

The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to €1,021.

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



The Building Funds Collection last weekend amounted to €826.



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). Karen Crowley Late of Gurrabraher.

Requiescat in Pace

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat, 5th April, (5:30pm)

- i). Sarah (Elby) Dunne, RIP, (26th Anniv)
- ii). Helen Sinclair, RIP, (Recently)

Sun, 6th April, (9am)

- i). Helen Hourihan, (Intentions)
- ii). Novena Mass 3.

Sun, 6th April, (11.30am)

- i). Martin, Sheila & Paddy Ryan, RIP

Mon, 7th April, (10am)

- i). Donal O'Connor, RIP, (59th Anniv)
- ii). Hannah & Denny O'Sullivan, RIP
- iii). Donors Intentions

Tue, 8th April, (10am)

- i). Paddy Cummins, RIP, (Anniv)
- ii). Michael & Hannah Goulding, RIP
- iii). Marian Noonan, RIP, (4th Anniv)

Thurs, 10th April, (10am)

- i). Nora Lynch & Phil Norton, RIP
- ii). Special Intentions
- iii). Novena Mass 4.

Sat, 12th April, (10am)

- i). Pro populo



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

5th Sunday - Lent Time (C)
Sunday, 6th April 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

Confession – necessary to absolve serious sin

The means by which God forgives sins after baptism is the Sacrament of Confession: “If we confess our sins, God who is love will forgive our sins - and cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (*1 Jn 1:9*). The Penitential Rite at the beginning of Mass is sufficient to forgive minor moral transgressions (venial sins), but for grave or mortal sins, which crush the spiritual life out of the soul, God has instituted the Sacrament known popularly as Confession or Penance.

This sacrament is rooted in the mission God gave to Christ the power on earth to forgive sins (*cf. Matt. 9:6*). After his resurrection, Jesus passed on his mission to forgive sins to his ministers, telling them, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you... Receive the Holy Spirit. Those whose sins you forgive they are forgiven; and those whose sins you retain they are retained. (*Jn 20:21–23*). Since it is not possible to confess all of our many daily faults and failings, we know that sacramental reconciliation is required only for grave or mortal sins - but it is required, or Christ would not have commanded it.

From the beginning of the Church there was a clear recognition that confession and absolution must be received by a sinner before reception of Holy Communion. St Paul is clear that: “[w] however... eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord” (*1 Cor. 11:27*). Lent is the time when we are called back to God’s friendship – and Confession is the means of restoring that relationship. (*Adapted from Catholic Answer*)

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 (19th September 2025 to 24th September 2025) 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

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.

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.

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*

CORK CITY LIBRARIES

Are you, or is someone you know, housebound due to illness or accident?

Cork City Libraries can deliver to you at home, we can deliver to nursing homes in the city area too!

With Library Link you can access our vast wealth of reading material! Simply call (021) 492 4900 or email rose_smyth@corkcity.ie to register. Alternatively ask at your local Cork City Libraries branch if you, or someone you know, might benefit from this service.

It's simple to sign up and it is free.

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.

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

Easter Tea Dance in the Hut on Sunday, 13th April 2025 from 3pm – 6 pm.
Sandwiches/Cakes/Tea/Coffee its Free please join us!

All Welcome!!!

“Have you ever dreamed of walking the Camino?”

Join the MSC Missions as we walk the shaded lanes and valleys of the **Camino Frances** walking from Saria to Santiago in Spain. We will then visit Fatima for a short pilgrimage. We are being led on this spiritual journey by Fr. Tony Horgan MSC.

For more details of this fundraising pilgrimage ring Valerie at (021) 454 3988 or email valerie.buckley@mscmissions.ie

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, 11th April 2025 - Next meeting

Joined by Ciara O Neill - Occupational Therapist

Speaking about Memory Aids and Memory Technology

bettycogan@hotmail.com

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