

The Offertory collection last weekend
amounted to €810.00

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

**Church Renovation Fund collection last
weekend amounted to €985.00**
God's blessings on our generous givers.

*2nd collection this weekend is 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

August 4, 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. 3, August

6pm. Holy Souls.

Sun 4.

9am. Special Intention

11.30am. Shaunagh O'Riordan-Long, RIP (21st Birthday)

Mon 5.

10am. Special Intention.

Tue 6. Feast of Transfiguration.

10am. Peggy O'Donoghue, RIP

Wed 7.

10am. Nellie Noonan, RIP.

Thu 8.

10am. Dan & Christine Horgan, RIP

Fri 9. Feast of St Edith Stein.

10am. Christy Quilligan, RIP

Sat 10.

10am. *Pro Populo*

We pray for those recently deceased...

Jimmy Walsh, Mount Nebo Avenue.

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, 4 August, 2019.

18th Sunday - Ordinary Time (C)

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

The Feast of the Transfiguration

In Christian teachings, the Transfiguration is a pivotal moment in salvation history - and the setting on the mountain is presented as the point where human nature encounters God: the meeting place of the temporal and the eternal - with Jesus himself as the connecting point, acting as the bridge between heaven and earth. Christians consider the Transfiguration to fulfill an Old Testament messianic prophecy that Elijah would return again after his ascension (Malachi 4:5-6).



Transfiguration. ***This Feast is celebrated on Tuesday, 6th August.***

The very last of the writing prophets, Malachi, promised a return of Elijah to hold out hope for repentance before judgment (*Mal. 4:5-6*). Elijah himself would reappear in the Transfiguration. There he would appear alongside Moses as a representative of all the prophets who looked forward to the coming of the Messiah (*Matt. 17:2-9; Mark 9:2-10; Luke 9:28-36*). Christ's redemptive sacrifice was the purpose for which Elijah had ministered while on earth. ... And it was the goal about which Elijah spoke to Jesus in the

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, 22nd 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, 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.

Mass for Our Lady of Assumption, Lee Road – 15th August

The annual Mass, to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Assumption, will take place again this year on Thursday, 15th August. Pilgrims are invited to recite the Rosary beginning at 6.30pm from the gates of the former Our Lady's Hospital then 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.

Volunteer Drivers for Meals on Wheels Required

The Meals on Wheels, at 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).

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.

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.

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

Edith Stein, (Sr Teresa Benedicta of the Cross), Patron Saint of Europe

On Friday, August 9th, the Church in Europe celebrates the Feast of Sr Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. Known more generally by her Jewish name, Edith Stein, Sr Teresa Benedicta was martyred at Auschwitz Concentration Camp on August 9, 1942 at the age of 50 years. A brilliant philosopher who stopped believing in God when she was 14, Edith Stein was so captivated after reading the autobiography of Saint Teresa of Avila that she began a spiritual journey that led to her Baptism in 1922. Twelve years later she imitated St Teresa by becoming a Carmelite Nun, taking the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

Born into a prominent and observant Jewish family in Breslau (now Wroclaw, Poland), Edith rejected God and abandoned Judaism in her teens. As a student at the University of Göttingen, she became fascinated by phenomenology, a new approach to philosophy, and earned a doctorate in philosophy in 1916. She continued as a university teacher until 1922 when she moved to a Dominican school in Speyer; her appointment as lecturer at the Educational Institute of Munich ended under pressure from the Nazis.

After living in the Cologne Carmel Monastery (1934-38), she moved to the Carmelite monastery in Echt, Netherlands. The Nazis occupied that country in 1940. In retaliation for being denounced by the Dutch bishops, the Nazis arrested all Dutch Jews who had become Christians. Teresa Benedicta and her sister, Rosa, also a Catholic, were rounded up and sent to Auschwitz Concentration Camp where seven days later they were despatched to the Gas Chambers.

Saint John Paul II beatified Teresa Benedicta in 1987 and canonized her 12 years later – and named her as one of the Patron Saints of Europe. At the ceremony Pope John Paul II prayed that through the intercession of St Benedicta of the Cross Europe would never again witness the horrors and inhumanity of WWII - or the evil of Nazism.

Addressing himself to the young people gathered for the canonization, the pope also said: ***“Your life is not an endless series of open doors! Listen to your heart! Do not stay on the surface but go to the heart of things! And when the time is right, have the courage to decide! The Lord is waiting for you to put your freedom in his good hands.”***

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: medjugorcork@icloud.com