

Mass Intentions this Week

The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to: €865.

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

The Building Fund collection last weekend amounted to: €1,230.

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...***

Requiescat in Pace

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

Sat 3rd February 5.30pm Vigil

- i) Rita O'Neill RIP 2nd Anniv
- ii) Ann Corcoran RIP (53rd Anniv)
- iii) Con O'Leary, RIP (Month's Mind)

Sun 4th February, (9am)

- i) Ger Glavin RIP
- ii) May Twomey RIP (Month's Mind)

Sun 4th February, (11.30am)

- i) Bridget O'Regan & Colette McCarthy, RIP
- ii) Chrissie O'Keeffe RIP (2nd Anniv)
- iii) Breda O'Driscoll RIP (2nd Anniv)

Mon 5th February (10am)

- i) Sr Ann Ryan, RIP, (Died recently)
- ii) Noreen O'Mahony,
- iii) The McCluskey family

Tue 6th February (10am)

- i) Holy Souls
- ii) Donal McGrath RIP (Month's Mind)
- iii) Novena Mass 1

Wed 7th February (10am)

- i) Mary White & Bernie O'Sullivan, RIP
- ii) Grace Falvey's Intentions
- iii) Rodney Thompson RIP

Thurs 8th February (10am)

- i) Noreen Courtney RIP (Birth Remb)
- ii) Fr John Galvin RIP
- iii) Bina O'Sullivan RIP (Died recently)

Fri, 9th February (10am)

- i) Christy & Finnbar Barry RIP
- ii) Holly, Denis & Noel O'Sullivan RIP
- iii) The Hosford family RIP

Sat 10th February (10am)

- i) Pro Populo



Ascension Parish, Gurranabraher

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

Sunday, February 4th, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

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Priests of the area:

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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.

Caring for the sick is a duty binding on all Christians

Pope Francis recently called on all Christians to be aware and embrace those who suffer. He said: "The healing of St Peter's mother-in-law is characteristic of Jesus' miracles of healing, Jesus drew near her, took her hand, and raised her up from the bed where she was suffering from a fever. The outcome of the healing: the person healed immediately resumes their normal life, thinking immediately of others, and not themselves. That same evening, after the Sabbath, the people of the village come to Jesus, bringing with them the sick. "From the very beginning" of the Gospel, "Jesus shows His predilection for those who are suffering in body and in spirit," Pope Francis went on to say that ministering to the sick is not an "optional activity" for the Church, but an integral part of her mission; like Jesus, the Church is called "to bring the tenderness of God to suffering humanity." Jesus, says Pope Francis, does not give an explanation that answers the question of suffering. Instead, He responds "with a presence of love that bows down, takes the one who is suffering by the hand, and lifts them up, just as He did with Peter's mother-in-law." Pope Francis continues, "The Son of God does not manifest His Lordship 'from the top down' or from a distance; but in closeness, in tenderness, in compassion. "Finally, Pope Francis notes that Jesus' compassion for the suffering is rooted "in His intimate relationship with the Father": In the Gospel, Jesus rises "very early before dawn," and goes to a deserted place to pray. It is from prayer, the Pope says, that Jesus "drew the strength to accomplish His ministry, preaching and healing."

St Vincent de Paul Church-door Collection this Weekend

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.

Youth 2000 - St. Valentine's Ball for young people

Youth 2000's annual fundraising ball takes place in Cork on Saturday 10th February 2024. The event is open to anyone over 18. Tickets cost €68 and can be purchased on eventbrite. The evening will commence with the celebration of Holy Mass by the Bishop of Cork and Ross, Fintan Gavin at 4.00pm at St Patrick's Church, Rochestown followed by the ball nearby in the Rochestown Park Hotel. See www.youth2000.ie for more information.

Lourdes Pilgrimage collection (Next Weekend)

This collection subsidises the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes for individuals whose health and/or means would otherwise prevent them from travelling to Lourdes. It also subsidises the travel of essential care personnel. Please be generous to this collection.

Connect-4 Gathering for Young People, (18-35)

Connect-4, an event for young people will take place again on February, 18th, at Students Centre, UCC from 10am – 4pm. The guest speaker is, Fr James Shea, a renowned US Evangelist, who will address young people on the Theme: "What is the point of being Catholic". Event fee is €10 which includes food and refreshments.

Gurrabraher Bus Trip to Knock – Saturday, 1st June, 2024

A 55 Seater Bus has been booked again this year for our annual pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday, 1st June. The bus will leave the Church at 7.30am and return at 10.00pm. Last year there was a huge demand for seats on the bus so we ask you to book early. As of this moment we do not know the exact price of the bus, but we hope it will be around the same as last year - €55.

Daily Mass can be viewed @ www.gurrabraherparish.ie

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 at times of anniversaries of deaths, at times of sickness, at times of death itself, at birthdays, exams or just to say 'Thank you'.

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.

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.

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.

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