The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to €1,187

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…

Michael O'Connell, Gurranabraher Road

Timmy McCarthy, Sprigg's Road

Requiescat in Pace

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention Oct 2026

This month, Pope Leo XIV invites us to pray "that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity." At a time marked by conflicts, the Holy Father recalls that religions must be "bridges and prophecy," and not "weapons or walls."

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat, 10th October, (5.30pm) Vigil Mass
i). Eileen Kelly RIP
ii). Ita Walsh RIP (1st Anniv)
iii). Hannah Doherty RIP (Died recently)
iv). Michael Fitzgerald RIP (Month's Mind)

Sun, 11th October, (9:00am)
i). Dan & Bríd Desmond RIP
ii).

Sun, 11th October, (11:30am)
i). Frank & Nellie O'Leary RIP (Anniv)
ii). Frank & Nora Dilworth RIP (Anniv)
iii). Tony, Ryan, & Rebecca Dunphy RIP (Anniv)

Mon, 12th October, (10am)
i). Eily Skillington RIP (Anniv)
ii). The Ryan family RIP

Tue, 13th October, (10am)
i). Christopher, Ellen, & Michael Murphy RIP
ii). Frank Dalton & Noreen John RIP (1st Anniv)
iii). Melanie Ticao (Birthday) Pio, Fe, & Phillip Correon RIP
iv). Christopher Wyse RIP (3rd Anniv)

Thurs, 15th October, (10am)
i). Melissa McCarthy RIP
ii). Paul Lynch (Get Well)

Sat, 17th October, (10am)
Pro populo

Ascension Parish, Gurranabraher

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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, 11th October 2026

Priests of the area:
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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 Illusion of the Ego

When we look at human existence through the eyes of the world, we are taught to measure worth by what we accumulate, what we conquer, and how high we can elevate ourselves. But the gospel calls us to a different standard. In the economy of salvation, the ultimate triumph of a soul is not the building up of the self, but the quiet, courageous surrender of the ego to God. Sacred Scripture reminds us in the Gospel of Matthew, *"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted."* The human ego is a restless entity. It constantly demands to be right, to be noticed, to be validated, and to be first. Saint John the Baptist captured the essence of the managed ego when he said of Jesus, *"He must increase, but I must decrease."* When we clear away the heavy clutter of pride, we create a void—not an empty emptiness, but a space that can finally be filled by Christ's light. The souls who truly impact us in this life are rarely the loudest or the most self-absorbed. They are the ones who make room for others because they have first made room for God. They remind us that *true dignity doesn't come from a puffed-up sense of importance, but from a surrendered heart*. It takes immense faith to trust that God sees our quiet goodness, even when the world overlooks it.

Change to this week's Special Collection schedule

Fr. Manuel Casillas of the Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus will visit Ascension Church **this** weekend, 10th and 11th of October, to do a Mission Appeal. He will be sharing with us his missionary experience and the work of the Comboni Missionaries in Africa, the Far East, and Latin America. The Diocesan Needs collection will take place on 17/18th October.

Mission Sunday Collection 17th & 18th October

Next weekend we will have a special collection, at all Masses, for World Mission Sunday, also known as Propagation of the Faith. Pope Leo XIV gives thanks for a century of global evangelization since Pope Pius XI established World Mission Sunday 100 years ago.

NorthsideParishes.ie - A new website for our family of parishes

We are delighted to announce the launch of a new website for our family of parishes here on the north-side of Cork City. This website is a joint initiative of Clogheen-Kerry Pike Parish, Farranree Parish, Gurranabraher Parish and Knocknaheeny-Hollyhill Parish and we hope that it will allow parishioners to access information about each of our parishes easily and readily.

It provides essential information such as the times of Masses and other devotions, contact details for our parishes offices and the priests of our family of parishes, news from our communities and information on how to book baptisms and weddings. People can also easily access resources such as reflections, prayers and the readings for Mass or connect to the live stream of Mass from Ascension Church in Gurranabraher.

Hopefully this new website will allow people to connect with our parishes and stay in touch with all that is happening in our communities. We are grateful to Denis O' Regan of faithful.ie who helped in the design and development of the website. Flyers available in the Church.

Annual Blessing of Graves

The Annual Blessing of Graves Service for local cemeteries dates as follows:

- St Mary's Cemetery – Curraghkippane: Sunday 1st November 2026 at 1.30 p.m.
- St Catherine's Cemetery – Kilcully: Sunday 8th November 2026 at 3.00 p.m.

(More dates to follow when available)

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.

Tea Dance at The Hut

The monthly Tea Dance at The Hut, Gurranabraher, T23 HD59, will take place on Sunday October 18th, from 3pm to 6pm. Music by *Swingtime* band playing all the classics. Admission is free and light refreshments are provided. We would love to see you there. All Welcome.

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!

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.

PARISH DUES ENVELOPES

We are presently looking for volunteers to distribute the November dues envelopes (including November Mass Intentions for the dead) in their area. Anybody interested please call to the Sacristy before or after Mass on Saturday or Sunday.

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