

**The Offertory Collection last weekend amounted to: €1090.**

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

**Cork & Ross Diocesan Coll. €530.**

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.**

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***We pray for those  
recently deceased...***

Nora Carr, Presentation Road.  
Tadgh Murphy, Gurrabraher Ave.

***Requiescat in Pace***

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

### **Mass Intentions this Week**

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup> April, 5.30pm (Vigil Mass)**

- i) Michael & Hannah Goulding, RIP
- ii) Denis O'Brien, RIP (45<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- iii) Gracie & John (Dinny Bobs) McCarthy, RIP

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> April, (9am)**

- i) Kathleen Collins, RIP (13<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- ii) Special Intention

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> April, (11.30am)**

- i) Mossie Crowley, RIP (16<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- ii) Frances Wilkinson, RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)
- iii) William Wilkinson, RIP (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> April, (10am)**

- i) Jim McMullen, RIP
- ii) Patrick Kane, RIP
- iii) Chrissie Ring, RIP

**Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> April, (10am)**

- i) Holy Souls
- ii) Sr. Teresa Casey, RIP
- iii) Deceased Members of Manning Family

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April, (10am)**

- i) Keith Kelleher, RIP (Birthday Rem)
- ii) Gerard Witjes, RIP
- iii) William Healy & Family, RIP

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> April, (10am)**

- i) Michael Gleeson, RIP
- ii) Betty O'Keeffe, RIP
- iii) Maria Vaughan, RIP

**Fri, 26<sup>th</sup> April, (10am)**

- i) Marie, Breda & Eleanor Crean, RIP
- ii) John's Intention, RIP
- iii) The O'Brien Family

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> April, (10.30am)**

- i) First Holy Communion

# **Ascension Parish, Gurrabraher**

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

**Fourth Sunday of Easter, (B).**

**21<sup>st</sup> April, 2024.**

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

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

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

### **The Lord is truly risen, Alleluia**

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the core truth of the Christian faith – that there is life beyond death. His appearance to his disciples after his resurrection showed that Christ was able to deliver on his own promise – and, therefore, is able to deliver on the promise made to all those who follow him as Lord and Saviour. An empty tomb would not have been enough to convince the disciples deeply traumatized by Christ's brutal execution that Christ was in fact alive. Indeed, even with the 'appearances' they still cannot bring themselves to believe; Jesus has to sit and eat with them for them to become convinced. But once they do become convinced that He is alive everything changes. They now understand that this truth has cosmic significance - and the world must be told. Immediately - they become missionaries – witnesses to the resurrection. Furthermore, Sunday, the day of the Lord's Resurrection, now take precedence over the Saturday Sabbath.

*“Only an event of extraordinary impact could have led to the abandonment of the [Jewish] Sabbath and its replacement by the first day of the week... For me, the celebration of the Lord's Day, which was a characteristic part of the Christian community from the very outset, is one of the most convincing proofs that something extraordinary happened that day – the discovery of the empty tomb and the encounter with the risen Lord” (Jesus of Nazareth, Pope Benedict XVI, p259).*

*“We are left with the secure historical conclusion: the tomb was empty, and various 'meetings' took place not only between Jesus and his followers, (including at least one initial sceptic, Thomas), but also, in at least one case (that of Paul; possibly too that of James), between Jesus and the people who had not been among his followers.” (The Resurrection of the Son of God, N. T. Wright, p710).*

### **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. Cost this year is €60 which includes breakfast going and Dinner on return journey. Bus will have toilet facilities.

### **Four Collections taken up Yearly for the Diocesan Office**

The last 'Diocesan Needs Quarterly Collection' in January, 2024 amounted to €51,765. throughout the Diocese, which is much appreciated. The second quarterly collection took place on this parish last weekend.

These quarterly collections allows the Diocese to provide important ongoing supports to parishes in many areas from Education, School & Religious Advisory, Mission and Youth Camp Ministry, Governance such as Data Protection, Safeguarding and Finance as well as the related staff costs and ongoing utilities. People continue to be very generous to these quarterly collections over the years, for which the Diocese is most grateful.

### **Second Collection next Weekend for Building Fund**

A second collection will be taken up next weekend at all Masses next weekend. This collection is taken up each month to clear ongoing debt in the parish. Please be generous with this collection.

### **First Holy Communion next Saturday Morning @ 10.30am**

Second Class from Scoil Padre Pio will receive First Holy Communion on Saturday morning next. We pray for these children that they may always hunger for the 'Bread of Life'. We Earnestly hope that all of them will have a long and happy life – and all reaching their true potential. Parents should realise that not bringing their children close to God leaves them prey to the great evils that exist around us. There are enough recent examples to show that young children can be perpetrators as well as victims. We all need God's constant grace and protection. We find that best by attending weekly Holy Mass.

### **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'.

### **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.

All Masses Livestreamed daily at <https://www.gurranabraherparish.ie/webcam/>

### **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 social event at your local Parish Hall and support the on-going renovation of the Arena structure.

### **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 or Bríd on 021 430 1037.

### **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).*

### **Aware can Help You**

Aware offers a free weekly group meeting for people in the community who may be struggling with depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, and mood related conditions. Find full details are Aware.ie website. These group meetings takes place at The Next Step, 22 Sullivans Quay, Cork, T12 PH6N, every Tuesday and Wednesday at 7pm.

### **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. We ask God's blessings on all who contribute to so many different causes during the year.