

**The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to: €1,140**

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

**The Mission Sunday Collection last weekend amounted to: €830**

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.**

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

Thomas Mulroy, Baker's Road  
Elizabeth Browne, Mt. Nebo Ave.

***Requiescat in Pace***

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

## Mass Intentions this Week

**Sat 28<sup>th</sup> October, (5:30pm)**

- i) Kathleen Lee RIP (50<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- ii) Patricia (Pat) O'Regan RIP (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**Sun 29<sup>th</sup> October, (9am)**

- i) Martin Carroll RIP (20<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- ii) Novena Mass 9

**Sun 29<sup>th</sup> October, (11.30am)**

- i) Larry Williamson RIP (Anniv)
- ii) Graham O'Connell RIP (Birth Remb)

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> October, (10am)**

**Tue 31<sup>st</sup> October, (10am)**

- i) Eddie, Larry & Ann King
- ii) Kathleen Allen RIP (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- iii) Ivor McLoughlin RIP

**Tue 31<sup>st</sup> October, (5.30pm)**

**(Vigil Mass of All Saints)**

- i) Sheila Collins RIP (47<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- ii) John Bruton RIP (Birth Remb)

## Feast of All Saints

- ❖ **Wed 1<sup>st</sup> November, (8am)**
- ❖ **Wed 1<sup>st</sup> November, (10am)**

## All Souls

- ❖ **Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> November, (10am)  
(Novena Mass 1)**

**Fri, 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov., (10am) (Novena Mass 2)**

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup> November, (10am) Pro Populo**

## Mass of Remembrance

- ❖ **Sat 4<sup>th</sup> November, (5.30pm)**



## **Ascension Parish, Gurranabraher**

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

**Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, (A)**

**Parish Office – 021 - 430 3655**

email:[ascensionparish123@gmail.com](mailto:ascensionparish123@gmail.com) Website:[www.gurranabraherparish.ie](http://www.gurranabraherparish.ie)

**Office Hours: 10:30 – 12:30, 2.30 – 4 - 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.**



### **Feast of All Hallows begins our month of Prayer for the Dead**

The church begins its great crusade of prayer for the dead each November by rejoicing with the Saints in Heaven, (the Hallowed); and seeking their intercession for those poor souls still undergoing purgatorial cleansing before they are admitted to God's Heavenly home. The Feast of Halloween was the great occasion when people engaged in prayer and works of penance to make atonement for the sins of the dead. There was the strong belief that the dead somehow made themselves present to their kin on this night pleading for their prayers. Indeed, in Ireland, it was the custom to light a candle in the home and to recite prayers - and to even leave a plate of food ready as a sign of their deep communion with the dead. Today, such a custom is scoffed at - and dismissed as superstition. Like everything else religious in modern Ireland, we have (for the most part) abandoned making atonement for, or even remembering, our dead. Instead, Halloween has become a secular, if not a pagan event, trivializing the Feast with our own banal celebrations of spooks and ghosts. Still, November, with its bleak grey landscape, reminds us of our own mortality; and evokes in us a need to remember, to repay with prayer the sacrifices of parents, grandparents, friends and neighbours whose lives touched ours and we are the better for it. Prayer is essentially a hunger for God, for contact again with those whom we loved, for something bigger and better than anything this world can offer. We ask our parishioners to reflect during this month on their own mortality, on how fleeting life is – and above all, to remember in prayer those undergoing this purgatorial cleansing. Only our prayers can bring about their liberation and reunification with God their Creator. One day, (in all probability) we too will depend on the prayers of the faithful for our own liberation.

## Building Fund Collection (28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Oct)

The end-of-month building fund collection will take place at all Masses this weekend. The debt for the replacement of the roof is still ongoing and now we have the additional expense of the replacement of our iconic cross and the damage to a section of the roof. We ask for your continued support for the renovation project.

## St Vincent de Paul Monthly Church-door Collection (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Nov)

The monthly Church-door collection taken up by St Vincent de Paul Society will take place next 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.

## Blessing of the Graves

The blessing of the graves at St. Mary's Cemetery, **Curraghkippane**, will take place on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> of November at 3pm. The blessing of the graves at St. James Cemetery, **Chetwynd**, Togher on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2023 at 3pm. The blessing of the graves at St. Catherine's Cemetery, **Kilcully**, will be on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> of November at 3pm.

## 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 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.

## Connect 4

The Diocese of Cork and Ross is delighted to invite young adults (18 to 35 years) to another CONNECT event CONNECT 4 is a faith gathering for young people from all across the Diocese. Connect 4 will take place on Sunday, February 18th 2024 – save the date!

## Cork Regional Pioneer Council

An *Afternoon of Prayer* will be held on Sunday 19th November 2023 at Saint Benedict's Priory, Beechmount, Cobh, P24 C438. Gathering for Lunch at 12.45 p.m. Concluding after Vespers at 5 p.m. Cost €25. Booking Essential - Contact [sorchaol@gmail.com](mailto:sorchaol@gmail.com) / 0863642619

## Mass of Remembrance 2023

The Church of the Ascension Mass of Remembrance for parishioners who died from Nov 2022 - Nov 2023, takes place on **Saturday, Nov 4th, at 5.30pm**. A novena of nine Masses will be celebrated for our dead. The names of those we wish to remember are placed before the altar during this Mass. Shortly the November Dues envelopes will be delivered to every home in the parish, containing the list for you to write the names of your departed family and friends. We hope you will join us at the Novenas which will begin on Wednesday, 1st of November, All Saints Day.

## November Novena Masses for the Dead

Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> October	10am & 5.30pm Vigil Mass
Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> November - All Saints	8am & 10am
Thursday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> November – All Souls	10am
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> November -	10am
Saturday, 4 <sup>th</sup> November -	10am & 5.30pm ( <u>Remembrance Mass @5.30pm</u> )
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> November -	9am & 11.30am

## Bingo at Gurrabraher Credit Union Arena Parochial Hall

Bingo every Sunday from 8pm at Gurrabraher Credit Union Arena Parochial Hall. Competitive prizes are available. Bring friends/family 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.

## 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](http://www.gurrabraherparish.ie)**