

The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to: €710

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

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...

Leslie Hourigan, Presentation Road
Bernie Sheehan, Churchfield Tce. E
May Lyons, Churchfield (late of)
Abina O'Sullivan, Baker's Road
Sheila Buckley, Baker's Road

Requiescat in Pace

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

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 27th 5.30pm Vigil

- i) Ann Keating RIP (1st Anniv)
- ii) Nora & Charles Lynch RIP

Sun 28th January, (9am)

- i) Sr Annie Kelly (Get well)
- ii) Michael Gleeson RIP

Sun 28th January, (11.30am)

- i) Gavin Lawless RIP (13th Anniv)
- ii) Christopher Wyse RIP
- iii) Theresa Mulcahy RIP (2nd Anniv)

Mon 29th January (10am)

- i) Noreen O'Leary RIP (1st Anniv)
- ii) Family & friends of late Nellie Bruton
- iii) Novena Mass 8

Tue 30th January (10am)

- i) Mary O'Donoghue's Intentions
- ii) Sr Bernadine Woods RIP

Wed 31st January (10am)

- i) Ellen & Christopher Murphy RIP (Remb)
- ii) Mary Daly RIP

Thurs 1st February (10am)

- i) Holy Souls
- ii) Margaret Mannix RIP
- iii) Thomas O'Mahony RIP

Fri, 2nd February (10am)

- i) Noreen Cripps
- ii) Novena Mass 9
- iii) Paul O'Mahony's Intentions

Sat 3rd February (10am)

- i) Pro Populo



Ascension Parish, Gurranabraher

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

Sunday, January 28th, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Parish Office – 021 - 430 3655

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

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

Priests of the area:

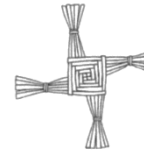
Fr. Tomás Walsh, SMA. PP (walshthomas@hotmail.com)

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.



Saint Brigid of Kildare, (Naomh Bríd). (Thursday, 1st February)

On February 1st we celebrate the feast of St Bridget of Kildare. Bridget, after St Patrick, is the second patron saint of Ireland. Each year the Church in Ireland reminds us of the nobility of her heroic deeds - and of the assistance she continues to bring us from her heavenly home. Bríd, (c. 451–525), is one of Ireland's best known saints, along with Patrick and Columba. Irish hagiography makes her an early Irish Christian nun, abbess, and founder of several monasteries of nuns, including that of Kildare, which became famous as a place of learning. Her feast day is 1st February, which was originally a pagan festival called Imbolc, marking the beginning of spring. Her feast day is shared by Dar Lugdach, whom tradition says was her student and the woman who succeeded her as abbess. Almost from the very beginnings of Christianity in Ireland we see those imbued with the Christian faith, (men and women), bringing enlightenment, illumination and hope to the Irish people. Make no mistake about it – an Ireland without her Christian faith – and where all traces of her Christian roots are erased from public consciousness - will not be a more enlightened, tolerant society. It will revert again to a savage state where we will be monsters to each other. May Naomh Bríd help us rediscover what it is to be Christian – and what it is to be human.

Building Fund Collection (3rd & 4th January)

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 (3rd Feb & 4th Feb)

The monthly Church-door collection taken up by St Vincent de Paul Society will take place next weekend. Wars throughout the world and inclement weather has brought much devastation that is hugely affecting the poorer members of society.

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.

Classes at the Hut

Zumba classes start in February. Art classes starting February, 2024, open to all ages and beginners. Spring at the Hut 2024 Singing for The Mind starting February 2024. Please enquire at reception or call 021-4212811

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 at 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'.

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.

Day for Consecrated Life

To mark the Day for Consecrated Life, Bishop Fintan is inviting members of Religious Communities throughout the Diocese of Cork and Ross to join him in praying Evening Prayer on Thursday, February 1st at 5pm in the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne. All are welcome to this special Diocesan celebration. Please let the Office for Mission and Ministry know if you wish to attend at 021-7355517.

Sycamore Series for Young Adults - Exploring Catholic Faith

Have you ever questioned why you are Catholic and wondered why we Catholics believe what we believe? The Sycamore Series is an informal course for those aged 18-35. Join us as we deepen our understanding and knowledge of the Catholic faith. Each session involves a short film and time for discussion, with a meal also included. Everyone is welcome. Start date Wednesday January 31 2024, 6pm-8pm at Presentation Brothers Mardyke House, Cork T12 W8RP. The course runs for 10 consecutive weeks. The course is free, but places are limited. Please email chaplaincy@ucc.ie or ring 0214902459 to let us know you are interested.

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

Priests of the Parish say "Thank You"

The priests of the parish, Fr Aidan Vaughan and Fr Tomás Walsh thank very sincerely Gurrabraher parishioners for their friendship and support during the year 2021. We thank most especially all who generously give of their time and talents to making sure that there is a active Christian presence in Gurrabraher. We wish all parishioners a happy and grace-filled Christmas 2021. May this season be for each parishioner a time of celebration and of happy memories – above all, may it be time when each is enraptured and enthralled by the grace of God's nearness in the presence of a little Godchild.

**1ST WEEK OF ADVENT AND YEAR B
3RD DEC**

Collections at Christmas Masses supports Priests of the Parish

The collections taken up at the Christmas Masses go towards the support of the priests of the parish. That collection along with the one at Easter - plus Christmas and Easter Dues - are the main support of the priests of the parish. From that income the priests must run house/car/health insurance/medical bills/etc. We ask you to please be generous and supportive of your priests.

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.

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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.

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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.

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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

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