The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to €1045.

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

The Priesthood Education collection last weekend amounted to €600.

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 pray for those recently deceased…

Requiescat in Pace

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat, 26th September, (5.30pm) Vigil Mass
i). John O'Sullivan, RIP (2nd Anniv)
ii). John Barry, RIP
iii). Tony Shinkwin, RIP
iv. Noreen Keating, RIP (20th Anniv)

Sun, 27th September, (9:00am)
i). Catherine, Christy, Christopher & Nuala Gregory.
ii).

Sun, 27th September, (11:30am)
i). Eileen O'Leary, RIP
ii). John Clarke, RIP (Died recently)
iii) Kathleen O'Mahony, RIP (4th Anniv)

Mon, 28th September, (10am)
i). Madge & Jerry Keane, RIP
ii). Colum O'Keeffe's Intentions.

Tue, 29th September, (10am)
i). Eileen Higgins-Clifford, RIP (Died recently)
ii). Sr Columba, RIP (Died recently)

Thurs, 1st October, (10am)
i). Bernice & Derry O'Callaghan, RIP
ii). Sr Sheila's Intention.

Sat, 3rd October, (10am)
Pro populo.

Ascension Parish, Gurranabraher

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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, 27th 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.
Fr. Sean O'Sullivan, resident at Farranree, (021 493 2230)
Fr. Tijo & Fr. Prasad, resident at Knocknaheeny, (021 439 2427)
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www.gurranabraherparish.ie

OFFICE HOURS: 10:30 – 12:30 MON – FRI

10 Commandments – binding on the Conscience of all Humanity

The Ten Commandments, also known as the Decalogue, are recorded in the Hebrew Bible in Exodus 20:1–17 and Deuteronomy 5:4–21. According to biblical tradition, God delivered these commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai to guide the Israelites in their covenant with God. They form a foundational set of laws emphasizing morality, devotion, and social responsibility.

Significance and Interpretation

The Ten Commandments serve as both a religious guide and a moral framework. They influence the ethical standards of societies, particularly in Western civilizations, and are often cited in teachings of law, ethics, and personal conduct.

Cultural and Historical Impact

Beyond religious observance, the Ten Commandments have shaped **legal codes, moral education, and social ethics** over centuries. They have been inscribed in places of worship, public monuments, and schools as symbols of divine law and moral guidance.

In summary, the Ten Commandments are enduring imperatives intended to promote worship, devotion, ethical behaviour, and harmonious social relationships, remaining influential across religious and cultural contexts worldwide.

Building Fund Collection (26th & 27th September)

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

First Saturday Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima

The First Saturday Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima will hold again on Saturday, 3rd October. It commences with Rosary at 9.30pm. Mass at 10.00am and Meditation at 10.30am. Our Lady calls on her children to gather each month so that thew world will know peace.

Gougane Sunday 2026 -

On Sunday 27th September 2026 we celebrate the Feast of St Finbarr, Patron of Cork and one of the Patrons of the Diocese of Cork and Ross in Gougane Barra. The invitation for Gougane Sunday is going to all parishes, religious, new Irish Faith Communities to join us on Sunday 27th September. I would be grateful if you could join us and promote this celebration within your Faith Community. Confessions will be available from 1.30pm followed by Rosary at 2.30pm with Mass at 3.00pm.

Artificial Intelligence and risk of dehumanization

The head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church said in an interview that "it is essential that artificial intelligence not replace human beings, nor be used against human dignity." Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk warned that "it is imperative that human beings not become slaves to the fruits of their own culture, to what they themselves have created." "What artificial intelligence will never be able to do is to love," he added. "We must still become 'human' with a capital 'H.' And this happens when we contemplate the face of God or speak with Him. For we are made in His image."

*Many thanks to the people who use the **Donate button** on the parish website to support the parish funds. The support of people who give by direct debit is also appreciated.* ***www.gurranabraherparish.ie***

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.

Maranatha 2027 on Spotify.

Maranatha is an annual celebration of music, faith and young people in the Diocese of Cork and Ross. The official playlist is now available on Spotify: **Maranatha 2027 on Spotify.** Maranatha 2027 will take place on Thursday, 28 January 2027, in Cork City Hall. Up to 500 students will gather for a full day of activities, including catechesis and music, leading up to the concert that evening.

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