

The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to: €815.

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

**Building Fund Collection last weekend: €1440.**

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...***

*Barry Quinlan, Gurrabraher Avenue  
Eleanor O'Sullivan St Colmcille Road*

***Requiescat in Pace***

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

### Mass Intentions this Week

#### Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> March 5.30pm (Vigil Mass)

- i) Donie McGrath, RIP. (Died Recently)
- ii) May Twomey, RIP (Died Recently)

#### Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> March, (9am)

- i) Sr Bernadine Woods, RIP
- ii) Pdraig Atkinson, RIP (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

#### Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> March, (11.30am)

- i) Finbarr Kingston, RIP (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- ii) Fr Sojan Puthuparambil, RIP, (17<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- iii) Special Intentions

#### Mon 4<sup>th</sup> March, (10am)

- i) Helen McDonald, RIP (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- ii) Carl Gustafson, RIP
- iii) Special Intentions

#### Tue 5<sup>th</sup> March, (10am)

- i) Sr Brid O'Neill, RIP
- ii) Mary Cuddy, RIP
- iii) Angela O'Brien, RIP

#### Wed 6<sup>th</sup> March, (10am)

- i) Jim Lehane, RIP (16<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- ii) Agnes O'Sullivan, RIP
- iii) Bridie Radley, RIP (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

#### Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March, (10am)

- i) Maureen Garvey, RIP
- ii) Sr Margret Cahill's Intentions

#### Fri, 8<sup>th</sup> March, (10am)

- i) Paddy Kelliher, RIP
- ii) Billy Lehane, (Birthday blessings)
- iii) Nora Myers, RIP & Elma McSweeney, RIP

#### Sat 9<sup>th</sup> March, (10am)

- i) Pro Populo

# Ascension Parish, Gurrabraher

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

**Third Sunday of Lent, (B)**

**03<sup>rd</sup> March, 2024**

email: [ascensionparish123@gmail.com](mailto:ascensionparish123@gmail.com) Website: [www.gurrabraherparish.ie](http://www.gurrabraherparish.ie)

**Office Hours: 10:30 – 12:30 - Mon - Fri**

#### **Priests of the area:**

Fr. Tomás Walsh, SMA. PP ([walshtomas@hotmail.com](mailto:walshtomas@hotmail.com))

Fr. Aidan Vaughan, OFM, Cap. ([aidan1302@gmail.com](mailto:aidan1302@gmail.com))

Fr Seán O'Sullivan, resident at Farranree, (021 493 2230)

Fr Cian O'Sullivan, resident at Knocknaheeny, (021 439 2427)

### **Lent is a Season of Grace – and also a Season of Joy**

Pope Francis marked Ash Wednesday by inviting all Christians to renew their hope in Christ's promises and their commitment to follow Him ever more closely. He said: "This time of penitence and mortification is actually a journey of hope as it directs us on the path towards Resurrection, and helps us renew our Baptismal identity.

To better understand what this means, he said, we must refer to the fundamental experience of the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt, in which the Chosen People journeyed towards the Promised Land and, through spiritual discipline and the gift of the Law, learned to love God and neighbour. The Scriptures, the Pope said, tell of a tormented journey that symbolically lasted forty years, the time span of a generation, and the difficulties and obstacles represented the continuous temptation to regret leaving the 'false security' of Egypt. But, he said, the Lord stayed close to the people who finally arrived in the Promised Land guided by Moses. recovery make sense within God's design for salvation, as He wants life – not death / and joy – not pain – for His people"

Pope Francis said that by following Christ along the way of the Cross, we share in his victory over sin and death; he explained that in order to open this passage for us, Jesus had to cast off his glory, he had to humble himself, he had to be obedient until death on the cross. "This doesn't mean that he did everything and we don't have to do anything" he said. He explained that our salvation is Jesus' gift, but it is part of a love story that requires our 'yes' and our participation.

### **SVP Church-door Collection this Weekend**

The monthly Church-door collection taken up by St Vincent de Paul Society will take place this weekend. Despite our opulence there is still much deprivation in our society caused by different reasons. Please be generous to this collection.

### **Gurranabraher 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 by 10.00pm. Last year there was a huge demand for seats on the bus so we ask you to book early. Cost this year is €60 which includes breakfast going and Dinner on return journey.

### **Cork Alzheimers Café at St Finbarr's Hospital**

professionals to gather. Meet on last Friday of each month 11am - 12.30pm in St Finbarr's Hospital, Douglas Road. All welcome. Contact: [bettycogan@hotmail.com](mailto:bettycogan@hotmail.com)

### **Eucharist Adoration on Thursdays @ 7pm**

We invite parishioners, (especially during Lent), to join us each Thursdays to give God praise and worship – and to pray especially for vocations to Priesthood and strengthening the bonds of Marriage. We also bring to the Lord the names of those who are ill or have different needs.

### **Come to Lourdes as a Young Adult Helper**

A special Information Evening will take place in Mardyke House, Cork, (T12 W8RP) for those aged between 18 and 25, who would like to travel with the Diocese of Cork and Ross to Lourdes (Sept 20th to 25th) as a Young Adult Helper. An 'Information Meeting' will begin at 7pm on Tuesday 12th March. It is a wonderful opportunity for a young person to help those pilgrims who require assistance and to grow deeper in their faith by experiencing the unique spirituality of Lourdes. Call Sheila on 021 4902459 or email: [sheilakelleher@ucc.ie](mailto:sheilakelleher@ucc.ie)

### **Mater Dei Academy seeking home for young Student**

Mater Dei Academy is urgently looking for a host family to welcome a 15 year old French boy coming to the School after Easter until the end of May 2024. The Host family need to be a practicing catholic and live within easy access to the school. Reference essential. Please phone 0892471142 or 021 2021229 or email: [contact@materdeiacademy.ie](mailto:contact@materdeiacademy.ie) if you are able to help. Family will be provided with an allowance for feeding, etc. Visit the website: Mater Dei Academy, Farranferris Compound: [www.materdeiacademy.ie](http://www.materdeiacademy.ie)

### **Art Classes at the Hut**

Places still available at Spring 2024 Art classes. Open to beginners of all ages. For further details contact Hut Reception or call 021 4212811.

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

Bingo continues every Sunday from 8pm at C.U. Parochial Hall Arena. Competitive prizes are available - including a 'must win' category. Bring friends and family to this great social event at your local Parish Hall and support the renovation of the Arena structure.

### **Pioneer Abstinence Association Lenten Novena**

The Mass and Novena Prayers in honour of Matt Talbot will begin on Monday 19th February at 7.30 p.m. in the Way of the Cross Church Togher and will continue each Monday in Lent. All are invited – especially members of the Pioneer Assoc. In our Novena we pray for individuals and families who are suffering because of addiction, but also for those who are dealing with crosses or challenges of any kind. The Novena can be viewed online at [www.churchservices.tv/togher](http://www.churchservices.tv/togher).

### **Mass Cards in Parish Office**

We 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 death itself, at birthdays, at exams or just to say 'Thank you'.

### **Finding hope in a hopeless world – Lent 2024**

This is a seven-week programme for Parish groups or individuals which will be available on the Diocesan website ([www.corkandross.org](http://www.corkandross.org)) from Ash Wednesday (February 14th). This programme explores how we can still be people of faith and hope in today's world. It includes a series of reflections, Scripture readings and prayers, and a guide on how to use this resource in your Parish/Family of Parishes.

### **Cultivation of Ethical and religious values necessary to preserve Freedom**

"A culture and a nation that cuts itself off from the great ethical and religious forces of its own history, commits suicide. The cultivation of essential moral insights, preserving and protecting these as a common possession but without imposing them by force, seems to be the one condition necessary for the continued existence of freedom in the face of all [of today's] nihilisms and their totalitarian consequences." (*Cardinal Ratzinger 2008*).

### **Mass Times in Family Churches**

<b>Masses</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Sundays</b>	<b>Weekdays</b>
<b>Gurranabraher</b>	5.30. (Sat)	9am & 11.30am	Monday – Saturday @ 10am
<b>Knocknaheeny</b>	6.00pm (Sat)	11.30am	Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri, @ 9.15am
<b>Faranree</b>	6.30pm (Sat)	10.30am	Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri, @ 10am
<b>Clogheen</b>	xxx	10.30am	Tue, Wed, Thur, @ 9.15am