

**The Offertory collection last weekend
amounted to €1,205.00**

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

*Special thanks to Eily Morris and her
supporters who again collected the
sum of €500.00 in August for Church
Roof Appeal.*

*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 8, 2019.

A priest can be contacted if required
this Sunday at:
Clogheen 087 150 4486

***“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. 7, September

6pm. Rita O’Sullivan, RIP (1st Anniv)

Sun 8.

9am. Mary Daly, RIP.

11.30am. Paddy Kelleher, RIP.

Mon 9.

8am. Crissie Cronin, RIP.

10am. Denis, Johnny & Mossie McGrath, RIP.

Tue 10

8am. Novena Mass 3.

10am. Frank O’Leary, RIP (29th Anniv)

Wed 11.

8am. Holy Souls.

10am. Nellie Noonan, RIP.

Thu 12.

8am. Holy Souls.

10am. Noreen Courtney, RIP

Fri 13.

8am. Novena Mass 4.

10am. Mary & Con Fahy, RIP

Sat 14.

10am. *Pro Populo*

We pray for those recently deceased...

Brenda O’Sullivan, Mt Eden Road

Patrick Doocey, Mount Nebo 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, September 8, 2019.

23rd Sunday - Ordinary Time (C)

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

The Church is the sole Guardian and Disseminator of the True Revelation of God

In February, 2019, Englishman and aristocrat, Philip Trower, in his nineties, exited this world and journeyed home to God, his Creator. Trower, a distinguished writer and journalist, lived for a good deal of his life at variance with Christian teaching and rejecting the idea that God exists. In 1953, at the age of 30 years Trower found Jesus – and embraced the Catholic faith which he had long been fascinated by and regarded as intellectually more coherent and convincing than Anglicanism, the denomination he was brought up in. From the time of his conversion Trower wrote extensively on the truth of the Catholic faith. His enthusiasm and conviction would lead many more over the years along the same path to Rome. In an essay titled: ‘How I became a Catholic’ he says: “All converts become Catholic for the same reason...they come to realise that **the Church is what it claims to be: the sole authorised guardian and disseminator of the one true revelation of God to men through which they can know with certainty the purpose of their existence - and their final destiny.**”

Philip’s detailed memory of the steps and phases of his spiritual journey reflects the truth that faith is a gradual process, both taught and caught in different ways that will bear fruit often years later. From a prosperous and distinguished legal family, he went to Eton and Oxford, absorbing the Anglican rituals of his time and class but also influenced by a devout and loving Catholic nanny, a French Catholic governess and other Catholic personalities he met in his youth.

Philip describes a low moment in his life at Oxford when, in personal turmoil, he spoke to a Professor he knew who, although not a Catholic, told him “You will never find love until you find it in the tabernacle.” Recalling this incident years later Philip was amazed that at the time these words did not make a greater impression on him. May Philip Trower now live forever in God’s eternal light.

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 3pm. at the Shrine of Matt Talbot, in our Lady of Lourdes Church, Dublin. Cost €50 this 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.

Bus to Knock on Sunday, 22nd September for Padre Pio

A bus is being organized to take pilgrims to Knock to celebrate one of the most extraordinary contemporary saints, Padre Pio, on Sunday, 22nd September. For further information contact: O'Connor's Coach Tours: 023-8849196 or at 087-6167835.

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

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/>

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)*.

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.

Meeting of all Lectors – Readers – 18th September @ 7pm.

A meeting called for all Lectors, (Church Readers), last Wednesday, saw only the presence of one member - and one apology. We are now re-arranging this meeting for Wednesday, 18th September, 2019, @ 7pm. 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."

There is a Judgement which no one can avoid

In 2008, Pope Benedict XVI, (considered one of the great intellectuals of the 20th Century) published his Encyclical titled "Spes Salvi" calling on people to work for salvation – eternal life with God our Creator. The Encyclical emphasises the importance of salvation. Benedict wrote: "When one is not aware of the judgment of God, when one does not recognize the possibility of hell, of the radical and definitive failure of life, then one does not recognize the possibility and necessity for purification." Pope Benedict summarized a modern approach to sin that denies its importance – even its existence. "Today we are used to thinking: What is sin? God is great, he understands us, so sin does not count, in the end God will be good toward all... Well, it's nice hope. But there is justice, and there is real blame. Those who have destroyed man and the earth cannot sit immediately at the table of God, together with their victims."

Pope Benedict, while accepting the reality of hell, speculated that those condemned to Hell might not be numerous, describing how thoroughly they would have to have destroyed themselves: "Perhaps there are not so many who have destroyed themselves so completely, who are irreparable forever, who no longer have any element upon which the love of God can rest, who no longer have the slightest capacity to love within themselves. This would truly be hell."

Purgatory offers hope to men with a "final willingness" to live according to God's design, the Pope said. "We need to be prepared, to be purified. This is our hope: even with so much filth in our soul, in the end the Lord gives us the possibility - He washes us finally with his goodness that comes from his cross. He thus makes us capable of living for Him forever."

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.