

The Offertory collection last weekend

amounted to €935.00

This collection is for the ordinary day-to-day running of the Church at Gurrabraher.

Donations for Church Renovations gratefully accepted at Parish Office – or it can be 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.**



SUNDAY DUTY ROTA

28th April, 2024.

**A priest can be contacted urgently
this Sunday at
Gurrabraher 085 804 1951**



We pray for those recently deceased...

Requiescat in Pace

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 27th April, (5:30pm)

- i). Bernie O'Sullivan, RIP
- ii). Elizabeth (Betty) Power, RIP (21th Anniv)

Sun 28th April, (9am)

- i). Sr. Bernadine Woods, RIP

Sun 28th April, (11.30am)

- i). Denis Kiely, RIP (1st Anniv)
- ii). James McMullen, RIP (1st Anniv)
- iii). Ned & Phil Sorenson, RIP

Mon 29th April, (10am)

- i). Bernard O'Keeffe
- ii). Breeda O'Connor's Intentions
- iii). Sr. Miriam O'Connell, RIP

Tue 30th April, (10am)

- i). Holy Souls
- ii). Beatrice Okafor
- iii). Frances Lynch, RIP

Wed 1st May, (10am)

CONFIRMATION

- i). No Mass Intentions

Thurs 2nd May, (10am)

- i). Davy Morris, RIP (Anniv)
- ii). Annie King (30th Anniv), Jerry King, RIP (75th Anniv), & deceased members of King Family
- iii). Brain & Lorraine Kelleher (Get well Mass)

Fri 3rd May, (10am)

- i). Mary O'Donovan, RIP

Sat 4th May, (10am)

- i). Pro Populo



Ascension Parish

Gurrabraher, Cork

Sunday, April 28th, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter, (C)

Parish Office – 021 - 430 3655 (If Urgent: 085 - 804 1951)

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Office Hours: 10:30 – 12:30 & 1pm – 5pm

Priests of the Parish:

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Weekend Masses – Saturday 5.30pm (Vigil) & Sundays – 9am & 11.30am.



How prepared are we if God were to call us to Home? Would we like to have foreknowledge of our death?

Would our life change very much if we had that knowledge?

It seems that it was only very sainted people that were given that privilege.

They tell of the life of St. Dominic

Savio, who was been tutored by St. John Bosco.

One day Dominic was playing football, when John asked him: "What would you do if you were told that you were going to die in an hour?"

His answer: "I would continue to play football!"

Another example from the life of St. John Fisher. He was locked up in the Tower of London, for refusing to accept King Henry the Eight as Head of the Church in England.

He was woken up by his jailers to tell him that he was going to die at Damm. He asked what time it was? They told him, that it was two am. Then he said, let me get back to sleep.

First Holy Communions

We congratulate our young girls and boys, who will have received their First Holy Communion this weekend. We Thank their parents, who have journeyed with them up to this moment.

Our sincere gratitude to the staff at Scoil Padre Pio for their solid preparation, and for accompanying them on the Big Day.

Let their young people remember that they are so loved by Jesus!

Parish Confirmations

We send our congratulations and prayerful good wishes to all who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on next Wednesday, May 1st.

Our gratitude to their parents, who have been their mentors for all those years. Sincere thanks to the staff at Scoil Padre Pio, who have worked so hard to make them ready for such an important step in their young lives.

We are delighted to welcome Bishop Fintan to celebrate this great event with our Parish.

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 at 10.00pm. Last year there was a huge demand for seats on the bus so we ask you to book early. The price of the bus which also includes meals, will be a €60.00.

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.

Bingo at Gurranabraher 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.

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 €3.00 into the Shrine Donation boxes.

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'.

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.