

**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 for again collecting during the
month of October, the sum of €500 for
Church Renovations.*

*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 17, 2019.

A priest can be contacted if required
this Sunday at:

Farranree 087 096 7177

*“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. 16, November

6pm. Rose Meehan, RIP

Sun 17.

9am. Maura O’Sullivan, RIP

11.30am. Edmund Speight, RIP (1st Anniv)

Mon 18.

8am. Members of Egan Family, RIP

10am. David Guiney, RIP

Tue 19.

8am. Novena Mass 3.

10am. Dermot Foley, RIP (19th Anniv)

Wed 20.

8am. Members of Hegarty family, RIP

10am. Dan & Noreen Courtney, RIP

Thu 21.

8am. Novena Mass 4.

10am. Daniel O’Callaghan, RIP (19th Anniv)

Fri 22.

8am. Mary Lynch, RIP

10am. Michael White, RIP.

Sat 23.

10am. Pro Populo.

We pray for those recently deceased...

*Carmel Ewbank-McCarthy, formerly of
Cathedral Rd.*

John Collins, St Joseph’s Drive.

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.**



Ascension Parish

Gurranabraher, Cork.

Sunday, November 17, 2019.

33rd Sunday - Ordinary Time (C)

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

In November We Remember

Belief in the resurrection of the dead is an essential part of Christian revelation. It implies a particular understanding of the ineluctable mystery of death. Death is the end of our earthly life, but ‘not of our existence’ (St Ambrose) since the soul is immortal. ‘Our lives are measured by time, in the course of which we change, grow old and, as with all living beings on earth, death seems like the normal end of life’ (CCC, 1007). Seen from the perspective of the faith, ‘death is the end of man’s earthly pilgrimage, of the time of grace and mercy which God offers him so as to work out his earthly life in keeping with the divine plan, and to decide his ultimate destiny’ (CCC, 1013).

Death is the passage to the fullness of true life. Death is the prolongation, in a new way, of life as the liturgy says: ‘For your faithful people, O Lord, life has changed not ended; while our earthly dwelling is destroyed, a new and eternal dwelling is prepared for us in Heaven’ (Missal, Preface). The death of a Christian is an event of grace, having as it does, a positive value and significance in Christ and through Christ. According to the faith of the Church, ‘to die in Christ’ begins at baptism. In Baptism, the Lord’s disciples sacramentally die in Christ so as to live a new life.

From the earliest days of the Christian religion the Church has honoured with great respect the memory of the dead. The whole month of November is a time specially allotted by the Church to commemorate all the saints and all the faithful departed.

Ní imithe uainn atá siad, ach imithe romhainn.

Special collection this weekend for Marriage Care Services in Diocese

The Special Collection for Marriage Care Services in the Diocese of Cork and Ross will be taken up on the weekend of November 16 & 17 next. This collection supports current services such as Accord Centre in Bantry. It also funds the provision of pre-marriage preparation in Diocese of Cork and Ross. We are asked to be generous to this appeal.

Christmas Triduum Mass Cards

Mass Cards that will remember in a Triduum of Masses all those whom the Cards will reach this Christmas are now available in Parish Office (and in Sacristy during weekend Masses). The three Masses will be offered on 24th, 25th & 26th December. These Masses will be offered up that God's love and peace may reign in each heart and home over the Christmas period - and throughout the New Year. **Cards are €2 Euro each – and six for €10.**

Vigil for Holy Souls – Rochestown on 15th November, 2019.

A vigil for the Holy Souls will take place in St. Patrick's Church, Rochestown Road, on Friday, 15th November 2019. The programme commences with the Angelus and Mass at 6.00pm. Followed by Confession, rosaries, prayers and hymns for our departed family and friends throughout the night. The vigil concludes with Mass at 12 midnight. Everyone is welcome to attend all or part of the vigil

Taizé Mass at St Finbarr's South, 16th November, at 6pm.

The St Finbarr's NET Team invites gurrabraher parishioners to a Taizé Mass on Saturday, the 16th of November in the South Parish, beginning at 6pm It will be followed by light refreshments. For further information contact: stfinbarrsteam@netministries.ie

Cork Regional Pioneer Council

The next meeting of Cork Regional Pioneer Council will take place on Wednesday 20th November at 8pm. in the SMA Hall in Wilton. The PTAA are currently looking for volunteers to help with their annual Pioneer flag day, which will take place on Saturday 15th February, 2020, in the Cork city and Mid West regions.

If you have an hour to spare, please contact Sorcha 086 364 2619 sorchaol@gmail.com or Aislinn at 087 969 9488 Aislinncogan@gmail.com

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 We also look for volunteers to help us run this service – particularly drivers to deliver meal.

We remember those who gave their lives for Freedom

In a month when we are called to remember our dead we remember very specially those who have given their lives for freedom in different countries of the world - including our own country. War is sometimes the awful price one must pay for human freedom. Therefore, it is the sacred duty of every generation to remember those who gave their all for to achieve freedom – and to treasure that freedom and work to preserve it. This is best done by guaranteeing amongst other things the right to be able to freely disseminate ideas and allow them be tested in the public square. In a world that is becoming more and more polarized and everywhere there is a growing intolerance of divergent views the right to be heard must remain sacrosanct - particularly the right to express the 'Christian view of life' that has sustained this continent for two millennia.

In a recent letter to Bishop Jean-Claude Boulanger of Bayeux-Lisieux, in France regarding World War II, Pope Francis reflected that the Normandy landings were “decisive in the struggle against Nazi barbarism and that they opened the way to the end of this war which so profoundly wounded Europe and the world.” Pope Francis continued: “That is why I remember with gratitude all the soldiers who, coming from several countries had the courage to commit themselves and to give their lives for freedom and peace. I entrust them to the infinitely merciful love of the Lord, as well as the millions of victims of this war, without forgetting those who, on the German side, fought in obedience to a regime animated by a deadly ideology.”

Cork and Ross Pilgrimage to Lourdes in June, 2020

Our Bishop, Fintan Gavin, has recently appealed for a new, fresh commitment to the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in June each year. This yearly pilgrimage brings to Lourdes over 500 from the Diocese of Cork and Ross, many of them with 'special needs'. He pleads that many more would join this pilgrimage so that our diocese would have a greater experience of authentic, lived faith at this famous Marian Shrine. He said: *“As we begin this new chapter of the Diocesan story together I want to encourage you as parishes – gathered as communities of faith - to join with me on this pilgrimage. I am aware that many parishes travel during the year as local groups. However it is my vision that we come together as a diocesan family to celebrate our faith at the shrine of Lourdes following Our Lady's request to Saint Bernadette: “I want people to come here in procession”. For over 160 years people across the world have accepted that invitation and I would like us to continue to build on the tradition of the diocesan pilgrimage but also to set out anew bringing new people to this great experience of a living faith filled community at prayer together.”*

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.

**“[The Church] is no longer, as she once was, a Church composed of pagans who have become Christians, but is now a Church of pagans, who still call themselves Christians.”
(Joseph Ratzinger, 1958)**