The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to €1,106

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

Donations for Church Renovations gratefully accepted at the 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
Gurranabraher *Credit Union Account*
Church of the Ascension Renovation Fund – A/c No. 02255200.

We thank the people of the parish who support us tirelessly.

We pray for those recently deceased…

John Clarke, Ascension Heights

Requiescat in Pace

Pope Leo's August Intention:

For evangelization in the city.

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat, 29th August, (5.30pm) Vigil Mass
i). Dave & Jenny McCarthy RIP (Anniv)
ii). Tom Hosford RIP (Anniv)
iii). John Power RIP (1st Anniv)
iv). Rosaleen O'Rourke RIP (1st Anniv)

Sun, 30th August, (9:00am)
i). Marie O'Herlihy RIP (Died recently)
ii). Paudie Baker RIP

Sun, 30th August, (11:30am)
i). Graham O'Connell RIP
ii). Stevie Keenan RIP (6th Anniv)
iii). Tom & Kathleen Sexton RIP (Anniv)

Mon, 31st August, (10am)
i). Sr. Columba Humphreys RIP
ii). William Crean RIP (Remb)

Tue, 1st September, (10am)
i). Nora Lynch & Phil Norton RIP (Anniv)
ii). Mary Burleigh RIP (2nd Anniv)

Thurs, 3rd September, (10am)
i). Breda & Nell Hosford RIP (Anniv)

Sat, 5th September, (10am)
Pro populo

Ascension Parish, Gurranabraher

(Part of the family of parishes incorporating Farranree/ Knocknaheeny/ Clogheen/Kerry Pike)

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, 30th August 2026

Priests of the area:
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OFFICE HOURS: 10:30 – 12:30 MON – FRI

How can you be Spiritual and not be Religious *(Fr. Dwight Longenecker 2015)*

"I'm spiritual but not religious" is one of the catch phrases you'll hear a good bit these days. When I hear this my question is, "How do you do that?" Just exactly what do you *do* to be spiritual without being religious? Saying you're spiritual but not religious would be like saying you love music, but you don't play an instrument and don't listen to music. Because if you were to do any of those things you would be taking advantage of the rules and regulations and structures that actually make music possible. The root of the word "religious" means "to bind". That means you bind yourself to a certain rule or way of doing things. It's not all free flowing, do as you please and make it up as you go along. Just as there are rules to music, so there is religion to make "being spiritual" possible. Surely as soon as a person starts to try to "be spiritual" they start being religious. So maybe what the "spiritual but not religious" person really means is that they do not go in for organized religion. They mean they are not members of an institutional church. That's possible, but maybe they misunderstand what the purpose of organized religion actually is. Organized religion with all its devotions and duties, with all its doctrines and dogmas, with all its rules and regulations is simply the rules for the game, the music on the printed page. I suspect being "spiritual but not religious" is too easy and too unreal. Getting spiritual in a religion, on the other hand, means you have to get to work. You have to learn how to love, forgive and help other people who are on that same journey and part of your team…and all that is tough.

Building Fund Collection this weekend (29th & 30th August)

The end-of-month building fund collection will take place at all Masses **this** weekend. The debt for the replacement of the roof is still ongoing. We ask for your continued support for the renovation project.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation – Pope Leo XIV

Pope Leo XIV will preside over Mass for the Care of Creation at the Laudato Sì Village, Italy, on September 1. The Mass marks the annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and the opening of the Season of Creation—an ecumenical journey of prayer and commitment to safeguarding our common home. The period concludes on October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi and the 800th anniversary of his passing. "Faith teaches us to recognize our common home not primarily as a resource to be used, but as a gift to be welcomed with gratitude and cared for with love. In the Mass, our thanksgiving to God also becomes a commitment: caring for creation means caring for life, for people—especially the most vulnerable—and for future generations."

"For the Church," emphasized Baggio, "safeguarding Creation and promoting human dignity are two sides of a single mission, strongly rooted in the Christian faith. We believe God created the world and the human family out of love, and precisely out of love, He entrusted us with the care of our brothers and sisters and the custody of Creation." "Safeguarding our common home," the Cardinal added, "means loving our neighbour, particularly those who suffer most from the consequences of environmental degradation, poverty, the climate crisis, and conflicts. Faith reminds us that we cannot love God without caring for what He has created and those He has entrusted to us."

Cork Communities in Action on the International Day of Charity

Saturday, 5 September, from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm at Bishop Lucey Park, 25 Grand Parade, Cork. Come along to this free, family-friendly event which celebrates the outstanding work of community and voluntary organisations across Cork. Enjoy live music, creative performances, family activities and the chance to meet local groups making a real difference in people's lives. Cork City Partnership is proud to support this special event. At a time when many people are looking for connection and belonging, it's more important than ever to celebrate the organisations and volunteers whose everyday work strengthens our communities and helps people thrive. There's no need to register; simply come along.

Irish Catholic Newspaper - €3.50

We have on sale in our church, the Irish Catholic Newspaper. It is the only weekly newspaper that gives a Catholic slant on the news. Please put €3.50 into the Shrines.

Sunday Bingo at Gurranabraher Credit Union/Parochial Hall Arena

Looking for a great night out with friends and family on Sundays? Join us every week at Parochial Hall for a brilliant evening of fun and a chance to win cash prizes! Doors open at 8pm, with a single book costing €7 and a double book €10. With a friendly crowd and proceeds helping to keep this vital facility running, it is the perfect way to support your local community while having fun. Strict age limit 18+. Held under Garda permit. See you there!

Mass Cards available for all occasions

Mass Cards are available at the Parish Office for all occasion, RIP, Exams, Get Well, Birthdays, Anniversaries, etc. – the intentions are included in Nine Masses (Novena) celebrated each month in the parish. Each card cost €3.

Gurranabraher Meals on Wheels

Gurranabraher Meals on Wheels has been providing nutritious meals to members of the parish for many decades. Should you know of someone (or yourself) who would benefit from this service, contact Eliz/Brid on (021) 430 1037.

ALONE – Telephone/Visitation support for older people

If you or an older person you know is in need of support call 0818 222 024, seven days a week 8 am to 8 pm or see ALONE.ie/Volunteer for more info. ALONE the national organisation that enables older people to age at home, are looking for *Telephone Support & Befriending and Visitation Support & Befriending Volunteers* to support older people in the community.

Gurranabraher Website – gurranabraherparish.ie

We remind parishioners again that our parish has a live website - gurranabraherparish.ie. It will keep you informed and up-to-date on parish activities. Read also on the webpage the latest Parish Newsletter. and visit the links provided for sound Catholic faith formation.

Daily Mass Mon/Tues/Thurs at 10.am & weekend Masses Sat 10am & 5.30pm, (Vigil), Sunday 9am & 11.30am are available to view online @ www.gurranabraherparish.ie