

The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to €1,094

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



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). Carol Bernett Late of Cathedral Rd.*
- ii). Cathrine Bruton Late of Churchfield Gardens.*

Requiescat in Pace

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat, 22nd March, (5:30pm)

- i). Denis Corcoran, RIP, (2nd Anniv)
- ii). Evelyn Hourigan, RIP, (Anniv)

Sun, 23rd March, (9am)

- i). Novena Mass 7

Sun, 23rd March, (11.30am)

- i). Ellen Shinkwin, (7th Anniv)
- ii). Con & May Twomey, (40th Anniv)

Mon, 24th March, (10am)

- i). Jeck & Sarah Ryan, RIP
- ii). Finbarr Collins, RIP
- iii). Kathleen Ashman, (50th Anniv)
- iv). Novena Mass 8

Tue, 25th March, (10am)

- i). Mai O'Donoghue, RIP
- ii). James Donovan, RIP

Thurs, 27th March, (10am)

- i). Richard Lynch, RIP, (Anniv)
- ii). Michael & Christine Hegarty, RIP
- iii). Novena Mass 9

Sat, 29th March, (10am)

- i). Pro populo



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

3rd Sunday - Lent Time (C)
Sunday, 23rd 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

The World must Pray and Do Penance for Sin

The Fatima message is a call for men to give up sinful practices which grieve God and draw down His chastisements on the world - and to make reparation for them. Commenting on Our Lady's request for penance, Sr. Lucia wrote: *"The part of the last apparition which has remained most deeply imprinted on my heart is the prayer of our heavenly Mother begging us not to offend Almighty God, who is already so much offended."*

Besides a call to penance Fatima is in a special way a call to pray the Rosary. So central is the Rosary to the Fatima message that Our Lady chose to identify herself as *"The Lady of the Rosary."* In each of the six apparitions she asked for the daily Rosary, and especially as an instrument of world peace. As she revealed in the third apparition: *"You must recite the Rosary every day in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war for only she can obtain this."*

In 1916, a year before the apparitions of Our Lady, the Angel of Peace appeared to the children and links Jesus and Mary inseparably in His salvation plan for the world. *"The Hearts of Jesus and Mary have designs of mercy for you,"* he said. *"Offer unceasingly to the Highest prayer and sacrifices."*

Shortly before Jacinta went to the hospital where she was to die, she said to Lucia: *"In a short time now I am going to heaven. You are will remain here to tell the world that God wishes to establish in the world devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary."*

St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Church-door Collection (29th March & 30th 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.

This weekend a Special Collection for the Diocesan Needs

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

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 11am - 12.30 pm in St. Finbarrs Hospital, Douglas Road. Light refreshments provided free of charge. **All welcome!**

Friday, 28th March 2025 - Next meeting

Joined by Ciara O Neill - Occupational Therapist

Speaking about Memory Aids and Memory Technology

bettycogan@hotmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/Cork-Alzheimer-Cafe-1364692>

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.

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.

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

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, 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

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.

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 (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