The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to €960

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…

Irene Keating, Cathedral Road

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, 12th September, (5.30pm) Vigil Mass
i). Jack Mulcahy RIP
ii). Patrick O'Connor RIP (5th Anniv)

Sun, 13th September, (9:00am)
i). Mary O'Donoghue (Thanksgiving)
ii). Noel Kerstein RIP

Sun, 13th September, (11:30am)
i). Christopher, Ellen & Michael Murphy RIP
ii). John O'Driscoll RIP (17th Anniv)
iii). Frank O'Leary RIP (36th Anniv)

Mon, 14th September, (10am)
i). Keane & O'Brien families RIP
ii). Catherine Daly RIP (Died recently)

Tue, 15th September, (10am)
i). Michael O'Donovan RIP (12th Anniv)
ii). William & Eileen Healy RIP (Remb)

Thurs, 17th September, (10am)
i). Eileen O'Leary (Birth Remb)

Sat, 19th September, (10am)
Pro populo

Ascension Parish, Gurranabraher

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, 13th 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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www.gurranabraherparish.ie
OFFICE HOURS: 10:30 – 12:30 MON – FRI

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates the boundless impact of Christ's Cross upon all of creation. The core of our celebration is not the physical wood of the Cross or the holy sites where Jesus died and was buried. Our primary focus is the infinite love shown through the selfless and perfect Sacrifice of the Son of God and the boundless mercy that has poured forth upon the world as a result. The Cross itself is a cruel instrument of torture and death. The fact that it is now the symbol of God's perfect love only further magnifies that love and showcases God's infinite power to use the worst for the best: to use death to bring life and to transform the greatest act of cruelty ever known into the greatest act of mercy ever bestowed upon the world.

The Cross of Christ must permeate each one of us, transforming us and making us new. First and foremost, this happens when we open ourselves to the infinite mercy of God flowing from that selfless Sacrifice. It also occurs when we allow every one of our sufferings, the injustices we endure, the crosses, hardships, and most undesirable aspects of our lives to share in the redemptive power of Christ. We do this when we embrace Jesus' commands to share in His sufferings, unite them with His own, and allow Him to bear an abundance of good fruit through us. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 16:24–25).

Priesthood Education Collection (19th & 20th September)

The annual Priesthood Education collection takes place at all Masses **next** weekend. The proceeds of the collection go to the Diocesan Education Fund which meets the cost of seminarians' fees at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, and also contributes to post-graduate studies of priests of the diocese.

Mass for new school year with Bishop Fintan

All those connected with our Catholic primary schools are invited to join Bishop Fintan in celebrating a Mass to pray for God's blessings for the new school year. North Cathedral on Tuesday 15th September at 7:30pm, followed by refreshments at the Cathedral Visitor Centre.

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.

Cork Scripture Group

Cork Scripture Group would like to invite anyone who is interested in Scripture to join us for the following course. Cost: €50 for the entire course including workshop (€10 for those who wish to attend the workshop only). To book a place please *email* corkscripturegroup@gmail.com

- Four Monday nights (28th September, 5/12/19 October) on 'I, Paul. The Life & Letters of St Paul.' Presenters: Sean O'Sullivan, Marian & Phil Mortell.
- Saturday workshop (March 21st) on 'Two contrasting prison letters: Philemon and Philippians' facilitated by Sr. Mary T. Brien PBVM.

Tea dance in the "Hut"

Gurranabraher/Churchfield Outreach Office will be holding their next Sunday tea dance on the 20th September in the Hut in Gurranabraher, T23 HD59, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. entertainment, refreshments, raffle etc, this event is free, all welcome, contact Ann or Patricia at 021-4301700 for more information.

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.

Community Garden Volunteering

Community Garden Volunteering in St. Marys Health Campus every Wednesday from 11 to 1pm. No experience necessary, all equipment will be provided. Contact Ailish, Community Health Worker on 087 097 9707.

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