The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to €970

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

The Mission Sunday Collection amounted to €855

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…

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, 24th October, (5.30pm) Vigil Mass
i). Paul Hooley RIP (11th Anniv)
ii). Rita O'Brien RIP (5th Anniv)
iii). Hannah & Danny O'Sullivan RIP
iv). Rory Ross RIP (Month's Mind)

Sun, 25th October, (9:00am)
i). Martin Carroll RIP (23rd Anniv)
ii).

Sun, 25th October, (11:30am)
i). Graham O'Connell (Birth Remb)
ii). Kitty Keating RIP (1st Anniv)
iii). Teresa Forrest RIP (Month's Mind)

Mon, 26th October, (10am)
i). The Swaine & O'Brien family RIP
ii).

Tue, 27th October, (10am)
i). Holy Souls
ii). Walsh Family's Intentions

Thurs, 29th October, (10am)
i). Deceased members of the Walsh Family RIP
ii).

Sat, 31st October, (10am)
Pro populo

Ascension Parish, Gurranabraher

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, 25th October 2026

Priests of the area:

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Church must remain Steadfast and Unaccommodating

There are many who write nowadays that the Church has lost touch with the world – especially with the world of the young. They insist that the Church must accommodate her teachings and doctrines to the 'fads' of the times. Former Pope, Benedict XVI, insists that were the church to do that it would no longer be 'a light' to the world. He wrote: "For the Church to be 'light' to the world it must be detached from the world. This is necessary so that the active potency of the faith can be revealed again. We have to remain steadfast and unaccommodating, in order to demonstrate, that Christianity is intertwined with a world-view that reaches beyond everything linked with a secular, materialistic attitude. The Christian world-view involves the revelation of the eternal God. We must find our way back to an authentic proclamation, and a liturgy that brings the radiant mystery of the Mass to light." Benedict makes it clear that the true problems of the Church lie not in dwindling numbers but in a dwindling faith. He said: "The extinguishing of the Christian conscience is causing the crisis - the lukewarmness in prayer and worship; the neglect of mission. Benedict XVI insists that true reform is a question of inner awakening, of setting hearts on fire. "The top priority is to proclaim what we can know and believe with certainty about Jesus Christ." Pope Benedict welcomes (and sees great hope) in the dynamism and enthusiasm of the African, South American and Asian Churches. He believes that it can reinvigorate the tired West, "wake it from its exhaustion, from its forgetfulness of the faith". His criticism of the European Church is that it has become too weighed down, even crushed, by bureaucracy – that it no longer has a living dynamism.

Building Fund Collection (this weekend) - 24th & 25th of October

The monthly Building Fund collection will take place at all Masses this weekend, 24th & 25th of October. The debt for the renovation is still ongoing and we thank you for your generosity each month to help us to repair our beautiful church.

Vincent de Paul collection 31/10 and 01/11

Next weekend the monthly Vincent de Paul will take place. Demand for this service has increased and we hope our parishioners will give what they can.

Just in passing…

Placed between October and December, November marks the seasonal transition from autumn to winter and the liturgical transition from the ending of one church year to the beginning of another. Traditionally, November also marks the month when we particularly remember our dead, a major time of transition for all concerned. Here in the Ascension Parish, we remember the bereaved families of those whose funerals have taken place in Ascension Church from November 2025 to October 2026. A special Mass will be held on Saturday, 7th NOVEMBER AT 5.30P.M. during which a member of the family will be invited to light a candle in memory of their loved ones. The nine Novena Masses begin on Monday October 2nd & end on Tuesday November 10th. Masses during the Novena will be at the usual times each day.

Envelopes are available in the church for the lists of your dead. They should be returned before the Novena commences to the Sacristy during Mass times or to the Presbytery.

"Let us pray that we, pilgrims upon the earth, always keep our hearts and eyes turned towards the final goal to which we all aspire, the House of the Father, Heaven." (Blessed John Paul II)

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.

Annual Blessing of Graves

The Annual Blessing of Graves is as follows:

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

(More dates of other Cemetries will follow when available)

Eily Morris

We offer our thanks once again to Eily Morris and her supporters for their very generous donation to our Church. Eily and her friends have supported this Church for many years by collecting €500 each month. We offer prayers for Eily, her supporters, and to those who generously donate.

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. 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.

'Take a Short-Term Pledge for November'

The Pioneer Family Table Quiz will take place on Friday 13th November at 7.30m p.m. in Togher Community Centre T12 TX 2Y. Refreshments provided. €20 per table. Entries for the quiz due by Friday 6th November.

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. 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, and information on how to book baptisms and weddings. People can also easily access resources or connect to the live stream of Mass from Ascension Church