

The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to €996.00

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



Last weekend a Special Collection for the Lourdes Pilgrimage was €776.00



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). Paddy Horgan Late from Springs Rd.*
- ii). Tim O'Regan Late from Eden Rd.*

Requiescat in Pace

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat, 15th February, (5:30pm)

- i). Michael Lynch, RIP, (5th Anniv)
- ii). Josephine O'Flynn, RIP, (7th Anniv)

Sun, 16th February, (9am)

- i). Finbar & Christy Barry, (Anniv)
- ii). Novena Mass 5.

Sun, 16th February, (11.30am)

- i). Michael Dineen, RIP, (48th Anniv)
- ii). Deceased members of O'Connor Family

Mon, 17th February, (10am)

- i). Maureen & Billy Lehane, (Weddings, 70th Anniv)
- ii). Kathleen & Sylvie Nagle, (Anniv)
- iii). Michael O'Connell, (80th Birthday Remembrance)

Tue, 18th February, (10am)

- i). Julia & Michael Collins, RIP
- ii). Cathrine (Intentions)
- iii). Novena Mass 6.

Weds, 19th February, (10am)

No Mass on this day

Thurs, 20th February (10am)

- i). Margaret & Michael Hussey, (Anniv)
- ii). Des O'Connell, RIP
- iii). John O'Keeffe, RIP

Friday, 21st February, (10am)

No Mass on this day

Sat, 22nd February, (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)

St. Faustinus
6th Sunday - Ordinary Time (C)
Sunday, 16th 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)

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OFFICE HOURS: 10:30 – 12:30 MON – FRI

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

If we do not worship God – we worship ourselves

In the scriptures the heavy thread of fidelity versus idolatry runs through it like blood in the veins - from the Fall to the Golden Calf, from Solomon's slide to Daniel's stand, from Peter's denial to Peter's restoration... "The history of Israel shows us the temptation of unbelief to which the people yielded more than once," wrote Pope Francis in *Lumen Fidei*, his encyclical on faith. "Here the opposite of faith is shown to be idolatry." And fidelity (*fidelitas*) is faithful devotion. Fidelity, it can be said, is the living out of faith in a spirit of worship and self-gift, demonstrated by inward disposition and outward moral uprightness.

Technology and modernity have not done away with idols; they may, in fact, have spawned countless new variations on the ancient themes. Idolatry "remains a constant temptation to faith" (CCC 2113), precisely because we are made to worship - that is, to declare, profess, and proclaim that God alone is worthy of our praise and adoration - and we will either worship God or something else. If there is no God, then you are a 'god' with your own law, your own rules, and, essentially, your own religion. And what do these numerous, autonomous little gods do? They use, they abuse, they lie, they indulge, they corrupt, and they destroy.

This deviant dynamic is captured well in *Lumen Fidei*: "Once man has lost the fundamental orientation which unifies his existence, he breaks down into the multiplicity of his desires; in refusing to await the time of promise, his life-story disintegrates into a myriad of unconnected instants. Idolatry, then, is always polytheism, an aimless passing from one lord to another." (par 13).

Adapted from Carl E. Olson's article titled 'Fidelity or Idolatry...' CWR February, 2019

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.

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.



Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart

Cork Regional Pioneer Council AGM

will take place on Wednesday 19th February 2025 @ 8 p.m. in The SMA Parish Centre, Wilton, T12 AX94.

The Matt Talbot Novena begins on Tuesday 11th March, 2025 @ 7.30 p.m. in The Church of the Way of the Cross, Togher, T12 E292.

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



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.



CLASSES for SPRING AT THE HUT, GURRANABRAHER (021-4212811)

Art on Mondays 2.00 - 3.30pm.
Pilates on Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.00am
Yoga on Wednesdays 7.15pm - 8.30pm
Zumba on Thursdays 9.30 - 10.30am
Chair Yoga on Thursdays 11.00 - 12.30pm



Please call above number or call into reception to register

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

Funeral Ministry Team Formation

The Office for Mission and Ministry will be offering three formation sessions for new teams and for new members of existing teams in the Parish Room of St. Patrick's Church, Dunmanway, Co. Cork on Wednesdays: 19th March and 26th March, and April 2nd from 7.30pm to 9.00pm.
To register please [visit https://tinyurl.com/mission-ministry](https://tinyurl.com/mission-ministry) or by contacting the Office at 021-7355517

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.

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.