

**The Offertory collection
last weekend amounted to €935**

*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 Fitzgerald, Mount Eden Rd (Late of)

Sheila O'Connell, Churchfield Gardens

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, 19th September, (5.30pm) Vigil Mass

- i). Michael, Paddy & Hannah Myers RIP
- ii). Eileen McDonald RIP (Month's Mind)

Sun, 20th September, (9:00am)

- i). Eileen Sugrue RIP
- ii).

Sun, 20th September, (11:30am)

- i). Pauline O'Riordan RIP
- ii).

Mon, 21st September, (10am)

- i). Finbarr Galvin RIP
- ii). Jerry O'Sullivan RIP (Anniv)

Tue, 22nd September, (10am)

- i). Ellen Cummins RIP
- ii).

Thurs, 24th September, (10am)

- i). Daniel & Kevin Swaine RIP
- ii). Alan O'Riordan RIP (Anniv)

Sat, 26th September, (10am)

Pro populo



**Ascension Parish,
Gurranabraher**
(Part of the family of parishes incorporating
Farranree/ Knocknaheeny/
Clogheen/Kerry Pike)

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, 20th 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)

email: ascensionparish123@gmail.com Website:

www.gurranabraherparish.ie

OFFICE HOURS: 10:30 – 12:30 MON – FRI

The Priest must live only to become a saint

A book titled: 'The Priests we need to save the Church' is a cri-de-cour by the author for real priests, holy men, to lead once again the Church of God - and to offer solace and sure support to the flock of Christ that is lost and bleeding. The writer, Kevin Wells, demands much from the priest who will minister today. He says "for far too long too many wayward churchmen have profaned, insulted, and trampled upon a sacred heritage that generations of hardworking, sincere Catholics priests built their lives around. "We need *faithful* priests - not the lazy, repressed, social justice types with inauthentic vocations who have packed the seminaries, dominated the headlines, and sullied the reputation of the holy priesthood over the past several decades. Until the parish priest lives only to become a saint, there will be no healing in the Church. Until the parish priest embraces poverty and pours himself out without counting the cost, the Church's sickness will worsen. Until the parish priest decides to die for his flock, the Church will remain on life support. "We need real men today; bold proclaimers of God's Word who are unafraid to preach the Catholic faith as the blazing furnace of Truth that it is. We need priests who are willing to preach tough homilies, hear daily confessions, commit to daily Holy Hours, and remain magnanimous of heart through long, sometimes thankless 16-hour days. We need priests to offer up their lives now so that the laity will gain a restored sense of fatherhood. Such priests will become the story of our time. They will bring about massive conversions and restore our Church and our culture."

Priesthood Education Collection (19th & 20th September)

The annual Priesthood Education collection takes place at all Masses **this** 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.

Building Fund Collection (26th & 27th September)

The end-of-month building fund collection will take place at all Masses **next** weekend. The debt for the replacement of the roof is still ongoing. We ask for your continued support for the renovation project.

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 the image of God."

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 the workshop only). Contact corkscripturegroup@gmail.com. Four Monday nights (28th Sept, 5/12/19 Oct) on 'I, Paul. The Life & Letters of St Paul.' Presenters: Sean O'Sullivan, Marian & Phil Mortell. Sat workshop (Oct 10th) on 'Two contrasting prison letters: Philemon & Philippians' read by Sr. Mary T. Brien.

Catholic Primary Schools Mass

On September 15th 2026, Bishop Fintan celebrated Mass at Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne for all those connected with our Catholic Primary Schools to pray for God's blessings for the new school year. Two videos are available on the Cork and Ross Friends and Family in Faith Facebook page and can be located here: <https://www.facebook.com/CorkandRossDiocese/> or search Cork and Ross Friends and Family in Faith (Facebook)

Tea dance in the "Hut"

Gurranabraher/Churchfield Outreach Office will be holding their 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*