

The Offertory collection last weekend  
amounted to €905.00

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



The Building Funds Collection last  
weekend amounted to €455.00



*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.**



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

*Harry O'Dea (Late of MT Eden Road)*

***Requiescat in Pace***

## Mass Intentions this Week

### Sat 18<sup>th</sup> May, (5:30pm)

- i). Noreen Burdock, RIP, (Months Mind)
- ii). Ann O'Flynn, RIP, (24 Anniv)

### Sun 19<sup>th</sup> May, (9am)

- i). Sr. Miriam O'Conner, RIP, (Died Recently)

### Sun 19<sup>th</sup> May, (11.30am)

- i). Mary McGrath, (Birthday REM)
- ii). Tim Falvey, RIP, (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv)

### Mon 20<sup>th</sup> May, (10am)

- i). Bridget & Denis & John McCarthy
- ii). Holy Souls
- iii). Mary Harly, RIP, (Died England, Late of  
MT Eden Road)

### Tue 21<sup>st</sup> May, (10am)

- i). Sr. Ambrose Kelleher, RIP, (Died recently)
- ii). Lily O'Reilly, RIP, (Died recently)

### Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> May, (10am)

- i). Mary Chellows, RIP
- ii). Sr. Attracta Carmody, RIP, (Died recently)

### Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> May, (10am)

- i). Special Intentions

### Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May, (10am)

- i). Sr. Hannah Dullea, RIP, (Died recently)

### Sat 25<sup>th</sup> May, (10am)

- i). Pro Populo



**Ascension Parish,  
Gurrabraher**  
(Part of the family of parishes  
incorporating  
Farranree/ Knocknaheeny/ Clogheen/  
Kerry Pike)

**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Pentecost Sunday**

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**Office Hours: 10:30 – 12:30 & 1pm – 5pm – Mon - Fri**

#### Priests of the area:

Fr. Tomás Walsh, SMA, PP ([walshtomas@hotmail.com](mailto:walshtomas@hotmail.com)) Tel: 021-4303 658.

Fr. Aidan Vaughan, OFM, Cap. ([aidan1302@gmail.com](mailto:aidan1302@gmail.com)) Tel: 021-439 7472.

Fr. Sean O'Sullivan, resident at Farranree, (021 493 2230)

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



#### Pentecost Sunday

This weekend the Church celebrates Pentecost, one of the most important feast days of the year. It celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and on Mary, the Mother of Jesus. It occurs Fifty Days after Easter and ten days after the Lord ascended. The followers of Christ spent the nine days after Jesus ascended in prayer - the First Novena. The word

pentecost comes from the Greek word for Fiftieth.

We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and on Mary. A strong wind filled the room in which they were and tongues of fire came to rest on their heads. The Holy Spirit gave the Apostles the gifts and fruits necessary to fulfill the commission - to go out and preach the Gospel to the nations.

Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, preached his First Sermon. He opened the scriptures to them. Jesus whom they crucified is the Lord and was raised from the dead. They were to repent of their sins and be Baptised. About 3,000 entered the church as a result. So today we also celebrate the Birthday of the Church.

“This is indeed a day of great gladness and rejoicing for us all... We have put the House of God among the houses of His people; we have crowned this hill of Gurranabraher with this massive, majestic Church of the Ascension; we have completed one decade of the Rosary of the five Glorious Mystery churches that will dedicate this growing city to God and Mary. ‘Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Thee the glory’ “

**Bishop Lucey at opening of the Church of the Ascension.**

### **An invitation to the 98th Cork Eucharistic Procession**

The 98th Cork Eucharistic Procession to mark the feast of Corpus Christi will take place on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. The procession will leave the North Cathedral at 3pm and make its way through the city to Saints Peter and Paul's where there will be a short liturgy and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Parish groups are encouraged to gather at the Cathedral and to process together under their parish banner. For those who may have mobility issues, you will be able to join the procession at the river side of the Opera House under a Eucharistic Banner. The Stewards will facilitate and direct this group to join the Procession. The procession which will celebrate 100 years in 2026, is a great public witness to our faith in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. People from Parishes throughout the Diocese and especially those around the city are strongly encouraged to join us for this important event for our city and our people of faith united around the Eucharist.

### **Our Lady of Fatima**

May 13<sup>th</sup> is the Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady to three shepherd children Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta, at Fatima in Portugal. “Please don't be afraid of me, I'm not going to harm you.”

“I come from heaven.”

“Say the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and an end to the war.”

“I am the Lady of the Rosary.”

“My immaculate heart will Triumph.”

The late Pope Benedict said: “The heart open to God, purified by contemplation of God, is stronger than guns and weapons of every kind.”

In the world you will have tribulation but take heart, I have overcome the world **(Jn. 16:33)**.

The message of Fatima invites us to trust in this promise.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Anniversary of the opening of our church**

On Ascension Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> of May 1955 the church was solemnly blessed and opened.

So next year will be the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of that event.