

The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to €1,076

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



The Bishop Collection last weekend amounted to €493.00



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). Deirdre Heaphy Late of Baker's Rd.*
- ii). Michael O'Sullivan Late of Barretts Bld.*
- iii). Dominic Kierans Late of Mt. Nebo Ave.*

Requiescat in Pace

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat, 29th March, (5:30pm)

- i). John (Dinny-Bobs) McCarthy, RIP, (3rd Anniv)
- ii). Timothy O'Neill, RIP

Sun, 30th March, (9am)

- i). Donal O'Connor, (59th Anniv)
- ii). Elaine Keane, RIP

Sun, 30th March, (11.30am)

- i). Sr. Mary O'Donovan, RIP, (1st Anniv)
- ii). Sr. Patricia O'Shea, RIP, (Recently)

Mon, 31st March, (10am)

- i). Sr. Patricia O'Shea, RIP
- ii). Martin O'Connor, RIP
- iii). Novena Mass 1.

Tue, 1st April, (10am)

- i). Special Intentions
- ii). Dominick Myers, (11th Anniv)

Thurs, 3rd April, (10am)

- i). Novena Mass 2.

Sat, 5th April, (10am)

- i). Pro populo



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

4th Sunday - Lent Time (C)
Sunday, 30th 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

Hell is Real – and lasts forever

The doctrine of hell is so frightening that numerous heretical sects end up denying the reality of an eternal hell despite numerous scriptural references. A number of major Evangelical figures have advocated the view that there is no eternal hell - the wicked will simply be annihilated. Alarming: even some Catholic theologians take the same view – but that is not the faith of the Catholic Church.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: “The teaching of the Church clearly affirms the existence of hell and its eternity. Immediately after death the souls of those who die in a state of mortal sin descend into hell, where they suffer the punishments of hell. The chief punishment of hell is eternal separation from God, in whom alone man can possess the life and happiness for which he was created and for which he longs” (CCC 1035).

In his 1994 book, *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, Pope John Paul II wrote that too often “preachers, catechists, teachers... no longer have the courage to preach the threat of hell” (p. 183). The words of Christ are unequivocal. In Matthew’s Gospel he speaks clearly of those who will go to eternal punishment (cf. Matt. 25:46). But who will these be? The Church has never made any pronouncement in this regard” (pp. 185–6). That answer is known only to God alone. The Church Fathers were also absolutely firm on the reality of an eternal hell for those who rejected God’s friendship on earth. That there is ‘no Hell’ is mere wishful thinking. The Message of Lent is **Repent and believe the Gospel**.

Building Fund Collection This Weekend.

The end-of-month building fund collection will take place at all Masses over this weekend. The debt for the replacement of the roof is still ongoing and other restorative work on the grounds. We ask for your continued support for our renovation projects.

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 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.

St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Church-door Collection on
Saturday, 5th April & Sunday, 6th April 2025

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

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

Gurranabraher Meals on Wheels

Gurranabraher Meals on Wheels has been providing nutritious meals to older and vulnerable members of the parish for many decades. Should you know of someone (family member, friend, neighbour, or yourself) who would benefit from this service –

please contact *Liz/Brid on (021) 430 1037*

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.

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.

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

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 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, 4th April 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>