

**The Offertory collection last weekend
amounted to €1,010.00**

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

*2nd collection last weekend for the
maintenance of Our Lady of Assumption
Grotto at Lee Road - €420.00.*

*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 11, 2019

A priest can be contacted if required
this Sunday at:
Farranree 087 096 7177

***“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. 10, August

6pm. Nora & Jimmy Slavin, RIP

Sun 11.

9am. Special Intention

11.30am. Nellie Noonan, RIP

Mon 12.

10am. Gerard Coughlan, RIP

Tue 13.

10am. Egan Family RIP,

Wed 14. St Maxillian Kolbe

10am. Holy Souls.

6pm (Vigil Mass) Special Intention

Thu 15. Feast of Assumption

8am. Egan Family, RIP

10am. Maura Moynihan, RIP

Fri 16.

10am. Patrick Lynch, RIP.

Sat 17. Our Lady of Knock

10am. *Pro Populo*

We pray for those recently deceased...

Paul Deasy, Churchfield Avenue.

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, 11 August, 2019.

19th Sunday - Ordinary Time (C)

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

Feast of the Assumption, Thursday 15th August. [A Holyday of Obligation]



On Thursday, 15th August, the Church around the world gathers to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. The Dogma of the Assumption holds that Mary, once she slept the sleep of death, was assumed body and soul into Heaven. Mary, for her pivotal role in God's salvation plan for the world, is

singularly privileged to be taken-up into Heaven without having to experience bodily corruption as all other human beings. Mary remains forever the great sign of hope for all humanity – where Mary has gone we too hope to follow. Even now Mary continues to be God's pre-eminent collaborator in bringing salvation to his people.

The Feast of the Assumption is a holyday of obligation –

Masses: Wednesday, August 14th – Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Thursday Masses at 8.00am, 10.00am and Mass at Lee Road @ 7.30pm.

Day of Devotion to Padre Pio – this Sunday, 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.

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).

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.

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.

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.

Saint Maximilian Kolbe - A Saint for our times (14th August)

Saint Maximilian Kolbe was born on January 8, 1894, in Zdunska Wola, in the Kingdom of Poland (then part of the Russian Empire). His father was an ethnic German and his mother Polish. His parents were poor but deeply religious. In 1914 his father was captured by the Russians and hanged for his part in fighting for an independent Poland.

At an early age Maximilian felt a powerful call to join the Conventual Franciscan Friars where he earned a Doctorate in Philosophy, in Rome 1915 and a Doctorate in Theology in 1919. Deeply religious - and with an extraordinary devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, he became acutely aware that Mary was calling him to be God's special envoy in a world at a time of great confusion and suffering. A man of poor health having suffered from tuberculosis as a child, he carried a heavy cross all his life but never complained seeing his illness as an opportunity to 'suffer for Mary'.

In 1930, at the age of 34 he volunteered to become a missionary in Japan and was in Nagasaki, Japan, when the Atomic bomb was detonated. Miraculously, the Monastery and its inhabitants survived. Maximilian spent several years there until illness forced him to return to Poland.

During the German occupation of Poland, he resided at Niepokalanów a monastery which published a number of anti-Nazi German publications that had huge circulation. A magazine he published had a monthly circulation of over one million copies. His monastery at the same time provided secret shelter to over 3,000 Polish refugees – half of them being Jews.

In 1941, he was arrested and sent to Auschwitz, where in terrible circumstances he continued to work as a priest and offer solace to fellow inmates. He volunteered to take the place of one of ten prisoners selected to be starved to death following the escape of some other prisoners. The ten condemned to death went through terrible days. From the underground cell in which they were shut up there continually arose the echo of prayers and canticles in praise of God. At every inspection, when almost all the others were now lying on the floor, Father Kolbe was seen kneeling or standing in the centre as he looked cheerfully in the face of the SS men.

The deed and courage of Maximilian Kolbe spread around the Auschwitz prisoners, offering a rare glimpse of light and human dignity in the face of extreme cruelty. After the war, his reputation grew and he became a symbol of courageous dignity in the face of indescribable inhumanity. Maximilian Kolbe died on 14th August, 1941.

Pilgrimage to Holy Land

An 8 day pilgrimage to the Holy Land is scheduled for 31st October. Flights from Dublin to Tel Aviv via Istanbul. A similar pilgrimage will take place again on 19th December. Both pilgrimages will have Spiritual director and local Guide. For more info ring James Treacy at 061 921 470.

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.