

The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to: €835

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

The Building Fund Collection last weekend amounted to: €1155

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
Gurrabraher Credit Union
Account**

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

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

Johnny Gallagher, Churchfield T.E.
Bernie O'Sullivan, Cathedral Road
Ivo Dalton, Templeacre Avenue

Requiescat in Pace

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

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 4th November, (5:30pm)

i) Mass of Remembrance

Sun 5th November, (9am)

i) Novena Mass 4

Sun 5th November, (11.30am)

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Mon 6th November, (10am)

i) Novena Mass 5

Tue 7th November, (10am)

i) Novena Mass 6

Wed 8th November, (10am)

i) Novena Mass 7

Thurs 9th November, (10am)

i) Novena Mass 8

Fri, 10th November, (10am)

i) Novena Mass 9

Sat 11th November, (10am)

i) Pro Populo

O merciful God,
take pity on those souls
who have no particular friends and intercessors
to recommend them to You, who, either
through the negligence of those who are alive,
or through length of time are forgotten.

Spare them, O Lord,
and remember Your own mercy,
when others forget to appeal to it.
Let not the souls which You created
be parted from You, their Creator.

Amen.



Ascension Parish, Gurrabraher

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

Sunday, November 5th, 2023

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time, (A)

Parish Office – 021 - 430 3655

email:ascensionparish123@gmail.com Website:www.gurrabraherparish.ie

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

Priests of the area:

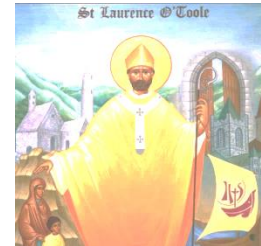
Fr. Tomás Walsh, SMA. (walshtomas@hotmail.com)

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.



Feast of All the Saints of Ireland (Nov. 6th)

Following five days after the Feast of All Saints, we celebrate the Feast of all the Saints of Ireland. Below we have a selection of icons of some of our Irish saints, written by members of the Association.

As we gaze upon our saints and contemplate their lives, perhaps what they point us to are hearts and lives wholly devoted to Christ – a singleness of heart. The Vatican II document, Lumen Gentium also points us to this: “The classes and duties of life are many, but holiness is one—that sanctity which is cultivated by all who are moved by the Spirit of God, and who obey the voice of the Father and worship God the Father in spirit and in truth. These people follow the poor Christ, the humble and cross-bearing Christ in order to be worthy of being sharers in His glory. Every person must walk unhesitatingly according to his own personal gifts and duties in the path of living faith, which arouses hope and works through charity.” (Lumen Gentium 41)

Soren Kierkegaard understood this unity of heart when he wrote:” A saint is someone whose life is about one thing”. A divided and distracted heart is usually a cause of unhappiness, or at least a life unfocused. To allow oneself to be still before an icon opens the door to contemplative prayer in which, as in the story of Martha and Mary (Luke 10: 38 – 42), we learn that only “one thing is needful”.

St Vincent de Paul Monthly Church-door Collection (4th & 5th Nov)

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.

Marriage Care Collection (11th & 12th November)

This Marriage Care Collection is to help finance support programmes, in the diocese, for those whose marriages are in difficulty. We are asked to be generous

Blessing of the Graves

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

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 / 0863642619

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. 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.

Vacancies at Church of the Ascension

Community Employment Vacancy – Gurrabraher Area

This **Janitor/Caretaker** role can be viewed on JobsIreland.ie (Ref: #2306608), along with eligibility rules – which will have to be verified by the DEASP. Email your CV to patricia.whelan@vincentsce.com. Closing date 13/11/2023

Cork City Library delivering books to your door for FREE

Cork City Libraries can deliver to you at home, and to nursing homes in the city. With Library Link you can access a wealth of reading material. Email nora_harrington@corkcity.ie or phone 0214924900 to register. Ask at your local branch if someone you know might benefit from this service. It is simple to sign up and it is free

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

How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye. Luke 6:42