

**The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to: €900**

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

**The Marriage Care Collection last weekend amounted to: €510**

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...***

Nora Walsh, Churchfield Place East

***Requiescat in Pace***

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

## Mass Intentions this Week

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup> November, (5:30pm)**

- i) Anne Falvey RIP (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- ii) Monica Walsh RIP (Anniv)

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup> November, (9am)**

- i) Ellen & Frank Cummins
- ii) Private Intention

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup> November, (11.30am)**

- i) Ann O'Connell RIP
- ii) Rose Meehan RIP (Anniv)

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> November, (10am)**

- i) Paddy Farrell RIP (51<sup>st</sup> Anniv)
- ii) Bernie O'Sullivan RIP (Died recently)

**Tue 21<sup>st</sup> November, (10am)**

- i) Kitty & Florrie Wallace RIP (Anniv)
- ii) Noreen Fox's Intentions (Birthday)
- iii) Greg Cotter's Intentions (Get Well)

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> November, (10am)**

- i) Mary Lynch RIP
- ii) Dan Courtney RIP (42<sup>nd</sup> Anniv)
- iii) Betty Brown RIP (Months Mind)

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> November, (10am)**

- i) Maureen Clifford RIP
- ii) Michael Murphy RIP

**Fri, 24<sup>th</sup> November, (10am)**

- i) Mary O'Donovan RIP (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv)
- ii) Sr Bernadette Cotters Intentions

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> November, (10am)**

- i) Pro Populo



## **Ascension Parish, Gurranabraher**

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

**Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Thirty Third 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:**

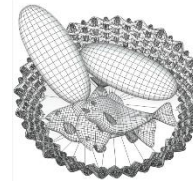
Fr. Tomás Walsh, SMA. (walshtomas@hotmail.com)

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.**



### **World Day of the Poor: 'Do not turn your face away'**

Pope Francis instituted the celebration of the World Day of the Poor in 2017. He encouraged the Church to "go forth", beyond its own walls, to encounter poverty "in the multiple meanings in which it manifests itself in today's world." The Pope will preside over the Eucharistic Celebration marking the seventh edition of the World Day of the Poor in St. Peter's Basilica on 19 November. "Do not look away from the poor" (Tobit 4,7), is the theme for the 2023 World Day for the Poor.

Pope Francis' Message. The Dicastery for Evangelisation reiterated the Pope's message. "The World Day of the Poor, a fruitful sign of the Father's mercy, comes for the seventh time to support the journey of our communities. It is an appointment that the Church is progressively rooting in her pastoral, in order to discover more and more the central content of the Gospel. Every day we are committed to welcoming the poor, yet this is not enough. A river of poverty flows through our cities and gets bigger and bigger until it overflows; that river seems to overwhelm us, so much so that the cry of the brothers and sisters asking for help, support, and solidarity is growing louder and louder. For this, on the Sunday before the feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we gather round his Canteen to receive again from him the gift and the commitment to live poverty and to serve the poor."

### **Building Fund Collection (25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> November)**

The end-of-month building fund collection will take place at all Masses next 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.

### ***'Forever Loved, Forever Cherished' Remembrance Service***

A special Service of Remembrance for families who have ever suffered the loss of a child during pregnancy or at birth will take place in the **Church of the Resurrection, Farranree, at 7.00 p.m. on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023.** Many families who lost a child in pregnancy or at birth down through the years never have had the opportunity to mark that loss or to pray for their precious child. Often the loss was never spoken of and parents carried their pain alone and in secret. This service seeks to honour the memory of these children, who are undoubtedly now with God, and to pray for comfort for those who have experienced the heartache of the loss of a child. All are welcome to be part of this special service.

### **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.

### **Pioneer Pledge for the Month of the Holy Souls**

A short-term pledge gives spiritual support and encouragement to people and their families who are living under a shadow of addiction. Further information from the Pioneers on 01 80-5 4226 or via [www.pioneers.ie/pray](http://www.pioneers.ie/pray)

### **Donations of Food items for the Needy**

Gurranabraher Parish is one of the few parishes in the city who makes a serious effort to come to the aid of its needy especially at Christmas time. We invite parishioners again this year to place their donations of food items in the baskets provided just off the sanctuary. May God bless all generous givers. Also, if you know families that could benefit from some extra food this Christmas, please let us know.

### **Volunteers Needed**

We are looking for volunteers who can spare an hour or two of their time to deliver our Christmas Dues envelopes, starting the beginning of December. Please contact the office to give your details and preferred streets.

### **Con's Shop Donation**

We are immensely grateful to Con, his staff and the wonderful patrons of Con's Shop. We have received an incredible donation of **€1,090** which will have an impact on our debt for the Church roof and cross. We especially thank all those customers who generously donated their change in difficult financial times.

### **Christmas Triduum Mass Cards**

Mass Cards that will remember loved ones in a Triduum of Masses, all those whom the Cards will reach this approaching Christmas are now available in Parish Office (and in Sacristy during weekend Masses). The three Masses will be offered on 24th, 25th & 26th December. These Masses will be offered up that God's love and peace may reign in each heart and home over the Christmas period. Cards are €2 each/€5 for 3/€10 for 6.

### **Bingo at Gurranabraher Credit Union Arena Parochial Hall**

Bingo continues every Sunday from 8pm at Gurranabraher Credit Union Arena Parochial Hall. Competitive prizes are available including a 'must win' category. Bring friends and family to this great social event and support your local community.

### **Christmas Tea Dance at The Hut**

The last Churchfield/Gurranabraher Community Tea Dance of 2023 will take place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023, from 3.00 until 6.00pm, at the Youth & Community Resource Centre aka The Hut. Light refreshments are provided, admission is free and all are welcome. The event is staffed by volunteers and part-sponsored by Cork City Partnership.

### **Cork Alzheimer's Café**

Cork Alzheimer's Café a safe place for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias, their carers, family and friends along with social and health professionals to meet. Last Friday of each month 11- 12.30 pm in St Finbarr's Hospital, Douglas Road. Light refreshments provided free of charge. All welcome, Friday 24th November the next meeting. Last one of 2023, join us for our Christmas celebrations

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