

**The Offertory collection at Masses
last weekend amounted to €980.00**

*This collection is for the ordinary
day-to-day running and
maintenance of the parish.*

Building Fund Collection – €1,120.00

*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

September, 6, 2020.

A priest can be contacted if required
this Sunday at:

Farranree 087 096 71 77

*“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. 5, September

6pm. Rita O'Sullivan, RIP (2nd Anniv)

Sun 6.

9am. Requesting a Special Intention.

11.30am. Shaunagh O'Riordan-Long (birth. anniv)

Mon 7.

8am. Novena Mass 2.

10am. Foley Family's Intention.

Tue 8,

8am. John Cahill, RIP

10am. Teresa Lynch, RIP

Wed 9.

8am. Special Intention

10am. For those who have died by suicide.

Thu 10.

8am. Edward Bruton, RIP

10am. Frank O'Leary, RIP

Fri 11.

8am. Sr Muriel's Intentions.

10am. William O'Hara, RIP

Sat 12.

10am. *Pro Populo.*

We pray for those recently deceased...

Martin Corcoran, Redemption Road,

Requiescat in Pace.

**Gurranabraher Parish asks you to please
consider dropping a few Euro into our
Credit Union Account –
Church of the Ascension Renovation Fund -
A/c No. 02255200.**



**Ascension Parish
Gurranabraher, Cork.
Sunday, September 6, 2020.
23rd Ordinary Time (A)**

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

Remember the Sabbath day - and keep it holy.

The Ten Commandments given to Moses by God himself at Mount Sinai are imperatives binding on the conscience of every single human being. Knowing them and attempting to live them is essential for any kind of right relationship with God, our Creator.

The Third of these Ten Commandments enjoins us to: "Remember the Sabbath Day - and to keep it holy." Here God calls on all his creatures to acknowledge their creaturely status by refraining from unnecessary servile work - and finding time for inner reflection and worship on the day of the Lord's Resurrection.

On this day we are obliged to gather as God's people in one great collective act of worship to the God who made us. Contempt is shown to God when other things, such as football games, cinema, the beach etc, are put before the compelling duty to worship God.

The Sunday observance is twofold: rest and worship. Rest is more than just sleeping in! Rest is a quieting of our minds and hearts from daily cares, as well as a recovery of our bodies from exhaustion. Worship is a vital human need. We are creatures standing in total need of Jesus' death and resurrection for redemption. How appropriate it is that we pause to praise, to thank, to implore this wonderful and loving God and Father of us all.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, (CCC. 2176) reminds us that the call to Sunday worship observes the moral commandment inscribed by nature in the human heart to render to God an outward, visible, public and regular worship "as a sign of His universal beneficence to all."

Collection for the Maintenance of Holy Places next Weekend

Pope Francis has appealed that the Annual Collection for the maintenance of Holy sites in the Holy Land - normally taken up on Good Fridays – be taken up in all churches around the world next weekend 12th/13th September. This collection was not taken up in churches on Good Friday this year due to the closure of churches. Struggling Christian communities in the Holy Land desperately need this support to maintain these sacred sites that are of immense importance to Christians everywhere. We ask you to be generous please.

45th Anniversary of Canon Arthur Murphy O'Connor

This weekend we remember 45th Anniversary of death of Canon Arthur Murphy-O'Connor. He was the first Parish Priest of Gurrabraher and is the only priest buried on the Church compound. Like every other human being who dies - he too needs the prayers of the believing community that – in the words of St Paul – “God will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his own glorious body.” As a priest who served this parish community from 1969 to 1975 we owe him that debt of gratitude.

Wearing of Face Masks to prevent Spread of Covid-19

In view of the recent resurgence of Covid-19, Bishop Fintan Gavin has asked people attending church in the Diocese of Cork and Ross to wear a face covering. He wrote: “In light of the renewed government guidance issued last Tuesday, I would ask people to wear face coverings in Church for all liturgical celebrations - such as Mass, funerals, weddings, baptisms, Confirmations and First Holy Communion - so that we can create as safe an environment as possible for those who come to Church - and minimise the possibility of spreading the virus.” Children under 13 years of age and people who have received medical advice ‘to not wear a mask’ are, of course, exempt.

Bishop Fintan paid tribute to the work done at parish level to establish structures so that people would feel safe and welcome in Church. He said: “Parishes have continued to implement these measures including hand sanitizing on entering and leaving, cleaning after each ceremony, stewarding so that social distancing rules are adhered to, arranging the pod system so that groups of fifty people remain four metres apart as well as assisting people to approach for Communion while observing the social distancing rule. Without any doubt these measures will be a feature of life in our church for the foreseeable future. Hence, we ask all parishioners to now wear the recommended face-coverings as well as observing the other protocols in place.

Subscribe to Totus Tuus Magazine

The magazine, ‘Totus Tuus’, which was, up to now, available free of charge in many churches can now be posted directly to your own homes six times per year. The sole aim of the magazine is to reach today’s Catholics, particularly the young, and present to them the treasures of the Catholic faith - that must be the task of every Christian. For those who would like to receive a copy posted directly to their homes - please print your full name, full address, Post Code; and telephone number along with the sum of Twenty Euro and forward to Fr Marius O'Reilly, Church of the Assumption, Ballyphehane, Cork. Alternatively, pass your envelope to Fr Tomás Walsh.

Church need 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 - 2008*).

Sending Mass Cards

We wish to encourage more of our parishioners to use the Novena Mass Cards for different occasions. These cards are deeply appreciated by people at times of death - or anniversaries of deaths. We also have Cards for to send at times of sickness, for birthdays, exams or just to say ‘Thank You’ to those who have been good to us. At difficult moments it is nice to know that you have the support of the Christian community.

Visit Ascension Parish Website – gurrabraherparish.ie

We invite parishioners to visit our website – gurrabraherparish.ie - regularly. As well as finding the latest news from the parish there are useful links to other sites. The weekly Newsletter is also available as is the Sunday readings.

Visiting the Sick and Housebound

Each month the priests of the parish visit the elderly and housebound: many of whom were once active members of this parish community but can no longer now attend weekly Mass. Please bring to our attention family members now unable to attend Mass.

Booking Mass Intentions

We invite parishioners to resume the practice of remembering and praying for loved ones at anniversary time and at birthday time. The only real gift that we can give our dead is by praying and offering Mass for them. Each month Nine Masses (Novena) are celebrated in the Church for all those to whom the Cards are sent. These Novena Mass Cards are available for all occasions.

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 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.

“Prayer is not a passive response to life’s challenges, or something we do in the absence of something more productive or beneficial; no, prayer in all its many forms is an active engagement, calling upon the powers of heaven to come to our assistance.”