

**The Offertory collection at Masses
last weekend amounted to €1,270.00**

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

*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
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SUNDAY DUTY ROTA

September, 13, 2020.

A priest can be contacted if required
this Sunday at:

Gurranabraher 085 804 1951

*“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. 12, September

6pm. Seán Burns & Twomey Family, RIP

Sun 13.

9am. For all who have died from suicide.

11.30am. Mary & Con Fahy, RIP.

Mon 14.

8am. Novena Mass 3.

10am. Ann Linehan, RIP

Tue 15.

8am. Rachel O’Leary, RIP (7th Anniv)

10am. Michael & Denis Sheehan, RIP.

Wed 16.

8am. Mary Downey, RIP

10am. Special Intentions.

Thu 17.

8am. Novena Mass 4.

10am. Svetlana Litvinova – God’s Blessing.

Fri 18.

8am. Those who died from suicide.

10am. Kathleen Allen, RIP.

Sat 19.

10am. *Pro Populo.*

We pray for those recently deceased...

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 13, 2020.

24th Ordinary Time (A)

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

Eucharistic Miracles

Of all the Eucharistic miracles that have been investigated by the Church throughout the centuries - those times when the Eucharistic species have turned into visibly human flesh and blood – the tissue was found to be of human origin; were of the same were blood type, AB, – and in the histopathological images were found fragmented parts of the striated muscle (heart muscle), bearing signs of distress.

One of the last Eucharistic miracles, approved by the Church was on April 17, 2016, in the Diocese of Legnica, Poland. The miracle happened about two years earlier, 2014, when, “a consecrated Host fell to the floor [during the distribution of Communion] and was picked up and placed in a container with water for it to dissolve. Instead of the Sacred Host dissolving, soon after, red stains of blood appeared on the host.”

After extensive investigation, the Department of Forensic Medicine concluded that the stains on the Sacred Host were indeed real blood: ‘In the histopathological image, the fragments were found containing the fragmented parts of the cross striated muscle. It is most similar to the heart muscle.’ Tests also determined the tissue to be of human origin and found that it bore signs of distress.”

What is interesting is how this Eucharistic miracle differs from other miracles. In most other Eucharistic miracles the Eucharist is changed into blood at the altar after the words of consecration are uttered – and seemingly in response to the Priest’s lack of belief. This time, the miracle occurred after a Sacred Host was dropped during distribution of Holy Communion and placed in water for it to dissolve. The miracle is interpreted as God’s displeasure at the lack of care for the blessed Sacrament. This miracle comes at the right time in our world, when so many Catholics do not believe in the Real Presence of Christ - and where there is indifference and contempt for the Holy Eucharist. The heart tissue found “bore signs of distress”; perhaps it was to show us Christ’s hurt when we do not take care of God’s greatest gift to his family – his flesh and blood.

Collection for the Maintenance of Holy Places this 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 this weekend 12th/13th September. This collection is to support struggling Christian communities in the Holy Land desperately trying their to maintain their sacred sites that are of immense importance to Christians everywhere. We ask you to be generous please.

First Holy Communion on Saturday, October 3rd, 2020

Children from 2nd Class at Scoil Padre Pio will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday, 3rd October, 2020. Like the Sacrament of Confirmation administered, on 15th August, to the 6th Class First Holy Communion will be celebrated with serious restriction on numbers present in the Church. In consultation with Scoil Padre Pio, there will be two ceremonies – the first at 10am and the second at 12 noon. Only parents of the children will be able to be present at these ceremonies. First Holy Communion Day is a huge event in a child's life – it is a day for family celebrations and meeting relatives and friends. We know that the restriction on numbers this year will be a huge disappointment for both children and their families. Unfortunately, in the times we are in, public health is a major concern.

We ask our parishioners to please pray for these children – they grow up in a most confusing and dangerous world. Without Jesus figuring in their lives they will have no moral compass to know right from wrong, the good from the bad - the truth from the lie. May parents who made a solemn promise to God at Baptism that they would bring their children up in the practise of the Catholic faith become aware of what God expects of them – and realise that one day they will be held to account for how they performed that sacred task.

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.

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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.

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.

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.

Cultivation of Ethical and religious values necessary to preserve Freedom

"A culture and a nation that cuts itself off from the great ethical and religious forces of its own history, commits suicide. The cultivation of essential moral insights, preserving and protecting these as a common possession but without imposing them by force, seems to be the one condition necessary for the continued existence of freedom in the face of all [of today's] nihilisms and their totalitarian consequences." (*Pope Benedict XVI*)