

The Offertory collection last weekend
amounted to €915.00

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

*Church Building Fund Collection last
weekend amounted to €1,200.00
God's blessings on our benefactors.*

*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

September 1, 2019.

A priest can be contacted if required
this Sunday at:
Knocknaheeny 087 654 4836

***"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. 31, August.

6pm. Padraig & Peter Gaughan, RIP

Sun 1, September.

9am. John Sutton, RIP (26th Anniv)

11.30am. Maura & Christy O'Driscoll, RIP

Mon 2.

8am. Novena Mass 1.

10am. Kitty Morey, RIP (15th Anniv)

Tue 3.

8am. Paddy & Bridie Hurley, RIP

10am. Humphrey O'Callaghan, RIP (8th Anniv)

Wed 4.

8am. Mary Bullman, RIP

10am. Jimmy Walsh, RIP

Thu 5.

8am. Jeremiah Lynch, RIP

10am. Paul Anderson, RIP (5th Anniv)

Fri 6.

8am. Novena Mass 2.

10am. Kathleen & Paddy O'Leary, (63 Marr. Anniv)

Sat 7.

10am. *Pro Populo*

We pray for those recently deceased...

*Patrick Doocey, Mount Nebo Avenue
Patrick Meehan, Churchfield Square.*

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, September 1, 2019.

22nd Sunday - Ordinary Time (C)

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

Faith is about Gazing on the Face of the Saviour

"The history of Israel shows us the temptation of unbelief to which the people yielded more than once," wrote Pope Francis in *Lumen Fidei*, his encyclical on faith. "Here the opposite of faith is shown to be idolatry." Fidelitas is the living out of the faith in a spirit of worship and self-gift, demonstrated by inward disposition and outward moral uprightness.

The same tension and conflict is at the heart of our lives today... Idolatry "remains a constant temptation to faith" precisely because we are made to worship - that is to ...profess, and proclaim that God alone is worthy of our praise and adoration - and we will either worship God or something else. And "if you do not worship God," wrote Archbishop Fulton Sheen, "you worship something, and nine times out of ten it will be yourself. If there is no God, then you are a god" with your own law, your own rules, and, essentially, your own religion.

Faith...is the opposite of idolatry; it breaks with idols to turn to the living God in a personal encounter." The heart of fidelity is found in turning away from staring at dead (but deadly) idols and gazing upon the face of the Savior. This gaze is not merely a look or a glance, but the complete gift of self. As Paul exhorted the Christians in Rome: *"I appeal to you therefore, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."* (Rom 12:1-2). "The Catholic Church exists for the sole purpose of insisting... that God be recognized for what He is, and as so recognized, worshipped," noted Dom Aelred Graham in the 1950s. The Church is society's permanent rampart against idolatry. *Adapted from article: "Fidelity or Idolatry – The conflict behind us, the crisis among us the choice before us." By Carl E. Olson | January 7, 2019.*

8am Morning Mass Resumes this Monday

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.

Holy Hour of Adoration – Resumes this Thursday

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.

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 today 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.

Cork Autism Conference – September 22, 2019

Cork Autism Conference 2019 - Autism: No Limits, Just Possibilities, on Sunday September 22nd, at Clayton Silversprings Hotel, Cork. The Conference provides a unique forum for Parents, Families, Caregivers, Autistic Adults, Employers, Educators, Professionals, Agencies, Advocates and anyone with an interest in autism. More info here: www.autismcork.ie or call 089 239 8900

Bus to Dublin for Matt Talbot Mass

On Sunday, 6th October, Cork Pioneers are organising a coach to Dublin, to attend a special Mass at 3p.m. at the Shrine of Matt Talbot, in our Lady of Lourdes Church in Dublin. Cost €50 includes coach trip and evening meal. Everyone is welcome. To reserve your seat or for further information please contact Sorcha 086 364 2619 or Aislinn 087 969 9488. Also, the next meeting of Cork Regional Pioneer Council will take place on 11th September at 8p.m. in the SMA. Hall in Wilton.

Old Clothes Needed

Substantial funds for church roof can be made on old clothing. We ask all parishioners to please pass in their old clothing to 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.

Type 2 Diabetes patients wanted for trials

Atlantia Food Clinical Trials based in Blackpool Retail Park, carry out clinical trials of food and nutritional products. It has a very wide database of volunteers who take part in trials. When someone takes part in a clinical trial with us, they have direct and regular access to nutritionist, dieticians, nurses and doctors. In addition to this, the research staff offer regular blood tests, monitor the individual's BMI (weight and height), blood pressure, heart rate, among other things. At the moment, we are seeking volunteers who have Type 2 Diabetes who are aged between 18 and 75 years of age. Each person who completes the trial will be reimbursed €575, and they will also wear a continuous glucose monitor which will allow the person to learn more about their glucose status throughout the day. If you would like to visit our website follow the link here <https://atlantia.ie/>

Living the Ten Commandments the way to Human Freedom

“It is important to remember when God, through Moses, gave the people of Israel the Ten Commandments. At the Red Sea the people had experienced great deliverance. They had seen first-hand the power and faithfulness of God, the God who liberates. Now God himself, upon Mount Sinai, indicates to his people (and to all of us) the way to remain free, a path that is engraved upon the human heart as a universal moral Law. We should not see the Ten Commandments as restriction upon our freedom... We should see them as signs for true freedom... They teach us how to avoid the slavery to which the many idols that we ourselves build reduce us... They teach us to open ourselves to a wider dimension than the material one; to live with respect for others; overcoming the greed of power, possessions, and money; to be honest and sincere in our relationships; to protect all of creation and to nurture our planet with high, noble, and spiritual ideals. **Following the Ten Commandments means being faithful to ourselves, to our most authentic nature, and walking towards the true freedom that Christ taught us in the Beatitudes.**”

Meeting of all Lectors – Readers

A meeting for all Lectors, (Church Readers), has been fixed for this coming Wednesday at 7pm, 4th September, at Parish Office. We appeal to existing members - **and especially to new younger members of the Church community to take up this hugely important role in the Eucharistic Liturgy.** When Scripture is read in Church it is God Himself who speaks to his people. When the ‘word of God’ is well rehearsed and proclaimed with confidence by the Lector it penetrates deep into the heart of believers.