

The Offertory collection last weekend  
amounted to €965.00

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

**Special thanks again this month to Eily  
Morris and her supporters for raising the  
sum of Five Hundred Euro towards  
Church roof Project.**

**Church Renovation Fund collection this  
weekend for work in progress in Church.**

*2<sup>nd</sup> collection next weekend in all churches  
for the maintenance of Our Lady of  
Assumption Grotto at Lee Road.*

*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 28, 2019**

A priest can be contacted if required  
this Sunday at:  
**Cathedral 087 238 1187**

*"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. 27, July**

6pm. Christy Clinton, RIP (50<sup>th</sup> Anniv).

**Sun 28.**

9am. Special Intention.

11.30am. Michael & Margaret Galgey, RIP

**Mon 29.**

10am. Special Intention.

**Tue 30.**

10am. Christy Clinton, RIP (50<sup>th</sup> Anniv).

**Wed 31.**

10am. Deceased Members of Hosford Family.

**Thu 1, August.**

10am. Holy Souls.

**Fri 2.**

10am. Kevin Swaine, RIP

**Sat 3.**

10am. *Pro Populo*

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***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 28, 2019.**

**17<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.**

### **The Thrill of the Chaste**

Dawn Eden's first book, *"The Thrill of the Chaste: Finding Fulfilment While Keeping Your Clothes On,"* offers lessons in love and chastity, written for "marriage-minded single women who'd had enough of the 'Sex and the City' lifestyle." A rock-music historian turned news editor writer for the New York Daily News, Eden fuses candid auto-biographical content with a Christian ethos to chronicle her conversion of faith..

With great openness, sincerity and wit, Eden writes of her experiences with premarital sex and her emergence from its darkness into the light of chaste living in her 30s. By doing so, she hopes to galvanize a movement where women reclaim the freedom and graces of womanhood. "Today, as the fruits of the sexual revolution prove to be loneliness, divorce and disease, chastity's not only back, it's the new revolution."

Sexual intercourse is an intimate act of self-giving, but more sex does not translate into more love. Eden recalls, "All the sex I had ever had — in and out of relationships — never brought me any closer to marriage – or to finding real love." Her "chastity kick" is motivated by the natural desire to marry and make a total, pure gift of herself to her spouse.

Eden's countercultural message inspires women to trust in how God made them when they are otherwise pressured... to trade in their virginity and integrity for the so-called freedom and protection of contraception.

This is not a lesson in postmodern self-actualization and finding oneself. It is about finding the treasure of self in God's eyes and uncovering joy in a chastity that, as the Roman Catholic Catechism insists, "lets us love with upright and undivided heart."

Erin M. Palazzolo (First Things) | Published February 18, 2007. (Adapted)

### **Building Fund Collection this Weekend**

The end of the month Building Fund collection takes place again this weekend. As you can see great work is being done on church - and we also need to continue to raise Four Thousand Euro each month to keep up payments on Bank loan. Please continue to be generous..

### **Old Clothes Needed**

A sum of over €1,500.00 has now been raised on old clothing. This money goes towards on-going repairs and repayment of Bank Loan at Ascension Church. We now know that substantial funds can be made on old clothing. We appeal to all parishioners to please make a greater effort to collect old clothing. These old clothes can be dropped into Parish Office or at Parochial Hall.

### **Wanted Runners for Women's Mini-Marathon**

The Hall Committee of Gurrabraher Parochial Hall invites runners to sponsor-run for the renovations necessary at the Parochial Hall and also for Gurrabraher Meals on Wheels in the forthcoming Echo Ladies Mini-Marathon which will be held on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September - beginning at 12noon. The Hall which has served generations of people from the northside is in a poor state of disrepair and needs much refurbishment. Also, despite a grant from the HSE it costs a great deal providing meals for the elderly of our parish each day throughout the year. Please do consider raising funds for the Hall/Meals on Wheels. Sponsor cards can be obtained from Parochial Hall Office or ring 021 430 1071.

### **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, (you would be expected to deliver meals to about six persons). This is a very worthy community project so we beg for volunteers please. ***The issue of finding drivers to deliver the food is particularly acute during the summer months.*** Please phone: 021 430 1037, or see Fr Tomás. (021 4303 658).

### **Mass for Our Lady of Assumption, Lee Road – 15<sup>th</sup> August**

The annual Mass, to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Assumption, will take place again this year on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> August. Pilgrims are invited to reciting the Rosary beginning at 6.30pm from the gates of the former Our Lady's Hospital and moving along to the Rosary plinths located along the road. The Mass of Our Lady will be celebrated at 7.30pm. The chief celebrant will be our new Bishop, Fintan Gavin. The Feast of the Assumption is a day when Christians assemble at Marian grottos and give thanksgiving for the motherly role Mary plays in the Church and in the world.

**Mass Cards available for all occasions** Mass Cards are available at the Parish Office for all occasions. The intentions are included in Nine Masses (Novena) celebrated each month in the parish. Card cost €3 each.

### **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 for the next few weeks. We invite you to take a look - you may find some real 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.

### **Day of Devotion to Padre Pio – August 11, 2019.**

The annual 'Day of Devotion to Padre Pio' will take place at Church of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross on Sunday, August 11, 2019 beginning at 2.30pm. (Confessions from 1.30pm). The Mass will be celebrated by Canon Michael Fitzgerald. Included in the day of Devotion will be Rosary, Anointing of the Sick, Benediction and blessing with a relic of Padre Pio.

### **Medjugorje Conference at Neptune Stadium**

A one-day conference on Medjugorje will take place at Neptune Stadium on Saturday, August 31, 2019 from 9am – 5.30pm. Guest Speaker: Sr Briege McKenna. Tickets €20 per person, Children under 12 free. For further information contact Mr Seán O'Shaughnessy at 086 2959380 or email: [medjugorjecork@icloud.com](mailto:medjugorjecork@icloud.com)

### **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.

### **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.

### **What is prayer?**

The Old Catechism puts it succinctly: Prayer is the raising up of the heart and mind to God, to adore and praise Him, to thank Him for His blessings and to implore Him for our needs. It is nothing more or nothing less.

**Next Pre-Baptism Instructions for Parents and God-Parents who live outside the parish will take on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2019 at Parish Office at 7pm.**