

The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to: €870

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**

IE65 AIBK 934194 32642064

or

**To our Local Credit Union
Gurrabraher Credit Union
Account**

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

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

Philippians 4:6

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

Mary Morrissey, Gurrabraher Rd.
Con O’Sullivan, Churchfield Avenue

Requiescat in Pace

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 16th September, (5:30pm)

- i) Jerry O’Sullivan RIP (Anniv)
- ii) Timothy Power RIP (27th Anniv)

Sun 17th September, (9am)

- i) Christine & David Cullinane RIP

Sun 17th September, (11.30am)

- i) Ann O’Shea RIP (Died recently)
- ii) Bill & Breda O’Riordan RIP

Mon 18th September, (10am)

- i) Dolores Moriarty RIP
- ii) Novena 5

Tue 19th September, (10am)

- i) Ann Baker RIP (2nd Anniv)
- ii) Mary Coughlan RIP (Remb)

Wed 20^h September, (10am)

- i) Buckley & Lane Families RIP

Thurs 21st September, (10am)

- i) Katie Murphy RIP (Anniv)

Fri, 22nd September, (10am)

- ii) Novena 6

Sat 23rd September, (10am)

- i) Pro Populo



Ascension Parish, Gurrabraher

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

Sunday, September 17th, 2023

Twenty Fourth 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:

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Fr. Aidan Vaughan, OFM, Cap. (aidan1302@gmail.com)

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.



The Importance of Praying for Our Dead

Catholics are known sometimes to give bereaved people “Mass cards”—cards that say Mass will be celebrated at a certain place and time (or announce an enrolment in a spiritual confraternity for whose members Masses are regularly celebrated) for a deceased person. This is something uniquely Catholic. When the priest offers Mass for a particular intention, be it for someone living or dead, Jesus’ perfect prayer of obedience is offered to God specifically out of our love for that particular person. We can offer our own prayers, individual acts of self-denial, or almsgiving on their behalf, but there is no more efficacious prayer, no more efficacious act than Jesus’ own sacrifice. After all, we can’t save ourselves, but God enables the “widow’s mite” of our good deeds done in grace and charity to contribute. But Jesus’ sacrifice (which makes our charity possible) is a qualitatively and wholly other reality. That is why Catholics bid their loved one’s farewell with a funeral Mass soon after death and why they regularly arrange for Mass to be celebrated for their loved ones, especially on the anniversary of their death. We believe that, through Christ, we remain joined to those who have “gone before us, marked with the sign of faith.” St. Ambrose summed it up: “We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord.”

Priesthood Education Collection – 23rd & 24th September

This collection takes place next weekend and the fund is used to provide priests with in-service training so that they can continue to minister effectively to enhance the life of our parish communities throughout the diocese. We appreciate your continued generosity

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.

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

Our Cross Has Returned

As many of you may now know our cross has returned to Church of the Ascension. The first cross, erected in 1955, was replaced in 1962 and became an iconic landmark, visible all around the city and a red beacon lighting the sky above the red city. In February, 2022, this cross was damaged by Storm Franklin and fell a month later. We were, and still are, overwhelmed by the amount of support we received, from our ever-dedicated parish community, Cork City Councilors, and the media. We thank everyone who donated to our [GoFundMe](#) to raise funds for the damage to the roof when the cross fell and for our third in a trilogy of crosses at Ascension.

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.

The Sycamore Series for Young Adults

Have you ever questioned why you are Catholic and wondered why we Catholics believe what we believe? The Sycamore Series is an informal course for those aged 18-35. Join us to deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith. Each session involves a short film and discussion, with a meal also included. Everyone is welcome. Starting Wednesday October 4th 2023, 6pm-8pm at Presentation Brothers Mardyke House, Cork T12 W8RP. The course runs for 10 consecutive weeks. The course is free, but places are limited. Please email chaplaincy@ucc.ie or ring 0214902459.

Gurrabraher Meals on Wheels

Gurrabraher Meals on Wheels has been providing nutritious meal to older and vulnerable members of the parish for many decades. Should you know of someone (family member, friend, neighbour) 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)
Friday:	(First Fridays) Alliance of Two Hearts Vigil @ 7.30pm to 12
Saturday:	(First Saturdays) – Marian Devotion 9.40am – 11.00am
Sunday:	Bingo (Parochial Hall) @ 8pm.

Mass Live each day at 10am @ www.gurrabraherparish.ie