

The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to €1,087

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



The Irish Bishops Commissions Collection last weekend amounted to €594.00

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). Willam Browne Late of Colmcille Rd.*
- ii). Margaret O'Callaghan Late of Mary's Place.*

Requiescat in Pace

Mass Intentions this Week

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

- i). Rita Bell, RIP, (7th Anniv)
- ii). Noel Corcoran, RIP, (15th Anniv)

Sun, 16th March, (9am)

- i). Nora & Denis Aheran, RIP, (Anniv)
- ii). Jimmy O'Rourke, RIP
- iii). Novena Mass 4.

Sun, 16th March, (11.30am)

- i). Stephen & Noreen Burdock, RIP, (Anniv)
- ii). Joseph O'Sullivan, RIP, (1st Anniv)
- iii). Dan Harris, RIP, (21st Anniv)

Mon, 17th March, (10am)

- i). That Ireland would cherish the faith
- ii). Manning Family, RIP
- iii). Michael O'Connell, RIP, (80th Birthday)

Tue, 18th March, (10am)

- i). Rachel O'Leary, (Birthday Remembrance)
- ii). Bridget, Denis & John McCarthy, RIP
- iii). Novena Mass 5.

Thurs, 20th March, (10am)

- i). Neil Cooney, RIP, (Anniv)
- ii). John, Ivor & Theresa McLoughlin, RIP
- iii). Novena Mass 6.

Sat, 22nd March, (10am)

- i). Pro populo



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

**2nd Sunday - Lent Time (C)
Sunday, 16th March 2025**

Priests of the area:

Fr. Tomás Walsh, SMA. PP (walshtomas@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

ST. PATRICK, PATRON SAINT OF IRELAND AND ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST POPULAR SAINTS

Patrick, Apostle of Ireland, was born in 387 probably in Wales, UK and died in Downpatrick, Co Down in 461. As a boy of fourteen or so, he was captured by a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. He learned the language and practices of the people who held him. During his captivity, he turned to God in prayer. He wrote: "The love of God grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was elevated, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same." "I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain." Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain, where he reunited with his family. Some years later he had another dream in which the people of Ireland were calling out to him "We beg you, holy youth, to come and walk among us once more." He began his studies for the priesthood. When Patrick was ordained a bishop, and was sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. He arrived in Ireland March 25, 433, at Slane. Patrick and his disciples preached the Good News of Jesus Christ which deeply touched the hearts of the pagan Irish - and many converted to the faith that brought liberation from superstition, fear and they powers of darkness. Even Kings, their families, and entire kingdoms converted to Christianity when hearing Patrick's message. Patrick by now had many disciples, among them Beningnus, Auxilius, Iserninus, and Fiaac, (all later canonized Saints as well). Patrick preached among the Irish people for over forty years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in his Confessions. After years of living in poverty, travelling and enduring much suffering he died on March 17, 461. Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us. He feared nothing, not even death, so complete was his trust in God, and of the importance of his mission.

Gurranabraher Bus Trip to Knock – Saturday, 7th June 2025.

A 53-Seater Bus has been booked again this year for our annual pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday, 7th June – 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.

Cork and Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025

The diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes this year will take place from Friday 19th September 2025 to Wednesday 24th 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

FESTIVAL FUN FOR ALL IN CORK CITY

Cork St. Patrick's Festival will take place from March 14th – 17th, with a fantastic programme of music, dance and cultural activities culminating in the St Patrick's Day Parade on Monday, March 17th at 1pm, on the familiar route from South Mall to Merchants Quay.

The Parade will include over 2,500 participants, performance showpieces from professional art groups Cork Community Artlink and Spraoi, marching bands and groups near and far.

Festival brochures are available in all Cork City Library branches, the Tourist Office and around the city centre, and the Cork St Patrick's Day Parade will be streamed live on www.corkstpatricksfestival.ie on the day.

**Afternoon Tea Dance in the Hut on 16th March 2025 at 2.30pm
starting with Mass then great craic, music and song.
Sandwiches/cakes/tea/coffee its free please join us!**

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.

Bingo at Gurranabraher 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.

Come to Lourdes as a Young Adult Helper in September

A special Information Evening will take place in Mardyke House, Cork (T12 W8RP) for those aged 18 to 25, are interested in travelling with the Diocese of Cork and Ross to Lourdes (Sept 19th to 24th) as a Young Adult Helper. The meeting will take place at **7.30pm on Thursday 20th March 2025**. This is a fantastic opportunity for young adults to assist pilgrims in need and deepen their faith by experiencing the unique spirituality of Lourdes. For more information, please contact Sheila Kelleher at youthministry@corkandross.org or call (021) 430 1717

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 (24th, 31st March 2025, 7th, 14th 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, 5th April 2025. **Cost €50.**

To book a place please email corkscripturegroup@gmail.com

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 Gurranabraher Parish Office on the first Wednesday of each month.

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 2025 and 26th March 2025, and 2nd April 2025 from 7.30pm to 9.00pm.

To register please visit <https://tinyurl.com/mission-ministry> or by contacting the Office at (02) 7355517