The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to €830

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

The Building Fund collection last weekend amounted to €958

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 (Sean) O'Connor, St. Mary's Ave.
Anthony Casey, Presentation Ave.

Requiescat in Pace

Pope Leo's September Intention:

For the care of water
Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat, 5th September, (5.30pm) Vigil Mass
i). John Sutton RIP (33rd Anniv)
ii). Rita O'Sullivan RIP (8th Anniv)
iii). Sheila Yelverton RIP

Sun, 6th September, (9:00am)
i). Holy Souls
ii).

Sun, 6th September, (11:30am)
i). Sheila Freyne RIP (29th Anniv)
ii). Francis Healy RIP
iii). Pat Jones RIP (Anniv)

Mon, 7th September, (10am)
i). Holy Souls
ii). Ann Field & Mark Field RIP (Remb)

Tue, 8th September, (10am)
i). Kiely family RIP
ii).

Thurs, 10th September, (10am)
i). Edith & Dave Dougherty & Betty Dempsey RIP

Sat, 12th September, (10am)
Pro populo

Ascension Parish, Gurranabraher

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, 6th September 2026

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.
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Fr. Tijo & Fr. Prasad, resident at Knocknaheeny, (021 439 2427)
email: ascensionparish123@gmail.com Website:
www.gurranabraherparish.ie
OFFICE HOURS: 10:30 – 12:30 MON – FRI

Bishops acknowledge 'deep commitment to the faith' of the Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholics who serve the Church and their neighbour on a voluntary basis in 170 countries. The first meeting of the Legion led by its founder Frank Duff, took place in Dublin on 7 September 1921, 105 years ago. The Legion aims to bring Mary to the world as the infallible means of winning the world to Jesus and legionary service is based on the doctrine of the Mystical Body of Christ so that in their fellow members and in those they serve, legionaries seek to have the Person of our Lord once again seen and served by Mary, his Mother. Bishops said, "The teaching of the Second Vatican Council regarding the lay apostolate emphasised the centrality of the vocation of every member of the Church, rooted in baptism. This affirms the work of Frank Duff and is a wonderful vindication of the Legion of Mary. Pope Francis has stressed the importance of a more synodal, mission-orientated, outward looking Church." The Legion of Mary is well equipped and experienced in this area and bishops expressed their hope that the example of the Legion will be able to assist the Irish Church on the Synodal Pathway.

The Legion of Mary meets at Ascension Church every Tuesday from 8-9pm.

World Youth Day 2027

World Youth Day 2027 will take place in South Korea from late July to early August 2027. The Diocese of Cork and Ross is planning to bring a group of young adults aged 18–30 to join Pope Leo and young people from across the world for this special celebration of faith. This pilgrimage will be a wonderful opportunity for young adults to journey together in faith, encounter Christ, meet the Pope, and be part of one of the largest gatherings of young people in the Catholic Church. We hope it will be a unique opportunity for our young people to deepen their faith through prayer, worship and fellowship, and to experience the universality of the Church as they gather with young Catholics from every continent. An Information Evening will be held on Wednesday, 16 September at 7.00pm in Mardyke House, Cork. We encourage all interested young adults to come along and find out more about the pilgrimage, including the programme, costs, fundraising opportunities and registration process.

Alpha Youth Information Sessions for Parishes

We are using the Alpha Youth as a tool to connect with young people aged 12–17 in our parishes, giving them an opportunity to explore life's big questions and deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith in a welcoming and engaging environment. If your parish/Family of Parishes is interested in exploring Alpha Youth as a way of engaging young people in your parish, we invite priests and potential youth leaders to attend one of our Information Sessions. The sessions will introduce the programme and provide practical guidance on how Alpha Youth can be run in in your parish/Family of Parishes. For more information or to register your attendance, please contact Sheila Kelleher at youthministry@corkandross.org. The sessions will take place on: Monday 7th September – Mardyke House, Cork at 7pm and Wednesday 9th September – Skibbereen Parish Room at 7.30pm

Mass Animated by Young Adults

A Mass animated by young adults takes place on the second Sunday of each month, with the next celebration on Sunday, 13th September at 7pm in Ss Peter and Paul's Church. Hosted by the City Centre Family of Parishes, this Mass offers a welcoming space for young adults to gather, pray and grow in faith together. There will refreshments available after, in the parish centre. All are welcome.

Sincere Thanks to Eily Morris and Supporters

Thank you to Eily Morris and her supporters for once again raising the sum of *Five Hundred Euro* for Church Renovations. Eily and her supporters have been raising large sums of money in aid of the Church Renovations for many years and we are very grateful for their unwavering commitment. We thank all who contribute, may they be blessed with health and peace.

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.

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