

The Offertory collection last weekend
amounted to €940.00.

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

*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 18, 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. 17, August

6pm. Eleanor O'Donovan, RIP (Anniv)

Sun 18.

9am. Eleanor O'Donovan & Marie Lent, RIP

11.30am. Marie Harris, RIP (3rd Anniv)

Mon 19.

10am. Holy Souls.

Tue 20.

10am. William O'Riordan, RIP

Wed 21.

10am. Special Intentions.

Thu 22.

10am. Marie Seward, RIP.

Fri 23.

10am. Danny O'Keeffe, RIP.

Sat 24.

10am. *Pro Populo*

We pray for those recently deceased...

Noreen Courtney, Templeacre Avenue.

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, 18 August, 2019.

20th Sunday - Ordinary Time (C)

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

Faith in Jesus not possible without the Church

We hear very often from those who would consider themselves Christians that it is sufficient to have a 'relationship' with Jesus independent of the Church. At a General Audience in Rome in 2012, Pope Benedict XVI explained why this is not possible. He said: "Today there is a widespread tendency to relegate faith to the private sphere. This contradicts the very nature of faith. We need the Church in order to confirm our faith and in order to experience the gifts of God: his Word, the Sacraments, the support of grace and the witness of love."

While Benedict XVI accepts that an act of faith in Jesus Christ is an eminently personal act which happens in the deepest part of us and signals a change in direction through personal conversion – "this faith is not the result of my own solitary reflection, it is not the product of my thought, it is the fruit of a relationship, a dialogue, in which there is a listener, a receiver and a respondent... It is like a rebirth in which I am united not only to Jesus, but also to all those who have walked and are walking on the same path; and this new birth, that begins with Baptism, continues for the rest of my life."

"I cannot build my personal faith in a private dialogue with Jesus, because faith is given to me by God through a community of believers that is the Church - and which projects me into the multitude of believers who are rooted in the eternal love of God." "No one can have God as his Father, who does not have the Church as his Mother" (St Cyprian). "A Christian who lets himself be guided and gradually shaped by the faith of the Church, in spite of his weaknesses, his limitations and his difficulties, becomes like a window open to the light of the living God, receiving this light and transmitting it to the world."

Building Fund Collection next Weekend (24/25 August)

The end of the month Building Fund collection takes place again next weekend. As you can see yourselves great work in being done on church re: painting - 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.

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. For those who would like to be in the Holy Land for Christmas – a similar pilgrimage will take place again on 19th December. Both pilgrimages will have a Spiritual Director and local Guide. For more info ring James Treacy at 061 921 470.

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 Briega 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

Wanted Runners/Walkers 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 Parish Office and at Parochial Hall Office or ring 021 430 1071. ***Our parishioner, Ann Cotter, will walk the Marathon. She asks parishioners to kindly sponsor her on the walk.***

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.

Pope Saint Pius X - Feast Day on Wednesday - August 21st.

Pope Pius X was born Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto on 2nd June 1835 and died on 20 August 1914. His pontificate lasted 11 years, (August 1903 to his death in 1914). His extraordinary intellectual endowments, his noble simplicity, and great piety singled him out even as a youth. A great crusading pope, there was no aspect of Church life he did not enter to discern, direct, determine and relaunch – the liturgy, the sacraments, catechesis, homiletics, Biblical study, Canon Law, sacred art and music, the social apostolate and priestly formation all absorbed his attention. He was the Pope that brought Holy Communion to young children.

Pius X vehemently opposed the ideology of modernism, which held that Catholic dogma should be modernized and blended with nineteenth-century philosophies. He viewed 'modernism' as an import of secular errors affecting three areas of Catholic belief: theology, philosophy, and dogma – all harmful to the faith.

He rejected any kind of favours for his family; his brother remained a postal clerk, his favorite nephew stayed on as village priest, and his three sisters lived together close to poverty in Rome. He often referred to his own humble origins when taking up the causes of poor people. "I was born poor, I have lived poor, and I wish to die poor" he often repeated. He worked hard to prevent; and then halt the First World War. His inability to effect the direction of the war saddened him greatly. Many attributed this as a huge contributory factor in his death in 1914.

Public veneration of Pope Pius X began soon after his death. Numerous petitions resulted in an early process of beatification which started in the 1920s, and which resulted in his canonization on 29 May 1954. ***Pope Saint Pius X pray for us!***

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.

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.

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 an act that involves both heart and mind – and it is a recognition that it is "in God we live and move and have our being."