

The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to €905.00

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

Church Renovation Fund monthly collection last weekend was €1,150.00.

2nd Collection next weekend – one of four in the year to help Bishop Fintan Gavin run his Chancery.

Special thanks to Eily Morris and supporters for again collecting the sum of €500 in June for Church Building Fund.

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

July 7, 2019

A priest can be contacted if required this Sunday at:

Gurranabraher 085 804 1951.

***“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. 6, July

6pm. Daniel Buckley, RIP (2nd Anniv)

Sun 7.

9am. May & Eugene Birmingham, RIP (Anniv)

11.30am. Tony O’Connell, RIP (9th Anniv)

Mon 8.

10am. Domnic & Margaret Myers & son, Domey, RIP

Tue 9.

10am. Frances White, RIP (Anniv)

Wed 10.

10am. Holy Souls,

Thu 11.

10am. Margaret Clarke, RIP (4th Anniv)

Fri 12.

10am. Egan Family Intentions.

Sat 13.

10am. *Pro Populo*

We pray for those recently deceased...

Requiescat in Pace.

***Gurranabraher 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

Gurranabraher, Cork.

Sunday, July 7, 2019.

14th Sunday - Ordinary Time (C)

Parish Office – 021 - 430 3655 (If Urgent: 085 - 804 1951)

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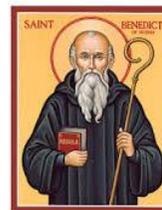
Priests of the Parish:

Fr. Tomás Walsh, SMA. Tel: 021-4303658. (tomas.walsh@sma.ie)

Fr. Aidan Vaughan, OFM, Cap. Tel: 021-4397472. (aidan1302@gmail.com)

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

Saint Benedict – Patron Saint of Europe



On Thursday, 11th July, 2016, the Church in Europe celebrates the feast of Saint Benedict, Patron Saint of Europe. In declaring him Patron Saint of Europe, Pope Paul VI said: “At the fall of the crumbling Roman Empire it was Benedict who, by constant and assiduous effort, brought to birth the dawn of a new era. It was principally he and his sons, who with the cross, the book and the plough, carried Christian progress to scattered peoples from the Mediterranean to Scandinavia, from Ireland to the plains of Poland. He taught humanity the primacy of divine worship through... liturgical and ritual prayer. Thus it was that he cemented that spiritual unity in Europe, whereby peoples divided on the level of language, ethnicity and culture felt they constituted the one people of God; a unity that, thanks to the constant efforts of those monks who followed so illustrious a teacher, became the distinctive hallmark of the Middle Ages.

Pope Pius XII saluted St. Benedict as the “Father of Europe” for he inspired in the peoples of Europe that loving care of order and justice that forms the foundation of a true society. It is natural, then, that we also give our full assent to this movement that tends toward the attainment of European unity. May so remarkable a saint receive our allegiance and, as he once dispelled the darkness by the light of Christian civilization and radiated the gift of peace, may he now preside over all of European life - and by his intercession develop and increase it all the more. *(Pope Paul VI – 1964)*

Children accessing Pornography committing serious Sex Crimes

Last week, in this Newsletter, we asked: i) Aren't Parents who give their children access to Smartphones and neglect to monitor what their children watch online as much to blame as the child who commits serious crimes such as the murder of Ana Kriegel? ii) Aren't parents who do not give their children over to Jesus - and who do not transmit Christian moral values - unwittingly handing their children over to Satan? And iii) isn't a Society that permits pornography ensnare young children not in some way responsible for the new terror that stalks modern society?

This week, a High Court Judge, Michael White, voiced, more or less, the same concerns about the number of children committing serious sex-crimes as a result of access to pornography on Smartphones. He noted that he had met four cases recently where "young children have committed the most serious offences following their exposure to pornography – it is very serious and a matter of grave concern", he said. But how many other children - who will never come before a court - have their lives ruined by accessing pornography on-line? Many, many of them will never be able to have stable, loving relationships. Many will never come to understand the sacredness of human sexuality or know the joy of spousal, self-giving love.

What pain will negligent parents have in the future when their children are dragged through the Courts for crimes that we know are linked to accessing pornography? Perhaps the best insurance policy that can reduce pornography addiction is that every child is given over to Jesus - and given a wholesome understanding of Christian morality. The Ten Commandments stand forever as the sublime rule pointing out what is right and wrong. In these Commandments God teaches us the correct discernment of good and evil, of the true and the false, of the just and the unjust. When followed they lead us along the path where life and liberty is to be found – when ignored we distance ourselves from life and from lasting happiness.

New Bishop for Cork & Ross

Last Sunday, June 30th, 2019, Dublin Diocesan Priest, Fr Fintan Gavan, was ordained Bishop and then installed as Bishop of Cork and Ross – the fourth incumbent to occupy the Chair, (Cathedra), since 1916. Bishop Fintan succeeds Bishop Buckley. For those who witnessed the ceremony it was truly impressive: Over 200 priests coming from all parts of Ireland and some thirty plus bishops showed Cork Cathedral in all its splendor. The Liturgy itself was truly uplifting. And the involvement of so many people from different parishes showed what a 'faith-filled' community can accomplish. We wish Bishop Fintan God's blessings on his work - and pray that he will be God's instrument in bringing many to the faith in our Diocese.

Retirement of Bishop John Buckley

We wish Bishop Buckley a long and happy retirement. Bishop John, now in his 80th year, has given outstanding service to Cork as Priest, Educator and Bishop. Bishop Buckley has kept going when many from other professions have long ago hung up the boots. We wish him God's blessing and protection; and may his years of retirement be long and happy.

8am Morning Mass suspended until September

The 8am weekday Mass has been suspended until the 2nd September. This is to allow priests of the parish take annual vacations, etc. We hope that our regular attendance at that Mass will re-join us in September.

Death of Franciscan Friar, Edward O'Callaghan, OFM.

The death has occurred of Fr Edward O'Callaghan, OFM, a member of the Liberty Street Franciscan community. Fr Edward is a native of this parish – growing up in Mount Nebo Avenue. We express our sympathy and condolences to his family and to the Franciscan community a liberty Street.

Thursday Holy Hour

The Thursday Holy Hour from 7pm to 8pm will continue until the end of July - when we will then take a break for the month of August.

Volunteer Drivers for Meals on Wheels Required

The Meals on Wheels, at Gurrabraher Parochial Hall, are looking for drivers to help deliver meals for about two hours each week. This is a very worthy community project so we ask you to volunteer if you can please. Please phone: 021 430 1037.

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.