

The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to €1,021

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



The Building Funds Collection last weekend amounted to €911



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
Gurranabraher Credit Union Account
Church of the Ascension Renovation Fund – A/c No. 02255200.**



We pray for those recently deceased

- i). Dillon Kavanagh, Late of Baker's Rd.*
- ii). Damian Kavanagh, Late of Baker's Rd.*
- iii). Breda Forde, Late of Baker's Rd.*

Requiescat in Pace

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat, 1st February, (5:30pm)

- i). Rita O'Neill, RIP, (4th Anniv)
- ii). Sr. Canisius Collins, RIP

Sun, 2nd February, (9am)

- i). Julia Michael & Con Collins, RIP
- ii). Margaret Doran, RIP, (3rd Anniv) & Larry Conners, RIP, (20th Anniv)

Sun, 2nd February, (11.30am)

- i). Batt, Maureen & Maura Kiely, RIP
- ii). The Higgins & Madden Families, RIP

Mon, 3rd February, (10am)

- i). Fe Pio Phillip Carreon, RIP
- ii). Denis Goulding, (Anniv)
- iii). Noreen Cripps, RIP, (2nd Anniv)
- iv). Novena 1.

Tue, 4th February, (10am)

- i). Ger Glavin, RIP
- ii). Bridget O'Regan, RIP, (Anniv)
- iii). Noreen Courtney, RIP

Weds, 5th February, (10am)

No Mass on this day

Thurs, 6th February (10am)

- i). Angela O'Brien, RIP
- ii). Christopher & Catherine, (Intentions)
- iii). Novena 2.

Friday, 7th February, (10am)

No Mass on this day

Sat, 8th February, (10am)

- i). Pro populo

No weekday Masses on Wednesdays and Fridays



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

**The Presentation of Our Lord
4th Sunday - Ordinary Time (C)
Sunday, 2nd February 2025**

Priests of the area:

Fr. Tomás Walsh, SMA. PP (walshthomas@hotmail.com) Tel: 021-4303 658.

Fr. Aidan Vaughan, OFM, Cap. (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 Website: www.gurranabraherparish.ie

OFFICE HOURS: 10:30 – 12:30 MON – FRI

WEDS/THURS/FRI AFTERNOONS 1PM – 4:30PM

Only Hope in God can save us from Despair

Hope is the core of the Christian message. Behind every moment of longing, every spark of desire, every ounce of hope, is the Great Hope, [God], which sustains and underwrites everything. You might call this 'the backstop hope'. Without at least an implicit knowledge of this... the promises of earthly joy would not long sustain the human mechanism...

The increasing despair of our societies is connected to the inability of the little everyday hopes to sustain human desires when the 'backstop hope' has become loosened and unstable that it no longer functions as such. The very fabric of our collective life is unravelling because we have failed to understand something fundamental about ourselves and our needs. This is the nature of what may seem to be a religious crisis, but is in reality an anthropological crisis. We are losing our sense of how to live because we have forgotten what we live for.

Hope really knows but one true essence; it draws us back to the Force or Being out of which our lives are generated, moment to moment. This is where we must look to find hope – hope directed at the eternal and the infinite - 'the backstop' hope. Anything less reduces man and condemns him, sooner or later to despair.

John Waters – 'The Backstop Hope, Totus Tuus, January, 2019

St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Church-door Collection (1st February & 2nd February 2025).

The monthly Church-door collection taken up by St. Vincent de Paul Society will take place this 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.

“The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart are going to Lourdes from the 25-30 May 2025 from Cork.” For more details, please ring Mary at 021 454 6691 or email mary.morrish@mscomissions.ie

Friendly Call Volunteers Needed

If you can spare a couple of hours a week and would like to tackle loneliness and isolation, please contact Fiona/Jackie at friendlycall@partnershipcork.ie or call to their office in Parochial Hall, 114 Knockfree Avenue, Churchfield, Cork.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

Group Leader: Roger Power

Led by Spiritual Director

4th of June 2025

7 Nights

€899.00 per person sharing a room

For Information Contact a Mr. Roger Power: (087) 6442529

Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage to Rome Launch

Bishop Fintan will lead a group of fifty young people (18 to 30 years) to Rome this summer from the 28th July 2025 to the 4th August 2025 for **Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage**. It is a once in a life opportunity for our young people to not only meet the Pope, to experience the Eternal City, but also to be encouraged and inspired as they meet other young people of faith from all continents.

Hundreds of thousands of young people are expected to travel and to experience this Jubilee Celebration, which only happens every twenty-five years in the Church. The pilgrimage will cost €550 per person (plus fundraising) and will include seven nights half board at the Irish College, Travel Insurance, a 20Kg bag, and a pilgrim kit.

There will be a special Launch Evening on **Thursday 6th February 2025 at 7.30pm in Mardyke House (T12 W8RP)**



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.

Christmas Raffles Results:

- 1. Salmon: BZ 639731**
- 2. Salmon: BZ 639161**
- 3. Pink: BZ 639231**

Regarding Infant Baptism

A minimum of one month’s notice is required for ‘infant baptism’. A pre-baptism instruction is mandatory before parents can have their child baptized. Both parents will have to attend a pre-baptism instruction held at Gurrabraher Parish Office on the first Wednesday of each month.

LIST OF UPCOMING CLASSES TO BE HELD AT THE HUT, GURRANABRAHER (021-4212811)

Art starting Monday 10th February 2025 @ 2.00 - 3.30pm.

Chair Yoga Wednesday mornings:
times to be confirmed.

Yoga starting Wednesday 5th February 2025 @ 7.15pm - 8.30pm

Zumba starting Thursday 6th February, 2025 @ 9.30 - 10.30am

Year of Prayer, Listening and Discernment

Family of Parish Gatherings – Next Steps: Over the next four months all the Parishes and Families of Parishes of our Diocese will be involved in the next stage of our Year of Prayer, Listening and Discernment. This will involve representatives of each Parish Leadership Team participating in 3 meetings over 3 weeks reflecting on the questions posed in Bishop Fintan’s invitation in September. Since September, people individually and in Parishes have been praying the Diocesan Prayer from the Boat. As we continue to pray this prayer together, we pray for the success of these gatherings and we pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us as together we try to pray, listen and discern God’s future for our Church.