11.30am)

- i) Bidy Long RIP (90th Birth. Remb.)
- ii) Mary Coughlan RIP (Month’s Mind)

Mon 11th September, (10am)

- i) Holy Souls
- ii) Novena 3

Tue 12th September

❖ **No Mass today**

Wed 13^h September, (10am)

- i) Sr. Pauline Casey’s Intentions
- ii) Special Intentions

Thurs 14th September, (10am)

- i) Donal O’Shea’s Intentions
- ii) Sarah & Billy Kelly RIP

Fri, 15th September, (10am)

- i) Michael O’Donovan RIP (9th Anniv)
- ii) Novena 4

Sat 16th September, (10am)

- i) Pro Populo



Ascension Parish, Gurrabraher

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

Sunday, September 10th, 2023

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, (A)

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Fr Seán O’Sullivan, resident at Farranree, (021 493 2230)

Fr Cian O’Sullivan, resident at Knocknaheeney, (021 439 2427)

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



World Meeting of Families

On Sunday 27 August last, Archbishop Dermot Farrell of Dublin celebrated Mass in Saint Mary’s Pro-Cathedral to mark the fifth anniversary of the World Meeting of Families 2018. During his homily, Archbishop Farrell said, “Families are good news because they are the place where God begins to reveal to us *who* we are, *how* we are, and *what* we are: that we are someone who is precious to others, that we need each other—not just to survive, but—to live, and that our lives together are filled with paradox and mystery—that love and loss are deeply entwined, as are failure, forgiveness and mercy. Families are “a chance to take part in God’s dream...of building a world in which no will feel alone” (*Amoris Laetitia*, 319–21). The Archbishop of Dublin continued, “Family is the place where we may be ourselves. Indeed, family is the place where we are known, and have no other option but to be ourselves. In today’s Gospel (*Matt* 16:13-20), Jesus goes from asking the disciples, “who do people say that I am?” to asking them, “who do you—you as a group—say that I am?” The healthy family is the safe place where we begin to hear who we truly are. Where that discovery happens, God is profoundly at work. Like the Church, instead of remaining closed within themselves, families become more themselves by “going forth”, “caring for others”, and “transforming the world” (*Amoris Laetitia* 324).”

Canon Arthur Murphy O'Connor - 48th Anniversary

We remember the 48th anniversary of death of Canon Arthur Murphy-O'Connor. He was the first Parish Priest of Gurrabraher and is the only priest buried on the Church grounds. Like every other human being who dies - he too needs the prayers of the believing community that – in the words of St Paul – “God will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his own glorious body.” As a priest who served this parish community from 1969 to 1975, we owe him that debt of gratitude.

Holy Hour temporarily postponed

Holy Hour is postponed until Thursday, September 21st

Tuesday September 12th – No Mass at Ascension Church

Regrettably we are unable to celebrate Mass on Tuesday 12/09/2023 - this week only.

Pro-Life Collection 9th – 10th September

There will be a church-gate collection this weekend. We were informed as a courtesy on Tuesday 5th so were unable to give advance notice.

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, and of death itself, birthdays, exams or just to say ‘Thank You’ to those who have been good to us. We now have a ‘Thinking of You’ card with inclusion in a Novena of Masses.

Dunlop Workers Mass

On September 30th at 6pm a Mass will be held for all living and deceased workers of Dunlop's. Opened in 1935, Dunlop's closed its business in Cork in 1983 – 40 years ago. We invited all those who worked in Dunlop's and their families to attend this special Mass.

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 18th at 7.30pm. The venues are: Parochial Hall, Churchfield and Farranree Community Centre, Popham's Road. All are welcome.

Irish Catholic Newspaper - €3

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.

Season of Creation (1st September – 4th 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”.

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.

Cork Scripture Group

4 Monday nights (25th Sept, 2nd, 9th, 16th Oct) on “When you pray... (Matthew 6:5): Exploring Prayer in the Bible. Presenters: Pauline Byrne, Marian Mortell, Fr John Newman, Phil Mortell. Saturday workshop (Oct 7th) on Praying the Psalms facilitated by Ciaran O'Callaghan CSsR. Cost €50. To book a place please email corkscripturegroup@gmail.com

Radio Maria

The Totus Tuus Men for Christ Conference 2023 - a Catholic Conference for Men will be live & exclusive on Radio Maria Ireland Saturday 16th September from 2pm. Speakers for this year's Conference are Fr. Billy Swan, Fr. Chris Hayden, Anthony Crossey & Fr. John Harris OP. To view or listen: Saorview TV channel 210, Live radio - 01 437 3277, Mobile app – “Radio Maria Ireland”, website – www.radiomaria.ie

Church Activities

Tuesday: Legion of Mary meeting @ 8pm each Tuesday
Wednesday: (First Wednesdays) Baptism Instruction @ 7pm
Thursday: Holy Hour 7 – 8pm (Every Thursday) *Postponed until 21/09*
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