

## The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to €957

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



## The Building Funds Collection last weekend amounted to €1,002



## *Blessing and Distribution of Ashes during 10am Mass on next Wednesday (Ash Wednesday)*



*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

### Sat, 1<sup>st</sup> March, (5:30pm)

- i). Sean O'Sullivan, RIP, (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- ii). Tom Crean, (39<sup>th</sup> Anniv) & Biddie Crean, (30<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

### Sun, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, (9am)

- i). Martha O'Donoghue, (28<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- ii). Novena Mass 1.

### Sun, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, (11.30am)

- i). Eugene McCarthy, (10 Years, Birthday Remembrance)
- ii). Fr. Sojan Puthuparambil, RIP, (Memory Mass)

### Mon, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, (10am)

- i). Maureen & Billy Lehane, (70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv)
- ii). Pdraig Atkinson, RIP, (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

### Tue, 4<sup>th</sup> March, (10am)

- i). Agnes O'Brien, RIP
- ii). Johnny Guerin, RIP
- iii). Ms. Hodnett, RIP

### Ash Weds; 5<sup>th</sup> March (10am)

### Thurs, 6<sup>th</sup> March (10am)

- i). Des O'Connell, RIP
- ii). Holy Souls
- iii). Kathleen Casey, RIP, (38<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

### Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> March (10am)

### Sat, 8<sup>th</sup> March, (10am)

- i). Pro populo



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

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time (C)  
Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025**

### Priests of the area:

Fr. Tomás Walsh, SMA. PP ([walshtomas@hotmail.com](mailto:walshtomas@hotmail.com)) Tel: 021-4303 658.

Fr. Aidan Vaughan, OFM, Cap. ([aidan1302@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:ascensionparish123@gmail.com) Website: [www.gurrabraherparish.ie](http://www.gurrabraherparish.ie)

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

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

## Lent – A time to recognise the ugliness of Sin



*Remember man  
that you are  
dust and into  
dust you shall  
return.*

Archbishop Chaput, Archbishop of Philadelphia, in a Lenten Message talk of our great capacity to rationalise about sin - to talk down its effects. He warns that: “The deals we make with the world, and with the flesh, and with the devil, always go south. The line dividing good and evil is usually pretty bright for anyone who wants to see it. Most of us really *don't* want to see it, of course, because doing so would cramp our life-style. We negotiate little “concordats”, (‘agreements’), with our favourite personal sins, our ugly habits and our dictatorial appetites all the time. For every forbidden, hurtful, dishonest thing we like to do, we’re experts at self-deceit - we make excuses. We all have a barrelful of excellent excuses. Lent is especially a season when God invites all of us to smash our miserable little concordats with sin to bits. The teaching of the Church – rooted in the Word of God, confirmed by experience, consistent in its expression, sometimes difficult but always liberating – is the standard of holiness and the guide to our Heavenly Father’s expectations. We need to cling to it, confident in God’s mercy, in judging our own actions and redirecting our lives, no matter how radically that new path demands. So may God grant all of us a holy and fruitful Lent.

## **St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Church-door Collection on 1<sup>st</sup> March & 2<sup>nd</sup> March 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.

### ***Ash Wednesday: This Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – A Day of Fasting and Abstinence.***

Blessing & distribution of Ashes will take place this coming Wednesday, during **10am** Mass. The wearing of ashes on the forehead on that day is a sign - and an indication - that the person wearing the Ashes wants to turn away from sin and live according to Gospel values.

### **Cork and Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025**

The diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes this year will take place from Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025 to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025. **We will fly from Cork to Lourdes.**

Bookings are now open with Joe Walsh Tours on (01) 2410 800 for anyone wishing to travel as a pilgrim.

Volunteers are also required: Doctors, Nurses, Care Assistants and Helpers (Adults and Young Adults aged between 18 to 25 years).

For General Enquiries contact (085) 2525040 or

Email: [lourdes@corkandross.org](mailto:lourdes@corkandross.org)

### ***Next weekend a Special Collection for the Irish Bishops Commissions.***

### **Cork Scripture Group would like to invite anyone who is interested in Scripture to join us for the following course**

Exploring Prophecy in the Bible 4 Monday nights (24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025; 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025) from 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. in Scala, Blackrock.

Workshop on “Prophecy: Reading the signs of the times” with Jessie Rogers (Maynooth) in Sacred Heart Hall, Western Road from 10.00am - 1.00pm on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025. **Cost €50.**

To book a place please email [corkscripturegroup@gmail.com](mailto:corkscripturegroup@gmail.com)



### **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.

### **Gurrabraher Bus Trip to Knock – Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2025**

A 53-Seater Bus has been booked again this year for our annual pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The bus will leave the Church at 7.30am and return at 10.30pm.

***We ask those who are still owing to please settle the amount as soon as possible so that we can add names if some are not now travelling.***

*Cost is €65 per person; this includes breakfast on journey up and the dinner and the way back.*

### **Maranatha Newsletter/Altar Announcement**

Maranatha is a full-day faith-based, high energy music event for young people from parishes across the diocese attending post-primary schools. Students from over half of the post primary schools have already been preparing for Maranatha 2025.

This cumulates in a concert in **Cork City Hall on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025** with over 500 young people and musicians singing together.

Maranatha was created to bring young people together to celebrate their faith and identity through music and have fun at the same time.

Please support our young people by coming to this event. Tickets are €15 (plus booking fee) and are available to book on [eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie), search Maranatha. Doors open at 6.45pm, with concert beginning at 7.30pm.

### **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](mailto:friendlycall@partnershipcork.ie) or call to their office in Parochial Hall, 114 Knockfree Avenue, Churchfield, Cork.

### **Youth 2000 retreat**

The spring Munster Youth 2000 retreat will take place at Knockadoon Camp, Co. Cork from Friday evening, 7<sup>th</sup> March – Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Everyone aged 16 - 35 is welcome to attend for all or part of the weekend. Donation only, suggested donation €75 pp (includes accommodation and meals). Please see [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)