

The Offertory collection last weekend
amounted to €975.00

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

**Church Building Fund Collection this
weekend. Please be generous.**

*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 25, 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. 24, August

6pm. Margaret Coffey, RIP (16th Anniv)

Sun 25.

9am. Jimmy Quilligan, RIP

11.30am. Graham O’Connell, RIP (7th Anniv)

Mon 26.

10am. Holy Souls

Tue 27.

10am. Ann Linehan, RIP

Wed 28.

10am. Dan Murphy, RIP.

Thu 29.

10am. Jean Forde, RIP (Birthday Anniv)

Fri 30.

10am. Richard Moynihan & Patrick Keating, RIP.

Sat 31.

10am. *Pro Populo*

We pray for those recently deceased...

Patrick Meehan, Churchfield Square

Jamie Condron, Templeacre 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, August 25, 2019.

21st Sunday - Ordinary Time (C)

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

Even in places like Hell God is to be Found

Dachau Concentration Camp was, during World War II, the world’s largest Rectory, (a place where priests live), for it was there that the Thousand Year Reich consigned more than 2,500 Catholic priests: almost 1,800 Poles, over 400 Germans and hundreds of other priests representing 17 other countries. That these priests managed to maintain forms of sacramental life - celebrating clandestine Masses, distributing Holy Communion surreptitiously and hearing confessions - while nursing and otherwise comforting prisoners being worked and starved to death is a story that should be told again and again in every seminary in the world. Many of these priests died there.

One such man was deacon, Karl Leisner. With only months to go to ordination he was arrested by the Nazis and consigned to Dachau in 1940. Developing tuberculosis his condition grew progressively worse for the next four years. Then, in late 1944, the French bishop of Clermont-Ferrand, Gabriel Piguet, arrived as a prisoner at the camp. Seeing that Karl was near to death, he clandestinely corresponded with Karl’s bishop in Munich and got permission to ordain him priest. The Holy Oil of Chrism was smuggled into the camp and the prisoners fabricated everything else needed for the ordination.

Shortly before Christmas 1944, the priestly ordination of Karl Leisner was secretly conducted by Bishop Piguet, with a Jewish violinist in the camp providing music outside the hut “chapel” to divert the attention of the camp guards. A fellow priest who would later become auxiliary bishop of Munich, Johannes Neuhausler, described Karl’s First Mass. He wrote: “On this, the greatest day of his life, Karl Leisner celebrated Mass at a hastily constructed altar in the prison barracks, far from his mother and father, his brothers and sisters and his friends. He wept and we wept with him.” Karl Leisner was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1996. (Adapted – Article by George Weigel)

Monthly Building Fund Collection this Weekend

The end of the month Building Fund collection takes place again this weekend. There is still huge amounts of work to be done in church as well as finding €4,000.00 monthly to repay our loan to AIB Bank. Please continue to be generous.

Novena to Our Lady of the Sacred heart

A Novena (9 Days), to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart will be conducted at Sacred Heart Church, Western Road from Saturday, 31st August – Sunday, 8th September. The Novena Masses on those days will be at 10am and at 8pm daily.

Totus Tuus - latest edition now available

The latest edition of the magazine, Totus Tuus, is now available in the church. The magazine is free of charge. We make a special appeal that parishioners would help to get it into the hands of young people. So many young people live their lives without coming into any type of contact with wholesome religious material – and are consequently starved of what is the most important thing in the world, a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Thanks to Parishioners for Supporting Bric-a-brac and Cake Sale

The ladies who organised the recent cake sale and bric-a-brac wish to thank sincerely all those who donated items - and all who came to purchase. Already €615.00 has been raised through this initiative. Míle buíochas.

Medjugorje Conference at Neptune Stadium

A one-day conference on Medjugorje will take place at Neptune Stadium on Saturday next, 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

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.

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.

8am Morning Mass

The 8am Mass will resume on September 2nd – just one week from now. We invite parishioners not already attending weekday Masses to come and join us. No other prayer in the church comes anywhere near the Mass – for it is in the Mass that we come into the closest possible communion with God, our Creator.

Thursday Holy Hour of Adoration

The Thursday Holy Hour of Adoration of Jesus in the Eucharist, (7pm – 8pm), will resume on Thursday, 5th September. During this hour we pray for vocations to the Priesthood, for marriages that are in difficulty and especially for the sick. Bring your intentions to this very special time with the Lord Jesus.

Church need to Recover again the Practice of Eucharistic Devotion.

“Whenever worship is no longer done, wherever it is not a priority to pay honour to God, human realities can make no headway... Adoration is not a luxury but a necessity, because when people cease to adore God, they begin to worship themselves through exalting pleasure, power, and material goods. Failing to adore God, they begin to serve mammon (Mt 6:24) — and once they begin to serve mammon, they forget who they are. Without the Creator, the creature disappears...” *(Pope Benedict XVI - 2008)*.

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.

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.

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 occasions. The intentions are included in Nine Masses (Novena) celebrated each month in the parish. Card cost €3 each.