

The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to: €910

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

Diocesan Needs collection last weekend amounted to: €470

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...***

William (Bo) O'Sullivan, Barrett's Bldgs

Noreen Murphy, St Philomena's Road

Requiescat in Pace

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

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 20th 5.30pm Vigil

- i) Christopher Wyse RIP
- ii) Elizabeth O'Doherty RIP (1st Anniv)
- iii) Gerald O'Brien RIP (Months Mind)

Sun 21st January, (9am)

- i) Ellen O'Connor RIP (57th Anniv)
- ii) Michael Gleeson RIP

Sun 21st January, (11.30am)

- i) The Kelleher family
- ii) Noel O'Riordan RIP
- iii) Tony Dunphy RIP (Months Mind)

Mon 22nd January (10am)

- i) Kitty O'Callaghan RIP (7th Anniv)
- ii) John O'Brien RIP (7th Anniv)
- iii) John Lehane RIP (Anniv)

Tue 23rd January (10am)

- i) Sr Majella RIP (Died recently)
- ii) O'Connor, Kiely, Cash, O'Driscoll,
O'Carroll families RIP & Margaret Doran
- iii) Souls in Purgatory

Wed 24th January (10am)

- i) Paddy Hayes RIP
- ii) Novena Mass 7
- iii) Dora Cotter RIP (15th Anniv)

Thurs 25th January (10am)

- i) Martin McDonnell RIP (Birth Remb)
- ii) Mark Sheehan's Intentions

Fri, 26th January (10am)

- i) Teddy O'Sullivan RIP
- ii) Michael O'Riordan RIP (Birth Remb)
- iii) Emma Gould RIP

Sat 27th January (10am)

- i) Pro Populo



Ascension Parish, Gurranabraher

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

Sunday, January 21st, 2024

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

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. PP (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.

For as long as man lives in time he can choose for God

Up to the time of the Judeo/Christian revelation, some four thousand years ago, man lived in great fear of the gods - unable to make choices, his whole life was circumscribed by the repetitious cycle of seasons and events. First with Abraham and then with Moses, God entered into a Covenantal relationship whereby God and man would work together in the creation story. For the first time man will be an agent of transformation and change writing history by the imprint he would leave on the world. History, then, is a place of human decision. At every moment of our lives, we're asked to choose for good or for evil. Archbishop Chaput of Philadelphia writes: "The present is vitally important as the instant that will never come again; the moment where we are not determined by outside forces but self-determined by our free will. Our past actions make us who we are today. But each 'today' also offers us another chance to change our developing history. The future is the fruit of our past and present choices, but it's always unknown, because each successive moment presents us with a new possibility. Time and freedom are the raw material of life because time is the realm of human choice. The Devil wants us to think that freedom really doesn't exist because when we fail to choose, when we slide through life, we in effect choose for Satan. Time is the Devil's enemy. He lives neither in the eternity of God nor the realm of man. Satan has made his choice against God and he is forever fixed in that choice. But as long as man lives in time, which is the realm of change, man may still choose in favour of God. And of course, God is always offering the help of his grace to do just that.

Building Fund Collection (27th & 28th January)

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.

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.

Irish Catholic Newspaper - €3.00

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.

Mayfield Learning Neighbourhood

Free course in Social Psychology. Starts Wednesday, February 7th at Mayfield CDP, 328 Old Youghal Road, T23 TXCD. Email MayfieldCALP1@outlook.com, Tel: 0214508562. This course will run every Wednesday for 6 weeks from 10am to 1pm.

Friendly Call Volunteers Needed

If you can spare a couple of hours a week and would like to tackle loneliness and isolation, please contact Fiona/Jackie at friendlycall@partnershipcork.ie or call to their office in Parochial Hall, 114 Knockfree Avenue, Churchfield, Cork.

Cork Alzheimer's Café

This is 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 26th January – Speaker, Dr. Tim Dukelow – Geriatrician, on 'New drug treatment for dementia'.

New Cork & Ross Diocesan Secretary

We thank outgoing Diocesan Secretary Fr. Michael Keohane for his exemplary service in his former role and wish him well in his new role at Cork & Ross. We welcome Sheila Lewis, the first lay person to be Diocesan Secretary, to her new position and wish her every success.

Bingo at Gurrabraher Credit Union Arena Parochial Hall

Bingo continues every Sunday from 8pm at Parochial Hall. Competitive prizes are available including a 'must win' category. Bring friends and 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 meals to older and vulnerable members of the parish for many decades. Should you know of someone (family member, friend, neighbour, or yourself) who would benefit from this service – please contact Liz/Brid on 021 430 1037.

Cork Scripture Group

Sunday 21st January is the Sunday of the Word of God and Pope Francis has recommended that we have a ceremony of Enthronement of the Bible at our celebrations of the Eucharist on that weekend. The booklet will be available to view at www.gurrabraherparish.ie and the Ascension Church Facebook page.

Marian Pilgrimages 2024

For 2024 we will continue the great offer of €50 off per person for all booking to Medjugorje before 2 February! This means that 7 nights in Medjugorje could be as low as €745 pps including travel insurance. Plus, you will only have to pay a deposit of €200 to book. Contact: 00-353-1-8788159 or info@marian.ie

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