

The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to €820.00

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

Building Fund collection last weekend amounted to €920.00



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

Mass of Remembrance

Sat 2nd November, (5:30pm)

i). Novena Mass 1

Sun 3rd November, (9am)

i). Novena Mass 2

Sun 3rd November, (11.30am)

i). Novena Mass 2

Mon 4th November, (10am)

i). Novena Mass 3

Tue 5th November, (10am)

i). Novena Mass 4

Weds 6th November, (10am)

i). Novena Mass 5

Thurs 7th November, (10am)

i). Novena Mass 6

Friday 8th November, (10am)

i). Novena Mass 7

Sat 9th November, (10am)

i). Novena Mass 8



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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Sunday, 3rd November 2024

Priests of the area:

Fr. Tomás Walsh, SMA. PP (walstomas@hotmail.com)

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OFFICE HOURS: 10:30 – 12:30 MON – FRI

WEDS/THURS/FRI AFTERNOONS 2PM – 4PM

Praying for the Dead is a constant in Christianity

Christians have prayed for their departed sisters and brothers since the earliest days of Christianity. Early liturgies and inscriptions on catacomb walls attest to the ancientness of prayers for the dead, even if the Church needed more time to develop a substantial theology behind the practice. Praying for the dead was also a custom among different sects in Judaism as indicated in *2 Maccabees 12:41-42*. In the New Testament, St Paul prays for mercy for his departed friend Onesiphorus (*2 Timothy 1:18*). Early Christian writers Tertullian and St. Cyprian testify to the regular practice of praying for the souls of the departed.... This demonstrates that Christians believed that their prayers could somehow have a positive effect on the souls of departed believers. Closely connected to the ancient practice of praying for the dead is the belief in an explicit state called purgatory. The New Testament hints at a purification of believers after death. For example, Saint Paul speaks of being saved, "but only as through fire" (*1 Corinthians 3:15*). Over time, many Church Fathers, including St. Augustine... further developed the concept of a purgation of sins through fire after death. "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven." (*CCC 1030*)

Blessing of the Graves

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

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 2nd 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, 1st November 2024 - All Saints Day.

St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Church-door Collection (2nd November 2024 & 3rd 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.

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, 7th 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.

Bingo at Gurranabraher 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.

The Youth Ministry Special Collection will be taken up on the weekend of 9th November 2024 and 10th 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
Our fifth *CONNECT event for young adults, aged between 18 and 35 years, will take place in UCC on Sunday, 17th 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. ***ANYONE WHO CAN DISTRIBUTE IN THEIR OWN AREA, PLEASE COLLECT THEM IN THE SACRISTY.***

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**

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, 8th November 2024 - Next Meeting. Art with Gillian & Inga from the Crawford Art Gallery.*