

The Offertory Collection last weekend amounted to: €

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

**Easter Collection for Priests – €1,960
Collection for Holy Places - €580**

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...***

Helen Gawler, in UK, (Ellen Morey)
formerly of Collins Lane and Orrery Road.

Requiescat in Pace

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

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 6th April, 5.30pm (Vigil Mass)

- i) Paddy Falvey, RIP (41st Anniv)
- ii) John & Kathleen Ashman, RIP
- iii) William & Nora Harris, RIP
- iv) Barry Quinlan, RIP (Month's Mind)

Sun 7th April, (9am)

- i) Donal O'Connor, RIP (58th Anniv)
- ii) Eibhlín Ó Mhaonlaói, RIP

Sun 7th April, (11.30am)

- i) Bunny Mulcahy, RIP (7th Anniv)
- ii) Frank & Nora Dilworth, RIP
- iii) Nellie & Frank O'Leary, RIP
- iv) Theresa Barry, RIP, (Month's Mind)

Mon 8th April, (10am)

- i) John Gamble, RIP
- ii) Paddy Cummins, RIP (Anniv)
- iii) O'Donoghue Family, RIP

Tue 9th April, (10am)

- i) Phil Norton, RIP
- ii) Tadgh & Donie Ó Maonlaói, RIP.
- iii) Catherine Butler, RIP & family

Wed 10th April, (10am)

- i) Paddy & Martin Ryan, RIP (Anniv)
- ii) Maura & Michael O'Connell, RIP
- iii) Theresa Endean, RIP

Thurs 11th April,

- i) Sr Callie Manley's Intention
- ii) Maura Hourihan's Intention.

Fri, 12th April, (10am)

- i) Joe O'Sullivan, RIP, (Month's Mind)
- ii) Holy Souls.

Sat 13th April, (10am)

- i) Pro Populo

Ascension Parish, Gurrabraher

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

Divine Mercy Sunday, (B).

7th April, 2024.

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Divine Mercy – From Jesus issues an unfathomable Ocean of Mercy



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This, the Second Sunday of Easter, is designated as Divine Mercy Sunday. From the diary of a young Polish nun, a special devotion began spreading throughout the world in the 1930s. The message is nothing new, but is a reminder of what the Church has always taught through scripture and tradition: that God is merciful and forgiving and that we, too, must show mercy and forgiveness. But in the Divine Mercy devotion, the message takes on a powerful new focus, calling people to a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available to everyone - even the greatest of sinners.

The message and devotion to Jesus, **the Divine Mercy**, is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread around Europe.

On this Sunday each year we are called to make atonement for our sins and to pray for the conversion, especially of family members, who show contempt for God's reign. May Mary, the mother of God, bring us to an awareness of our need for God's forgiveness.

Divine Mercy Sunday – 7th April at 2.00pm, Curraheen Road

SVP Church Door Collection this Weekend

Each month members of Saint Vincent de Paul take-up a Church-Door collection at all Catholic churches in Ireland to respond to the needs of people in difficulty. We appeal to parishioners to be generous.

Divine Mercy Sunday – 7th April at Curraheen Road

Divine Mercy Devotions will be celebrated on this 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.

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 unthreatening 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.

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 Thursday 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.

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.

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.

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/Brid on 021 430 1037.

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.

Feast of the Annunciation – Monday 8th.

The Feast of the Annunciation, the event of the Angel Gabriel visiting the Virgin Mary and asking if she was willing to do something that would be asked of no other human being - would she allow God, through a 'miraculous overshadowing', impregnate her with a child who would be the "long-awaited Messiah of Israel". This Feast, normally celebrated on 25th March, but because of it falling this year in Holy Week, is now being celebrated instead on this coming Monday, 8th April. Mary's 'Yes' set in motion in a very definitive way the 'Salvation process' where Jesus' life, death and resurrection ends the estrangement existing between us and our Creator and restores the communion between Creature and Creation. How much gratitude does the human race owe to Mary, very rightly described as the 'Mother if God and Mother of all humanity.

Mass Times in Family Churches

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

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.

Visit Parish Website - [gurranabraherparish.ie](https://www.gurranabraherparish.ie)

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