

## Mass Intentions this Week

**The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to €970.00**

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



**The Mission Sunday collection last weekend amounted to €745.00**

*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***

*i). Sheila Murphy, Late of Southend- on –Sea, UK.*

***Requiescat in Pace***

**Sat 26<sup>th</sup> October, (5:30pm)**  
i). Timothy & Mary Power, RIP  
ii). Patricia (Pat) O'Regan, RIP, (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv)  
iii). Margaret O'Donoghue, RIP, (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv)

**Sun 27<sup>th</sup> October, (9am)**  
i). Sr. Bernadine Woods, RIP  
ii). Tony Gould, RIP, (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**Sun 27<sup>th</sup> October, (11.30am)**  
i). Grahan O'Connell, RIP, (Birthday Remembers)  
ii). Janie, Sheila & Paddy Crean, RIP, (Anniv)  
iii). Bertie Myers, RIP, (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

**Mon 28<sup>th</sup> October, (10am)**  
i). Patrick O'Brien, RIP  
ii). Danie & Eily Hogan, RIP  
iii). Williams Singelton, (Month Mind)

**Tue 29<sup>th</sup> October, (10am)**  
i). Larry Williamson, RIP  
ii). Anne O'Sullivan, RIP  
iii). Novena Mass 9.

**Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> October.  
No Mass on this day**

**Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> October, (10am)**  
i). John Bruton, (Birthday Remembers)  
ii). Frances Moynihan, (Month Mind)

**Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> October, (5:30pm) Vigil**  
i). Sheila Collins, RIP, (48<sup>th</sup> Anniv)  
ii). Novena Mass 10.

**Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> November, (10am)  
Holy Day of Obligation**

**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> November, (10am)**  
i). Pro populo

**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> November, (5.30pm)  
Mass of Remembrance**

**No weekday Masses on  
Wednesdays and Fridays**



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

**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)  
Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 2024**

### Priests of the area:

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

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

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**OFFICE HOURS: 10:30 – 12:30 MON – FRI**

**WEDS/THURS/FRI AFTERNOONS 2PM – 4PM**

### November - A Month when we Remember our dead



Praying for the dead is one of the great ancient customs of the Catholic Church. It is the faith of the Church that those who have lived exemplary, altruistic lives lived out in God's service and who have been purified by trials and tribulations go straight to Heaven, (Heaven is where God is). These Saints no longer need our prayer.

On the other hand, those who have died obstinately rejecting God's friendship will have that desire respected in death – they will be consigned for all eternity to that place or state that we call Hell. (Hell is where God isn't). Our prayers are no longer of any help to these lost souls.

There is another group - those who have died, who, while not out-rightly rejecting God's friendship, yet lived lives that left much to be desired. These 'holy souls' as they are known go through a kind of purgatorial cleansing before they are permitted communion with God, their Creator – and before they are permitted to feast with their victims at the banquet of life.

Each November the Church around the world engages in a great crusade of prayer for these holy souls. We believe that our prayers and sacrifices can speed up the purgatorial process and help these holy souls to find eternal peace and rest in God's presence. Hence, the setting aside of the month of November each year to remember in a special way – and to pray for our dead.

## Mass of Remembrance 2024

The Church of the Ascension Mass of Remembrance for parishioners who died since November 2023 (to November 2024) takes place on Saturday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2024 @ 5.30pm. A novena (nine Masses) will be celebrated for our dead and the names of those we wish to remember are placed before the altar during these Masses. Envelopes are being distributed to homes in the parish inviting parishioners to participate in the annual remembrance of the dead. The greatest gift, indeed the only real gift, we can give our dead is our prayers. Each November the Church engages in a great crusade of prayer for all Holy Souls who still undergo purgatorial cleansing before they can live in communion with the Lord and his elect. These Holy Souls need our prayer. We ask parishioners to encourage their children and grandchildren to pray for the dead. We hope you will join us at the Novenas which will begin on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024 - All Saints Day.

**November Remembrance List Envelopes** have been distributed to homes in the parish inviting parishioners to participate in the annual remembrance of the dead. The greatest gift, indeed the only real gift, we can give our dead is our prayers. Each November the Church engages in a great crusade of prayer for all Holy Souls who still undergo purgatorial cleansing before they can live in communion with the Lord and his elect. These Holy Souls need our prayer. We ask parishioners to encourage their children and grandchildren to pray for the dead. **ANYONE WHO CAN DISTRIBUTE IN THEIR OWN AREA, PLEASE COLLECT THEM IN THE SACRISTY.**

**Preparing to Receive the Sacrament of Confirmation as Adults:** - The Office for Mission and Ministry are running a six-week preparation course for those who are over the age of 18, have been baptised, and have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, commencing on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024 @ 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm in the Visitors' Centre of The Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne, Cork. Please contact the Office for Mission and Ministry <https://corkandross.org/office-for-mission-and-ministry> for more information.

## St. Bernadette's Relics Pilgrimage to Cork & Ross

For the first time, the Relics of St Bernadette are visiting Ireland, and we will have the privilege of welcoming them to the Diocese of Cork and Ross at the end of this month. The Diocese have put a full programme together to try and recreate something of the experience that Lourdes offers here at home.

The Relics will be displayed in the Cathedral of St Mary and St. Anne (North Cathedral) on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024 from 4pm, and then on the following day, Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024, they will travel to the Church of the Immaculate Conception Clonakilty for veneration starting @ 2pm. Full programme of events available on the Diocesan website, [www.corkandross.org](http://www.corkandross.org).

## Bingo at Gurrabraher Credit Union/Parochial Hall Arena



Bingo continues every Sunday from 8pm at Parochial Hall. Competitive prizes available. Bring friends and family to this great social event at your local amenity and support your local community.

## Thanks to Eily Morris and supporters

Thank you, once again, to Eily Morris and her supporters for raising the sum of **€500.00** for our ongoing church renovations. We are very grateful for Eily and her supporters for their unwavering commitment. We all thank all who contribute – may they be blessed with health and peace.

## St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Church-door Collection (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024)

The monthly Church-door collection taken up by St. Vincent de Paul Society will take place next weekend. It is the largest voluntary charitable organization in Ireland. They take a hands-on approach to combating poverty, and are dedicated to reducing its effects on individuals and families, engaging directly with those in need.

## Blessing of the Graves

Blessing of the Graves of our faithful departed will be held at  
Curraghkippane Cemetery on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024 @ 1.30pm.  
Kilcully Cemetery on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024 @ 3pm.  
Rathcooney Cemetery on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024 @ 3pm.  
St. James Chetwynd Cemetery on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024 @ 3pm.  
Mass and Blessing of Graves will be held at St. Olivers Cemetery on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2024 @ 1.30pm.

**Cork Alzheimer's Café** a safe place for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias, their carers, family and friends along with social and health professionals to meet. Last Friday of each month 11.00 am - 12.30 pm in St. Finbarr's Hospital, Douglas Road. Light refreshments provided free of charge. All welcome. Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024 - Next Meeting. Art with Gillian & Inga from the Crawford Art Gallery.

## St. Vincent's Ce Project Community Employment Vacancies

Kitchen Assistant: Ref: 2361149: Closing Date 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
Domestic: Ref: 2861155: Closing Date 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
Care Assistant: Ref: 2361179: Closing Date 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
Care Assistant: Ref: 2361175: Closing Date 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
Caretaker: Ref: 2361172: Closing date 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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