

## The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to €1,140

*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.**



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

- i). Breda Walsh, Late of Mount Eden Terrace*
- ii). Denis Walsh, Late of Baker's Road*

***Requiescat in Pace***

## Mass Intentions this Week

**Sat, 9<sup>th</sup> November, (5:30pm)**

- i). Novena Mass 8

**Sun, 10<sup>th</sup> November, (9am)**

- i). Novena Mass 9

**Sun, 10<sup>th</sup> November, (11.30am)**

- i). Novena Mass 9

**Mon, 11<sup>th</sup> November, (10am)**

- i). Pat O'Gorman, RIP, (45<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- ii). Mary O'Sullivan, RIP
- iii). Fr. Tomas Walsh, (Intentions)

**Tue, 12<sup>th</sup> November, (10am)**

- i). Holy Souls, who have no one to pray for them.
- ii). Christopher, Ellen & Michael Murphy, RIP
- iii). Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary

**Weds, 13<sup>th</sup> November, (10am)**

- i). Marie Mahony, RIP, (Anniv)
- ii). Mary, (Birthday Intentions - Alive)
- iii). Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary

**Thurs, 14<sup>th</sup> November, (10am)**

- i). Donal McGrath, (Birthday Remembrance)
- ii). Michael & Mary O'Mahony, RIP, (Anniv)
- iii). Christy Halbrook, (Intentions)
- iv). Holy Souls

**Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> November, (10am)**

**No Mass on this day**

**Sat, 16<sup>th</sup> November, (10am)**

- i). Pro populo

**No weekday Masses on  
Wednesdays and Fridays**



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

**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

**Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

### Priests of the area:

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

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

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**

### Understanding Purgatory

Let's use an analogy to help us understand how Purgatory works. A little boy is all dressed up in his best Sunday clothes. His parents allow him to go outside to play while they finish getting ready for church. The little boy finds a mud puddle and dances in it - soon he's covered head to toe in mud.

Needless to say, his mother is not very happy when she discovers the filthy condition of her son. She is all set to give him a good scolding when she looks closely into his sad eyes. She can see that he is truly sorry as he whimpers out a tiny, 'I'm sorry, Mommy.'

Her mother's heart melts. She can't help it. She forgives him immediately, but she doesn't hug him. After all, he's still covered in mud! What he really needs is a good, solid scrubbing. So, into the bathtub he goes. He doesn't like it, of course. He complains and frets, whining that his mom is going to scrub off his ears, but in the end, he comes out clean and fresh, and his mom wraps him in a huge hug.

According to Catholic doctrine, we're like that little boy. When we disobey God and sin, we get covered in spiritual mud. Because God loves us so much, He forgives us easily when we ask for His mercy, but like the little boy, we're still covered in the consequences of our sin. That spiritual mud has to come off somehow before we can enter into God's embrace in Heaven. We can either get cleaned up while we're still living on Earth through prayers, good works, and patience in trials, or we can finish getting scrubbed in Purgatory, where the fire of God's love burns away every last bit of our spiritual mud. We might not like it. We might complain and fret, but we come out clean and fresh, and God wraps us in a huge hug. This is what Catholics believe about Purgatory.

**The Youth Ministry Special Collection will be taken up on the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024.**

There are many youth ministry events planned for the year including Connect 5 (for young adults), Maranatha March 2025 (a faith-based high-energy music event for post-primary school students), the launch of the new Youth Alpha (for teenagers), Altar Server training videos and Altar Server gatherings to support youth ministry at Parish/Family of Parish level. Contact Sheila Kelleher at [youthministry@corkandross.org](mailto:youthministry@corkandross.org)

Our fifth *CONNECT event for young adults, aged between 18 and 35 years, will take place in UCC on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024 from 9.30am to 4pm.*

**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. *We thank all those who have returned their envelopes and ask those who haven't to return them to the Parish Office, or hand them in at Mass.*

**Christmas Triduum Mass Cards**

Mass Cards that will remember in a Triduum of Masses, all those whom the cards will reach this approaching Christmas will soon be available in the Parish Office (and in Sacristy during weekend Masses). The three Masses will be offered on 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> December 2024. These Masses will be offered up that God's love and peace may reign in each heart and home over the Christmas period. Cards are **1 for €2, or 3 for €5, or 6 for €10.** Post early for a timely arrival to

**Booking of Masses**

The Mass book for 2025 is now open. We advise those who wish to book Masses, especially First Anniversaries to book immediately so that they are not disappointed when they come later. *There are no Masses on Wednesdays and Fridays.*

**Irish Catholic Newspaper - €2.50**

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 €2.50 into the Shrines.

**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.

**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

**A Service of Remembrance for Children Lost during Pregnancy or at Birth**

Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024 @ 7pm at Church of the Resurrection, Farranree, T23 NV97. All those who have experienced the heartache of the loss of an infant or baby, no matter how long ago that loss may have occurred, are welcome to join us in remembering your precious child and honouring their memory in ritual and in prayer.

Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.  
Before you came to birth,  
I consecrated you.  
JEREMIAH 1:5

**Eucharistic Adoration**

*“Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest”*

**Invitation**

This is a personal invitation to you from Jesus himself, inviting you to come and spend one hour with him in Eucharistic Adoration every **Thursday morning, 10.30am. – 11.30am** in the side chapel of our Church (except if there is a funeral).

Each one of us experience problems and sufferings of one kind or another, family problems, serious illness, unemployment, depression, addictions of one kind or another.

Let us bring all our problems to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Please don't disappoint Jesus, he is waiting patiently for your visit.