

**The Offertory Collection last weekend amounted to: €930.**

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

**Collection for Irish Emigrants – €500.**

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...***

***Requiescat in Pace***

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

### Mass Intentions this Week

#### Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> March 5.30pm (Vigil Mass)

- i) Rita Bell, RIP (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- ii) Con & Ann O'Leary, RIP
- iii) Eileen Jones, RIP (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv).

#### Sun 24<sup>th</sup> March, (9am)

- i) Michael Gleeson, RIP
- ii) Tadhg Manley, RIP
- iii) Sr de Pazzi on her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

#### Sun 24<sup>th</sup> March, (11.30am)

- i) Martin McCormack, RIP
- ii) Seán Ó Maonlaoi, RIP

#### Mon 25<sup>th</sup> March, (10am)

- i) Brendan Twyford, RIP
- ii) William Humphrey, RIP

#### Tue 26<sup>th</sup> March, (10am)

- i) Richard Lynch, RIP (Anniv)
- ii) For Departed Souls, RIP.

#### Wed 27<sup>th</sup> March, (10am)

- i) Michael & Christine Hegarty, RIP
- ii) Mary Gamble, RIP, (Birthday Rem)
- iii) John Bruton, RIP, (30<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March, (Holy Thursday).  
Mass of Chrism in Cathedral @ 10am.  
Mass of Lord's Super @ 5.30pm.**

**Fri, 29<sup>th</sup> March, (Good Friday).  
Stations of Cross @ 12noon.  
The Lord's Passion @ 3pm.**

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup> March, (Holy Saturday)  
Mass of the Resurrection @ 6pm.**

# Ascension Parish, Gurrabraher

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

## Passion Sunday (B)

**24<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.**

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

#### Priests of the area:

- Fr. Tomás Walsh, SMA, PP ([walshtomas@hotmail.com](mailto:walshtomas@hotmail.com)) (021 2304 658)
- Fr. Aidan Vaughan, OFM, Cap. ([aidan1302@gmail.com](mailto:aidan1302@gmail.com)) (021 439 7472)
- Fr Seán O'Sullivan, resident at Farranree, (021 493 2230)
- Fr Cian O'Sullivan, resident at Knocknaheeny, (021 439 2427)

### Passion (Palm) Sunday

Today, Palm Sunday, Christians enter the holiest week in the Church's calendar culminating with His resurrection on Easter Sunday morning. Palm Sunday marks the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, the week before his death and resurrection. The Bible reveals that when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds greeted him by waving palm branches and covering his path with palm. Immediately following this great time of celebration in the ministry of Jesus, he begins his journey to the cross. No one who really calls himself/herself Christian should need reminding of the sacredness of this Season - and of their solemn duty to journey with the Lord over these days.

### Good Friday Collection for Holy Places

The Archbishop, who looks after the Eastern Churches has urged all Catholics around the world to contribute generously to the annual Good Friday collections, which supports the struggling Churches in the Holy Land and throughout the Middle East. Against enormous odds these Christians continue to bear witness to their faith in Christ Jesus. Cardinal Leonardo Sandri said that the funds donated on Good Friday help Christians who face "war, poverty, terrorism, violence, division." He remarked that the collection is one way to help assure the continued presence of Christianity in the Holy Land - and thus to form "a strong bond between all Christians across the world and the holy places." Please be generous to this collection.

## **Second Collection this weekend for Episcopal Commissions**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection this morning helps finance the different Commissions run by the Irish Bishops, such as to Prisoners, Marriage Advisory, Catechetics, Justice & Peace, etc. The Bishops of Ireland appeal to us to be generous with this collection.

## **Easter Collection**

The collection at all Masses next weekend goes towards the support of the priests of the area. Both the Easter and Christmas Collection - and the Dues - 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, 15<sup>th</sup> March. Owner can collect same at the Parish office.

## **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 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**

Cork Alzheimers Café is a safe place to meet for people with Alzheimers and other dementias, their carers, family and friends along with social and health professionals. They meet on the last Friday of each month 11- 12.30 pm in St Finbarr's Hospital, Douglas Rd. Light refreshments provided free of charge.

## **Cork Pioneer Novena for Lent**

Cork Pioneer Novena for Lent continues at the Way of the Cross Church, Togher, each Monday at 7.30pm. 25th March: Olive Foley, (wife of the late Anthony Foley, Munster Rugby Coach and Ambassador for the Children's Grief Centre). Join us at [www.churchservices.tv/togher](http://www.churchservices.tv/togher)

## **Easter Triduum Cards**

Masses will be celebrated on Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday and Easter Monday for all those who will receive our 'Easter Triduum Cards' this Easter. We encourage you to send these beautiful Cards to relations and friends who may need a gentle reminder of God's unfathomable love for his people. Cards are €2 each or three for €5.

## **Easter Schedule**

**Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 5.30pm.**

**Good Friday: Stations of the Cross @ 12noon. Celebration of the Lord's Passion @ 3pm.**

**Holy Saturday: Mass of Resurrection @ 6pm.**

**Easter Sunday: Masses at 9am and 11.30am.**

## **Mass of Chrism – Thursday, March 28 @ 10am**

Bishop Fintan invites parishioners to join in the celebration of the Mass of Chrism on Holy Thursday (March 28th) at 10am at the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne, Cork. At this Mass with priests and parishioners present the Oil of Baptism, the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Chrism are blessed and consecrated. These Oils will be used in the Church's ministry during the coming year. Also, on that day the Priests of the Diocese gather with their Bishop to renew the promises made at Ordination.

## **Divine Mercy Sunday – 7<sup>th</sup> April at Curraheen Road**

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday 07<sup>th</sup> 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, several Priests hearing confessions, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Stations of the Cross and Benediction. Mass of Divine Mercy will be celebrated at 3.30pm.

## **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.

## **Trócaire Boxes available in Church**

Each Lent, Trócaire, an agency of the Catholic Bishops Conference of Ireland, appeals to the generosity of Irish Catholics to support their many projects in the developing world aimed at alleviating hunger and promoting integral human development. Bishop William Crean, Bishop of Cloyne, and Chairman of Trócaire, has written appealing that we make an extra special effort this Lenten season to think of those who live in dire poverty. The box can be returned to the parish office at the end of Lent.

## **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.

## **Bingo at Gurrabraher 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.



*Visit Parish Website - [gurrabraherparish.ie](http://gurrabraherparish.ie)*