

The Offertory collection last weekend  
amounted to €1,110.00

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this weekend –  
one of four in the year to help Bishop  
Fintan Gavin run his Chancery.**

*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 14, 2019**

A priest can be contacted if required  
this Sunday at:

**Knocknaheeny 087 654 48 36**

*“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. 13, July**

6pm. Maureen Moore, RIP (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv)

**Sun 14.**

9am. Special Intention

11.30am. Christopher O’Connell, RIP

**Mon 15.**

10am. Holy Souls.

**Tue 16.**

10am. Mary & Paul Horgan, RIP.

**Wed 17.**

10am. O’Keeffe & Gallagher Families.

**Thu 18.**

10am. Hannah Hosford, RIP.

**Fri 19.**

10am. John O’Donovan, RIP (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv)

**Sat 20.**

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, July 14, 2019.**

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time (C)**

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

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### **Priests of the Parish:**

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

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

### **‘Go out to Love and Serve the Lord’**

**We aren't called  
to be like  
other Christians;  
we are called to  
be like Christ.**

The Church sees itself as having a vital role to play in shaping responsible citizens with a moral character - and with a willingness to contribute to the well-being of society. The Liturgy and worship of the Church have much to do with these admirable goals. At divine worship people receive the grace to help them to be formed ever more closely to Christ, the Lord. The saving grace of Christ’s death and resurrection are communicated to us in the Sacraments so that we

might live more perfectly Christ’s truth and virtues such as love, justice, mercy and compassion. Every Mass ends with the command: “Go forth to love and serve the Lord”. This sending means that the love of God and neighbour and the moral implications of the Beatitudes and the Ten Commandments should be witnessed by our participation in everyday life. People of faith know that the Liturgical experience provides a unique spiritual vision and strength for making this a better world.

The lives of the saints provide ample evidence of this truth. Saints of every age have improved healthcare and education and fostered the human dignity of the poor, the oppressed. The saints attribute their remarkable energies to the power that comes from prayer and above all from the Sacraments –especially the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

*(Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults. P195)*

### **8am Morning Mass suspended until September**

The 8am weekday Mass has been suspended until the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **Prayer Group meet every Tuesday evening at Parish Office**

Every Tuesday evening from 7.30pm a group of ladies gather for prayer. They pray for the needs of the world, their own families and their own intentions. You are invited to join them for this prayer session Tuesday.

### **Tea Dance at Hut this Sunday**

A Tea dance has been organized for parishioners at the Hut this Sunday (14<sup>th</sup> July) @ 3pm. All are welcome - and refreshments will be provided.

### **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, one day, each week. This is a very worthy community project so we ask you to volunteer if you can please. Please phone: 021 430 1037, or see Fr Tomás.

### **Mass Cards available for all occasions**

Mass Cards are available at the Parish Office for all occasion, RIP, Get Well, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Exams, etc. – the intentions are included in Nine Masses (Novena) celebrated each month in the parish. Card cost €3.

### **Regulations for 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.** The following are required to register a Baptism: a) Birth Cert must be provided, b) a Baptism Form must be completed and c) a stipend of €50 must be provided - all reaching the Parish Office at least one month before the baptism date. Only one change of date will be entertained after Baptism is booked.

### **Bric-a-brac sale**

To raise funds for Church renovations and repayment of bank loan a 'bric-a-brac' sale will take place in Church porch, inside front doors, after weekend Masses. We invite you to take a look - you may find some rear gem or priceless masterpiece. Anybody who would like get involved should see one of the priests or leave their names and telephone numbers in the Sacristy.

### **The Paris Agreement – a true diagnosis of Europe's Malaise**

In 2017, leading philosophers and intellectuals in Europe published a document titled: '*The Paris Agreement*' which is a timely reminder, to those who will listen, of the collective suicide Europe is engaged in. Their diagnosis is that Europe is in a real bad way. "Secularism, immorality, porous borders, an inability to understand Islam for what it is, the rapid decline of Christianity, a loss of purpose and identity – these and other factors have resulted in a weakened and dying Europe". "Europe, in all its richness and greatness, is threatened by a false understanding of itself. This false Europe imagines itself as the fulfilment of our civilization, but in truth it will confiscate our home. It appeals to exaggerations and distortions of Europe's authentic virtues while remaining blind to its own vices. Complacently trading in one-sided caricatures of our history, this false Europe is invincibly prejudiced against the past. Its proponents are orphans by choice, and they presume that to be an orphan - to be homeless - is a noble achievement. In this way, the false Europe praises itself as the forerunner of a universal community that is neither universal nor a community. The Paris Agreement can be downloaded - and well worth a study by those who are interested in the future of Europe.

### **The Ten Commandments, (the Decalogue)**

The Ten Commandments require that we recognise the God of Israel against the temptation to construct our own idols - to make 'golden calves' to worship. In our world there are many who do not know God or who consider him superfluous, without relevance for their lives; instead, other new gods have been fabricated to whom man bows down – and becomes enslaved. The Ten Commandments calls us to respect life and protect it against every injustice and abuse, recognising the worth of each human person, created in the image and likeness of God.

### **I saw a Fetus struggle for Life**

Dr. Richard Selzer, a surgeon and famous author of many works of fiction describes a defining moment in his own attitude to abortion when in 1976, at a University Hospital in Albany, during an abortion procedure he saw a tiny fetus struggling for life. He wrote: "The moment of moral clarity came to me in the west wing of a University hospital in 1976. There I witnessed the abortion of a 19-week old fetus involving a needle injection technique... What I saw was a tiny fetus struggling for life. **Dr. Selzer goes on to say that the vision of the fetus struggling for life will be forever etched in his mind; and, that whatever language is used to defend abortion is powerless to erase that image. "For what can language do against the truth of what I saw?"**

From the first moment of Christianity, those who had encountered Christ saw the protection of human life from the first moment of conception as their major priority. Illuminated by Christ a great movement began which elevated human life to new level. Suddenly, all life was seen as immensely important – even life that was up to then seen as unimportant or insignificant. Thus, a great movement for life was born.