

The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to €1,045.00

This collection is used for the ordinary day-to-day maintenance of the Church.

A Second collection, (called Peter's Pence), will be taken up this weekend. This collection is our gift to Pope Francis which allows him to respond to humanitarian crises around the world.

Building Fund collection next weekend

Donations for Church Renovations gratefully accepted at Parish Office - or they can be lodged directly into:

**Ascension Church Building Fund A/c at AIB Bank
IE65 AIBK 934194 32642064**

SUNDAY DUTY ROTA

June 23, 2019

A priest can be contacted if required this Sunday at:

Farranree 087 0967177

***"If my people who are called by my name Will humble themselves and pray and seek my face – and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and I will forgive their sin and I will heal their land."
- 2 Chronicles, 7:14.***

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat. 22, June

6pm. Richard Moynihan, RIP (2nd Anniv)

Sun 23.

9am. Special Intention.

11.30am. Rita Collins, RIP.

Mon 24.

8am. Novena Mass 7.

10am. Nora & William Kenny, RIP

Tue 25.

8am. Special Intention

10am. Margaret Moynihan, RIP.

Wed 26.

8am. Novena Mass 8.

10am. Bridget & Gerry Marah, RIP

Thu 27.

8am. Special Intention

10am. Catherine & Andrew Collins, RIP

Fri 28.

8am. Novena Mass 9.

10am. Mary Hogan, RIP.

Sat 29.

10am. *Pro Populo*

We pray for those recently deceased...

Requiescat in Pace.

***Gurrabraher Parish asks you to please consider dropping a few Euro each week into our Credit Union Account – Church of the Ascension Renovation Fund - A/c No. 02255200.
Thank You!***



Ascension Parish

Gurrabraher, Cork.

Sunday, June 23, 2019.

Feast of Corpus Christi (C)

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Weekend Masses – Saturday 6pm (Vigil) & Sundays – 9am & 11.30am.

Feast of Corpus Christi



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The Feast of Corpus Christi is needed to remind us of this miraculous event where the bread and wine, at the consecration of the Mass, is truly turned into the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ. It is an awesome truth that we today in 2019 can share in the flesh and blood of the Calvary sacrifice where Christ's death took away the sins of the world. Yet, how much indifference, apathy and profanity there is around the Eucharist. The casual way we approach the altar to receive – often in great sin – is a barometer of how we have grown away from the Catholic faith and communion with the Risen Lord. The Catholic Church insists that only those who are baptized into the Catholic faith, who truly believe that Jesus is present in the Eucharist and who are free from serious sins are permitted to receive this sacrament. All others who receive the Sacrament unworthily, St Paul reminds us, brings condemnation on themselves. This Feast of Corpus Christi with its extraordinary solemnity and visibility is a call to wake from our slumber and see what Jesus has given us.

The Corpus Christi Procession - Gurrabraher @ 2.30pm

The Annual Corpus Christi procession to Daunt's Square leaves from Gurrabraher at 2.30pm joining up with the Cathedral at 4pm to go in Solemn Procession to Daunt's Square. We ask all our parishioners to give public witness to their Catholic faith at this time.

The Corpus Christi Procession – this Sunday, @ 2.30pm.

The Annual Corpus Christi procession to celebrate Jesus' presence among us in the Eucharist will take place this afternoon beginning at Daunt's Square at 3pm. The procession from Gurranabraher will leave the Church gates at 2.30pm – joining with neighbouring parishes at the Cathedral. We ask parishioners to please make a serious effort to walk with Gurranabraher parish this afternoon - and be proud to profess your faith publically for Christ.

Discover the Gift of the Catholic Faith

'Evangelium Ireland' will host a one-day Conference on the Catholic faith, for young adults at All Hallows' College, Drumcondra, Dublin 9 on 13th July 2019 from 9.00am – 8.00pm. The Conference will include Holy Mass, informative talks and workshops by clergy, religious and laity - and a social in the evening to conclude the event. Talks will be given on aspects of the Eucharist, on Sacred Scripture and on what sin is. There will also be workshops on the Complementarity of the Sexes. The cost for the day, including lunch and supper, is €32.50. For full details and booking information please see our website www.evangelium.ie. Find us on Facebook at "Evangelium Ireland" or contact us at evangeliumireland@gmail.com or 086 2189025.

Sacred Heart Novena

A Novena to the Sacred Heart will begin at Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, Western Road, from Thursday, June 20 to Friday, June 28. The Novena will take place twice daily at 10am and at 8pm each day. The Novena will be led by Fr Joe McGee, MSC.

Na Piarsaigh Underage Academy Hurling & Football

Na Piarsaigh Underage Academy have Hurling & Football sessions every Friday evenings @ 6.15pm for boys aged 5/6y. It is a great opportunity to meet new friends, have fun and maybe produce a future Cork All-Star.

Gurranabraher Bingo every Sunday evening @ 8pm

Bingo every Sunday evening, at Parochial Hall, as well as providing a great night's entertainment, is now bringing in essential funds that helps both hall, church and Meals on Wheels. We encourage more parishioners to come to the Bingo every Sunday night. It is a great night out - and it will provide, into the future, the funding that is needed to keep especially the Parochial Hall top spec. We ask parishioners to help bring the housebound who may enjoy a game of bingo to the hall each Sunday night.

Church need to Recover again the Practice of Eucharistic Devotion.

Pope Benedict addressing over one million young people in Cologne in 2005 for World Youth Day, spoke about how important it is for the Church to recover the practice of adoration in order to help the world rediscover ***the face and love of God***.

"In our new context in which worship, and thus also the face of human dignity, has been lost, it is once again up to us to understand the priority of worship. Whenever worship is no longer done, wherever it is not a priority to pay honour to God, human realities can make no headway... Adoration is not a luxury but a necessity, because when people cease to adore God, they begin to worship themselves through exalting pleasure, power, and material goods. Failing to adore God, they begin to serve mammon (Mt 6:24) — and once they begin to serve mammon, they forget who they are. Without the Creator, the creature disappears..." ***(Pope Benedict XVI - 2008)***.

Regarding Infant Baptism

A minimum of One full month's notice is required before a Baptism can take place. This allows the Baptism team to make contact with families and to provide a Pre-Baptism Instruction. ***A booking over the phone is not enough*** – a Birth Cert must be provided, a form must be completed and a stipend of €50 must be provided - all at least one month before the baptism date.

Modern Ideas on Sex and Gender are Delusional

Recent reports that a Catholic Primary school in Ireland will embrace the 'transgender ideology', following a request from the school-children themselves, shows how dysfunctional and agenda-driven Irish society has become. Almost everywhere in public discourse there is an absence of reason and common-sense. Archbishop Charles Chaput, of Philadelphia, sees clearly how perverse and destructive this is for both the individual and for society; he wrote: "God exists and His Creation has a natural order. Our sexuality is part of that life-giving order... Sooner or later, nature defeats ideology. It doesn't matter how strong or widely shared - or persuasive - a bad system of ideas might seem to be. *It will always lose*. The trouble, as we learned in the last century, is that foolish and perverse thinking can take a long time to die. And it can ruin countless lives and poison whole societies in the process. Sex intimately informs our idea of what and who we are as human beings. Sexual behavior and relationships are *never* a purely private matter. They *always* have social implications and consequences. *The dysfunctions in our nation's current attitudes toward sexuality thus amount to a flight from reason and common sense.*"