

The Offertory collection last weekend  
amounted to €640.00

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



Monthly Renovation Fund Coll.  
Last weekend: €935.00



*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.



## Mass Intentions this Week

### Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> August, (5:30pm)

i). Dennis & Susan Murphy, RIP

### Sun 4<sup>th</sup> August, (9am)

i). Diane Falvey, (Get Well Mass)

### Sun 4<sup>th</sup> August, (11.30am)

i). Shannaugh O’Riordan-Long, (Birthday Rem)  
ii). Special Intentions

### Mon 5<sup>th</sup> August, (10am)

i). Eileen O’Leary, (Get Well)  
ii). Aisling Owens, (Special Intentions)

### Tue 6<sup>th</sup> August, (10am)

i). Fanahan Fox, RIP, (Died Recently)

### Wed 7<sup>th</sup> August, (10am)

i). Sr. Callie Manley’s Intention

### Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> August, (10am)

i). Special Intentions

### Fri 9<sup>th</sup> August (10am)

i). Special Intentions

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

i). Pro populo



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

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> 2024

### 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)

email: [ascensionparish123@gmail.com](mailto:ascensionparish123@gmail.com) Website: [www.gurrabraherparish.ie](http://www.gurrabraherparish.ie)

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

### Saint Athanasius showed us what (and how) to believe

We live in an anxious time, and while the mission of the Church finally depends on God, it also depends on us - and how courageously we live our faith; how deeply we believe; and how much apostolic zeal we show to an unbelieving world that urgently needs Jesus Christ...

The Church has seen periods of internal strife many times before. The fourth-century Council of Nicea, so crucial to formulating the creed Christians believe today, was also one of the most bitterly divided gatherings in Church history. That council, and all the long conflict over the substance of Catholic belief that followed it, could have turned out very differently. It didn’t because of one man – a young deacon and scholar at Nicaea named Athanasius of Alexandria, whose feast day we celebrate each year on May 2.

Athanasius fought for the true Catholic faith at Nicaea and throughout his entire life. Arian bishops excommunicated him. Arian scholars loathed him. Emperors hated him. His enemies falsely accused him of cruelty, sorcery and even murder. He was exiled five times for a total of 17 years. And in the face of it all, he became the single most articulate voice defending the orthodox Catholic faith, which is why even today we remember him as ‘Athanasius contra mundum’; “Athanasius against the world.”

He never gave up. He never compromised on principle. He never lost his zeal for preaching the true Jesus Christ. And in the end, the truth won out. Athanasius became one of the best-loved bishops and greatest Doctors of the Church - and the faith we take for granted today, we owe largely to him. (Archbishop Charles Chaput).

### Revised Weekday Mass Schedule from 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2024

Beginning on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2024, we will introduce a revised schedule of weekday Masses for each of the churches in our family of parishes. For us in Gurrabraher, there will be a morning Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. And there will no longer be a morning Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays. This undoubtedly will upset some parishioners who have grown use to morning Mass every weekday. We ask for your understanding and acceptance.

### Holy Rosary Shrine - Lee Road – 15<sup>th</sup> August @ 7.30pm

The 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mass and Devotions at the Holy Rosary Shrine on the Lee Road will be celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin, Bishop of Cork & Ross, at 7.30 pm on the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024. These annual devotions are an important part of Cork City's heritage of faith and mark an important moment each year in the celebration of faith here in our family of parishes. All are welcome to participate in our devotions.

### Invitation for Volunteers to help prepare Shrine at Lee Road.

The Holy Rosary Shrine Committee is looking for volunteers to help to prepare the Shrine for the Annual Devotions on the 15<sup>th</sup> August. The work nights will take place on the next three Tuesday nights, 30<sup>th</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> August and 13<sup>th</sup> August 2024 beginning at 7.00 p.m. each night. If you can spare an hour on any of the nights, your help and support would be greatly appreciated.

### MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT 2024:

7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you.

MEDJUGORJE: **00387 36 651 518**

IRELAND: **00353 1 443 4510**

Email: [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com)

Website: [www.med-irishcentre.com](http://www.med-irishcentre.com)

### Bingo at Gurrabraher Credit Union/Parochial Hall Arena



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.

### August Festivals and Events

August 14<sup>th</sup> - August 18<sup>th</sup> : Cork on a Fork Festival

[www.corkonaforkfest.ie](http://www.corkonaforkfest.ie)

August 17<sup>th</sup> : Cork Heritage Open Day

[www.corkcity.ie/cork-heritage-open-day](http://www.corkcity.ie/cork-heritage-open-day)

August 17<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> : Heritage Week

<https://www.heritageweek.ie/event-listings?q=cork>

*Betty's Tea Party*  
Saturday 24th August  
Thomand Square  
Old Blackrock Rd.  
Cork City  
11-3

**FREE PARKING SOUTH INFIRMARY**

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS**

**CORK LIGHT ORCHESTRA 11-1**

**Various Music 1-3**

**Raffle** Facepainting Childrens Fun and games

**MUSIC AND FUN**

CRAIC AGUS CEOL

A poster for 'Betty's Tea Party' featuring a photo of Betty, pink flowers, and various event details. It includes information about parking, refreshments, a raffle, facepainting, children's games, and a music performance by the Cork Light Orchestra.

### Gurrabraher Meals on Wheels

Gurrabraher 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**.