

**The Offertory collection at Masses
last weekend amounted to €1,215.00**

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

Building Fund Collection this weekend

*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, 27, 2020.

A priest can be contacted if required
this Sunday at:

Knocknaheeny 087 65 44 836

*“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. 26, September

6pm. Patricia O'Regan, RIP (1st Anniv)

Sun 27.

9am. John N. Barry, RIP (Anniv)

11.30am. Richard O'Sullivan, RIP (1st Anniv)

Mon 28.

8am. Novena Mass 7.

10am. Madge & Gerry Keane, RIP

Tue 29.

8am. Novena Mass 8.

10am. Paddy O'Leary, RIP. (Died recently)

Wed 30.

8am. Novena Mass 9.

10am. Teresa McCoy, RIP

Thu 1, October

8am. Eddie & Mary O'Mahony, RIP

10am. Ger Dorgan, RIP

Fri 2.

8am. Mr & Mrs Penytony's Intentions

10am. Seán O'Leary

Sat 3.

10am. *Pro Populo.*

We pray for those recently deceased...

Jimmy O'Rourke, St Mary's Place

Noreen O'Regan, formerly Templeacre Ave,

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 27, 2020.

26th Ordinary Time (A)

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

Pornography Destroys Human Relationships

Bishop Paul Loverde of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington, VA, issued a pastoral letter in 2006 on the ravaging effect pornography is having on human relationships.

“Since 1996”, Bishop Loverde said, “the porn epidemic engulfing our families, marriages and communities, has reached a pandemic scale... Pornography has been excused as an outlet for free expression, supported as a business venture, and condoned as just another form of entertainment. But it is not widely recognized as a threat to life and happiness. It is not often treated as a destructive addiction that changes the way men and women treat one another in sometimes dramatic but often subtle ways... I call on every man in the Diocese of Arlington to search his heart and renew his commitment to purity. I call on every husband and father to renew his sacred commitment to his wife and children,” Loverde wrote. The Bishop quoted the Catechism of the Catholic Church on pornography, calling it “an offense against the dignity of persons,” that is “objectively evil, and must be condemned... Rather than being the expression of a married couple’s intimate union of life and love, sex is reduced to a demeaning source of entertainment and even profit for others.” Answering the objection that pornography is a “harmless” vice, Loverde writes that on the contrary, “... the porn industry preys on the most vulnerable: the poor, the abused and marginalized, and even children” with promises of easy money. This exploitation of the weak is gravely sinful... Those who produce and distribute pornography leave a wide path of broken and devalued men and women in their wake.”

Building Fund Collection this weekend

The normal monthly building fund collection is taken up at all Masses this weekend. This collection helps us to meet our monthly repayment of €4,000.00, to bank - but it allows us also to do other essential repairs. The next major work to be tackled is on underground drain-pipes. Many are broken causing the obvious subsidence around the compound. We are very grateful for your generosity since returning after 'lock-down'.

Vigil to the Two Hearts – Jesus and Mary

The First Friday Prayer Vigil to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary will again take place at Gurrabraher Church beginning at 7.30pm, on Friday, 2nd October. The first Mass of the Vigil will take place at 8pm and the second Mass at 11.40pm on the night. The Vigil begins at 7.30pm with Rosary, Divine Chaplet. It was a very beautiful occasion last month so we pray that more will join us, at least for part of the night on that date.

Northside Literacy Courses

The Northside Adult Literacy Scheme, (in conjunction with Cork Education and Training Board), have listed a number of Literacy courses on offer from now to Christmas – aimed at improving reading, writing, maths, computer skills, etc. If interested contact writetogether@eircom.net or phone 021 4307969.

St Vincent de Paul Church door Collection next weekend

The monthly Church door collection for the poor in our midst has resumed at all Masses on the First Sunday of each month. We appeal to parishioners to be generous with this collection.

First Holy Communion on next Saturday, October 3rd, 2020

Children from 2nd Class at Scoil Padre Pio will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion on next Saturday morning, 3rd October, 2020. This First Holy Communion ceremony 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 Mass 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.

Let us Pray for our Children about to make Holy Communion

We ask our parishioners to please pray for these children who will receive Holy Communion– 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.

Booking of Masses must be done in person at Parish Office

In future all booking of Masses must be done directly at Parish Office – We regret that we can no longer take bookings of Masses over the phone. We also ask that you collect Receipt of Payment/Booking at the time of booking the Mass. Without this Receipt we will not be able to entertain complaints of wrong dates, etc. We ask for parishioners co-operation on this issue please.

Wearing of Face Masks to prevent Spread of Covid-19

In view of the resurgence of Covid-19 in different parts of Ireland, Bishop Fintan Gavin has asked people attending church in the Diocese of Cork and Ross to wear a face covering. He wrote: "... I would ask people to wear face coverings in Church for all liturgical celebrations - such as Mass, Funerals, Weddings, Baptisms, Confirmations and First Holy Communions - 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.

Cork Autism Online Conference 2020 - Autism: Beyond Behaviours

A special on-line Conference on Autism will take place on Sunday, October 11th. This online conference offers interventions, skills and strategies to support people on the autism spectrum. Suitable for Parents, Families, Caregivers, Autistics, Employers, Educators, Professionals, Agencies, Advocates and anyone with an interest in autism. Visit: www.autismcork.ie

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.

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*)

"Only the one who can rule himself/herself is capable of ruling the world" (Plato)