

The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to: €900

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

Priesthood Education Collection last weekend amounted to: €480

Donations gratefully accepted at the Parish Office –or 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
Account**

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

*“...as you help us by your prayers.
Then many will give thanks on our
behalf for the gracious favour granted
us in answer to the prayers of many.”*

Second Corinthians 1:3–11

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

William Hallissey, Churchfield Tce. East

Requiescat in Pace

***Ascension Church is open for
private prayer from 9am until 3pm,
Monday to Saturday.***

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 30th September, (5:30pm)

- i) Mary Thompson RIP (2nd Anniv)
- ii) Noreen O’Leary RIP (2nd Anniv)

Sun 1st October, (9am)

- i) Kathleen Roche RIP (Months Mind)

Sun 1st October, (11.30am)

- i) Bridget Foley RIP (Anniv)
- ii) Ann Cunningham RIP (1st Anniv)

Mon 2nd October, (10am)

- i) Sr Patricia O’Regan RIP (Anniv)
- ii) Geraldine Owens Intentions (Thanksgiving)

Tue 3rd October, (10am)

- i) Jeany Kelliher RIP (8th Anniv & Birth Remb)
- ii) Michael Allen RIP (17th Anniv)

Wed 4th October, (10am)

- i) Novena 1

Thurs 5th October, (10am)

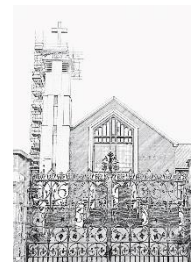
- i) Special Intention

Fri, 6th October, (10am)

- i) Novena 2

Sat 7th October, (10am)

- i) Pro Populo



Ascension Parish, Gurranabraher

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

Sunday, October 1st, 2023

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, (A)

Parish Office – 021 - 430 3655

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Office Hours: 10:30 – 12:30, 2.30 – 4 - Mon - Fri

Priests of the area:

Fr. Tomás Walsh, SMA. (walshtomas@hotmail.com)

Fr. Aidan Vaughan, OFM, Cap. (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.



St. Francis of Assisi and the Synod

The October Synod of Bishops will open on St. Francis’ feast and there’s much from the life of this beloved man of God that can inspire how we approach the synod. At the heart of synodality is the recognition that our traveling together in faith requires putting up with one another as we head towards the truth we seek. St. Francis epitomized humility, stripping away worldly attachments to embrace a life of poverty. In his “Admonitions,” he writes, “Blessed is the servant who does not regard himself as better when he is esteemed and extolled by men than when he is reputed as mean, simple, and despicable: for what a man is in the sight of God, so much he is, and no more.” In a synodal Church, humility opens the door to genuine dialogue, with preconceived notions and politics being cast aside. St. Francis was humble and charitable because of his vision of Christ. St. Francis taught, “Let all of us, brothers, consider the Good Shepherd Who bore the suffering of the cross to save His sheep.” St. Francis’s life was entirely centred on following Jesus Christ. The synodal way must be the way of Christo-centric discipleship. We should be disciples like St. Francis, striving our best to imitate our master, he who was poor and willing to lay down his life in reparation for our sins. And who loved the people we’d probably dislike. “But as St. Francis did not love humanity but men, so he did not love Christianity but Christ,” In the end, the most important consideration for synodality is that it would help us become saints: men and women who love not their own ideas, but the Lord Jesus.

St Vincent de Paul Monthly Church-door Collection (30/09 & 01/10)

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 to this collection.

Diocesan Needs Collection (7th & 8th October)

The quarterly Diocesan Needs collection takes place at all Masses next weekend. Your kind and generous support will help Cork & Ross diocese reach out to you in your homes and parishes in Pastoral Outreach, Youth Ministry and in caring for our sick and retired priests.

An Invitation to Remember...

A Service of Remembrance will be held by Cork University Maternity Hospital on Sunday 15th October 2023 at 6pm in the Sacred Heart Church, Western Road, Cork. All who have experienced pregnancy or infant loss are welcome to attend. The Service of Remembrance will also be livestreamed at this link - <https://www.churchservices.tv/sacredheartcork>

Cork & Ross Safeguarding

October is Safeguarding month in the Diocese. The parish and Diocesan Safeguarding Teams work hard all year to assure our Churches are a safe space for children. We welcome all children and young people to participate fully in the life of the parish, whether it be attendance at Mass and the Sacraments, as Altar Servers, Choir, Children's Liturgy, Pray and Play, Youth Ministry etc

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, October 2nd at 7.30pm. The venue is Ascension Church Basement and Farranree Family Centre. All are welcome.

Hail Holy Queen Conference 2023

Hail Holy Queen Conference 2023 is live on Radio Maria Ireland from 2pm on Saturday 7th October. Speakers include Fr. Seán Maguire, Fr. Colum Power, Catherine McGowan, Fr. Freddy Warner. Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the radio maria Ireland app, Saorview channel 210 or listen live at (01)4373277

Novena Mass Cards

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.

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.

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 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.

Calling Young People to a Deeper Knowledge of their Faith

We invite young people who wish to have a more adult understanding of the faith to make contact with the priests of the parish. They will be directed to where they can, along with people of their own age, delve into the mystery - and encounter Jesus, the Risen Lord. Only some kind of encounter with Jesus will sustain us in the years ahead as Ireland turns its back on Christ and believes more and more that it is sufficient on its own.

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.

Daily Mass can be viewed @ www.gurrabraherparish.ie