

The Offertory Collection last weekend amounted to: €840.

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

Bishops' Commissions – €560.

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
Gurranaברה 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.

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 30th March 5.30pm (Vigil Mass)

- i) Mass for those who received our 'Easter Blessings' Cards

Sun 31st March, (9am)

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Sun 31st March, (11.30am)

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Mon 1st April, (10am)

- i) Marian Noonan, RIP (3rd Anniv)

Tue 2nd April, (10am)

- i) Mary Gamble RIP, (Birthday Rem)
- ii) Domnic Myers, RIP (10th Anniv)

Wed 3rd April, (10am)

- i) Sr Evelyn Maguire, RIP (Died recently)
- ii) Martha O'Donoghue, RIP (35th Anniv)
- iii) Joe O'Sullivan, RIP (Died recently)

Thurs 4th April,

- i) Eleanor & Keith O'Callaghan, RIP
- ii) Sr Teresa Casey, RIP (Died recently)
- iii) Holy Souls.

Fri, 5th April, (10am)

- i) William Lehane, RIP
- ii) Nora Manley, RIP.
- iii) Presentation Leadership Team.

Sat 6th April, (10am)

- i) Pro Populo

Ascension Parish, Gurranaברה

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

Easter Sunday, (B).

31st March, 2024.

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

Jesus, the Lord, has Truly risen

Christ's resurrection is not a theory, but a true historical reality revealed by the man Jesus Christ by means of his 'Passover', that has opened a 'new way' between heaven and earth. It is neither a myth nor a dream, it is not a vision or a utopia, it is not a fairy tale, but it is a singular and unrepeatable event: Jesus of Nazareth, son of Mary, who at dusk on Friday was taken down from the Cross and buried, has victoriously left the tomb.



"If we take away Christ and his resurrection, there is no escape for man, and every one of his hopes remains an illusion. Yet today is the day when the proclamation of the Lord's resurrection vigorously bursts forth, and it is the answer to the recurring question of the sceptics, that we also find in the book of Ecclesiastes: "Is there a thing of which it is said, 'See, this is new'?" We answer, yes: on Easter morning, everything was renewed. "Pope Benedict went on to reflect on the evil in the world and the need for human cooperation in spreading the Gospel message. "Even if through Easter, Christ has destroyed the root of evil, he still wants the assistance of men and women in every time and place who help him to affirm his victory using his own weapons: the weapons of justice and truth, mercy, forgiveness and love. "The resurrection of Christ is our hope!" exclaimed Pope Benedict. "This the Church proclaims today with joy. She announces the hope that is now firm and invincible because God has raised Jesus Christ from the dead. The Church communicates the hope that she carries in her heart and wishes to share with all people in every place, especially where Christians suffer persecution because of their faith and their commitment to justice and peace. She invokes the hope that can call forth the courage to do good, even when it costs, especially when it costs." (Pope Benedict, 2009)

Easter Collection

The collection at all Masses this weekend goes towards the support of the priests of the area. Both the Easter and Christmas Collection – plus ‘Dues’ and ‘stipends’ - are the only support our priests receive. Thank you for your support.

Key left in Parish Office

A single key on a ring containing a Medal of St Joseph and a Dunnes Stores Value-Card was left in Parish Office on Friday, 15th March. Owner can collect same at the Parish office.

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday – 7th April at Curraheen Road

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday 07th April 2024, in the Church of the Real Presence, Curraheen Road, Bishopstown, Cork. The day commences at 2pm and includes Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Stations of the Cross and Benediction. Mass of Divine Mercy will be celebrated at 3.30pm. Several Priests will be available for Confessions,

Eucharist Adoration on Thursdays @ 7pm

We invite parishioners to join us each Thursdays evening 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.

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’.

Without Christ Man suffers only an aching hunger

The world’s only hope is Christ, the Infant King, born in Bethlehem... When Bethlehem fades from the souls of men, then their starved souls escape to a dead-end transcendence. Look at our culture without Christ. Its men and women, especially its young, seek to step beyond their flattened world by absorption with ghosts, and zombies; with end of the world obsessions and cartoon superheroes. What a pity - for the true Hero is so close - awaiting them in the unflinching face of a Divine Child. Christmas imposes upon every Catholic a solemn obligation: to tell the world that our joy, our answer, our peace and our rescue lay in the humility of Bethlehem.

Bingo at Gurranabraher Credit Union/Parochial Hall Arena



Bingo continues every Sunday from 8pm at Credit Union/ 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.

Easter Message – Life is a journey

“So what does this Holy Week tell us? It tells us that life is a journey. That there will be hardships. There will be crosses to bear. It tells us that there are people who will always be with us, to help us, to carry any cross we are given; our family, our friends. It tells us that there is always hope. Hope of new beginnings. Hope given to us by the great Risen Lord. Above all, it tells us that God is always with us.” (Bishop Brendan Leahy – Easter 2024).

Gurranabraher Meals on Wheels

Gurranabraher 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/Bríd on 021 430 1037.

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Trócaire Boxes and Dues/Envelopes

Please return the Trócaire Boxes and the Parish Dues/donations to the Parish Sacristy/Parish Office. We ask God’s blessings on all who took on some penitential exercise during Lent – and who deprived themselves of something to help those living on the margins of life. This younger generation of Irish people is the wealthiest and healthiest than any previous generation. Living with everything we want does not fit us well for the sacrifices needed to live life well! We, the older generation, have all experienced the very real poverty of the 40s, 50 and 60s - And even in that much poorer Ireland people made heroic sacrifices during Lent and Advent desiring to be better stronger people. Thank God that kind poverty is gone for the most part in Ireland. Still, ‘self-denial’ ‘self-sacrifice’ and learning to live with ‘frugal comforts’ is character building – and helps us to be men and women for others. We ask God’s blessings on all who contribute to so many different causes during the year.