

The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to €935.00

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

**MissionBuilding Fund collection last weekend amounted to €1,080.00**

*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**

**November 3, 2019.**

A priest can be contacted if required this Sunday at:

**Cathedral: 087 238 1187**

*“For those who sought renown and honour... by always doing good there will be eternal life; for the unsubmitive who refused to take the truth for their guide – and took depravity instead - there will be anger and fury. Pain and suffering will come to every human being who employs himself in evil.”  
(Luke 2: 7-10)*

### **Mass Intentions this Week**

**Sat. 2, November**

6pm. Novena Mass for Holy Souls

**Sun 3.**

9am. Novena Mass for Holy Souls

11.30am. Novena Mass for Holy Souls

**Mon 4.**

8am. Novena Mass for Holy Souls

10am. Novena Mass for Holy Souls

**Tue 5.**

8am. Novena Mass for Holy Souls

10am. Novena Mass for Holy Souls

**Wed 6.**

8am. Novena Mass for Holy Souls

10am. Novena Mass for Holy Souls

**Thu 7.**

8am. Novena Mass for Holy Souls

10am. Novena Mass for Holy Souls

**Fri 8.**

8am. Novena Mass for Holy Souls

10am. Novena Mass for Holy Souls

**Sat 9.** Novena Mass for Holy Souls

10am. Novena Mass for Holy Souls

***We pray for those recently deceased...***

*Corneilus (Con) Mullins, Gurrabraher Rd.*

***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.**



## **Ascension Parish**

**Gurrabraher, Cork.**

**Sunday, November 3, 2019.**

**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time (C)**

**Parish Office – 021 - 430 3655 (If Urgent: 085 - 804 1951)**

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### **Priests of the Parish:**

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Fr. Aidan Vaughan, OFM, Cap. Tel: 021-439 7472. ([aidan1302@gmail.com](mailto:aidan1302@gmail.com))

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

### **Praying for the Dead is a constant in Christianity**

Christians have prayed for their departed sisters and brothers since the earliest days of Christianity. Early liturgies and inscriptions on catacomb walls attest to the ancientness of prayers for the dead, even if the Church needed more time to develop a substantial theology behind the practice. Praying for the dead was also a custom among different sects in Judaism as indicated in [2 Maccabees](#) 12:41-42. In the New Testament, St Paul prays for mercy for his departed friend Onesiphorus ([2 Timothy](#) 1:18). Early Christian writers Tertullian and St. Cyprian testify to the regular practice of praying for the souls of the departed.... This demonstrates that Christians believed that their prayers could somehow have a positive effect on the souls of departed believers. Closely connected to the ancient practice of praying for the dead is the belief in an explicit state called purgatory. The New Testament hints at a purification of believers after death. For example, Saint Paul speaks of being saved, "but only as through fire" ([1 Corinthians](#) 3:15). Over time, many Church Fathers, including St. Augustine... further developed the concept of a purgation of sins through fire after death.

*“All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.” (CCC 1030)*

### **Mass of Remembrance for those who have died over past year**

A special Mass of Remembrance for all who have died from the parish since November 2018 will be celebrated on **Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 at 6pm**. A lighted candle will be carried to the altar on that night by representatives of families in memory of those who have died. We hope that all families will be present to remember loved ones on that night.

### **Kilcully Cemetery - Service of Remembrance**

A Service of Remembrance will be celebrated for all who are buried at St Catherine's Cemetery, Kilcully, on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm. We invite those who have loved ones resting in that Holy Place to come and pray for their dead on that day.

### **Church Jumble Sale at St Vincent's – last Sunday**

The Jumble Sale at St Vincent's Hurling and Football Club which took place last Sunday was very successful. We are grateful to St Vincent's management for once again hosting the event for our parish. We thank most sincerely Mr Seamus O'Brien and Mr Michael Walsh from Knocknaheeny Parish for organizing the event – and to our own parishioners who were involved on the day. We are truly grateful to all who work hard to ensure that Gurrabraher Church has a bright future.

### **Totus Tuus Magazine –Sept/Oct Edition**

The September/October edition of the magazine, (No. 12), Totus Tuus is now available in the church. This magazine is free – and gives a good adult understanding of the Catholic faith. It is the wish of the producers that this magazine would reach the hands of young people who are desperately searching for meaning in their lives. Fr Tomás Walsh writes a regular piece for the magazine. Please take a copy.

### **Old Clothes Wanted**

We continue to look for old clothing. The selling on of this old clothing brings in substantial funds for the Church Renovation Fund. These 'old clothes' can be left into the Sacristy or at the Parish Office.

### **Meals on Wheels**

Gurrabraher Meals on Wheels delivers hot, nutritious meals daily to many of our senior neighbours in the Churchfield/Gurrabraher/Blarney Street area. If you or someone you know would like to avail of this service please contact us at 087 267 5476 or 021 430 1037. We can also be contacted at [gurrabrahermealsonwheels@gmail.com](mailto:gurrabrahermealsonwheels@gmail.com) We also look for volunteers to help us run this service – particularly drivers to deliver meal.

### **Religion is a Public Commitment to Him who gives meaning to my life**

“At the end of his life, Newman would describe his life's work as a struggle against the growing tendency to view religion as a purely private and subjective matter, a question of personal opinion. Here is the first lesson we can learn from his life: in our day, when an intellectual and moral relativism threatens to sap the very foundations of our society, Newman reminds us that, as men and women made in the image and likeness of God, we were created to know the truth, to find in that truth our ultimate freedom and deepest fulfilment.” (Archbishop Anthony Fisher; October 2019)

### **Holy Hour of Adoration**

Each Thursday, parishioners gather from 7pm – 8pm to pray (mostly in silence) to the Lord for the needs of the world. During this Holy Hour we pray especially for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life. We bring before the Lord the names of those who are sick and in need of healing. We pray too for stable and happy marriages. Join with us in praying for the needs of the world each Thursday evening.

### **Summer Pilgrimage to Medjugorje – June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

A 7-day Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje will take place from June 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> 2020. The Pilgrimage will be from Cork Airport. Total cost is €725.00 – (€625.00 if paid by 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2019). For further details contact Mr Roger Power at 021 430 9544.

### **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.

### **Church needs to Recover 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**

### **Calling Young People to a deeper knowledge of their Faith**

We invite young people who wish to have a more adult understanding of the faith to make contact with one of the priests of the parish. They will be directed to where they can, along with people of their own age, delve into the mystery - and encounter Jesus, the Risen Lord. Only some kind of encounter with Jesus will sustain us in the years ahead as Ireland turns its back on Christ and believes more and more that it is sufficient on its own.