

**The Offertory collection at Masses last weekend amounted to €1,000.00**

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

**Building Fund Collection last weekend - €1,155.00.**

**Special thanks to Eily Morris and her supporters for again raising 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**

**October, 4, 2020.**

A priest can be contacted if required this Sunday at:

**Clogheen 087 150 74 86**

*“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. 3, October**

6pm. Mary Philpott, RIP

**Sun 4.**

9am. Emmet, Rose & family's Intentions

11.30am. Jean Forde, RIP

**Mon 5.**

8am. Novena Mass 1.

10am. Paddy O'Leary, RIP

**Tue 6.**

8am. Marie (Seward) Gibson, RIP (21<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

10am. William & Eileen Healy, RIP

**Wed 7.**

8am. Esther Barry, RIP (Anniv)

10am. Sheila Ryan, RIP.

**Thu 8.**

8am. O'Mahony family's Intentions

10am. Andrew & Catherine Collins, RIP

**Fri 9.**

8am. Novena Mass 2

10am. Tom & Kathleen, RIP

**Sat 10.**

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, October 4, 2020.  
27<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Time (A)**

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

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**Priests of the Parish:**

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

**Hearts will Open again to Christ**

“I have no doubt there will be a new springtime in the Church - the first reason for my hope consists in the fact that the desire for God, the search for God, is profoundly inscribed into each human soul and cannot disappear. Yes, we can forget God for a time, lay Him aside and concern ourselves with other things, but God never disappears.

The second reason for my hope lies in the fact that the Gospel of Jesus Christ, faith in Jesus Christ, is quite simply true; and the truth never ages. It too may be forgotten for a time, it may be laid aside and attention may turn to other things, but the truth as such does not disappear. (Ideologies have their days numbered. They appear powerful and irresistible but, after a certain period, they wear out and lose their energy) - The Gospel, on the other hand, is true and can therefore never wear out. In each period of history it reveals new dimensions, it emerges in all its novelty as it responds to the needs of the heart and mind of human beings, who can walk in this truth and so discover themselves.

A third reason, a restlessness today exists among the young. Young people have seen much - the proposals of the various ideologies and of consumerism - and they have become aware of the emptiness and insufficiency of those things. Man was created for the infinite, the finite is too little. Thus, among the new generations we are seeing the reawakening of this restlessness, and they too begin their journey making new discoveries of the beauty of Christianity, not a 'cut-price' or 'watered-down' version, but Christianity in all its radicalism and profundity. Thus I believe that anthropology, as such, is showing us that there will always be a new reawakening of Christianity. For Christianity is true - and the truth always has a future. (Pope Benedict XVI, 2012)

### **St Vincent de Paul Church door Collection this weekend**

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

### **Education/Students of the Priesthood Collection next weekend**

A second collection will be taking up next weekend at all Masses to support the education of priests and deacons for the Diocese. This collection is used also to support priest pursuing post-graduate studies. Bishop Fintan appeals to parishioners to be generous.

### **Rosary at Gurrabraher Church on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**

On Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup> the Rosary will be recited around the coast of Ireland and at other strategic locations asking Our Lady's heavenly intervention to support Life and Faith in Ireland. ***We will gather at Gurrabraher Church on that day at 3pm to recite the Rosary asking Our Lady to cast her mantle of love and protection over the city of Cork. In these days of Covid-19 threatening life, health, financial ruin and social cohesion we need our Lady's protection as never before.***

### **North-side Literacy Courses**

The Northside Adult Literacy Scheme 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's Secondary School Enrolment**

St Vincent's Secondary School is now accepting Applications for Enrolment to First Year in September, 2021. Closing date is October, 16<sup>th</sup>. Visit the school website to view promotional Video.

### **Radio Maria – Ireland**

Radio Maria – Ireland is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station. Through Prayer, Catechesis, uplifting music, talks, Interviews and testimonies it hopes to deepen the Catholic faith of believers. Tune-in via TV on Saorview - Channel 210; or Download our Free App – 'Radio Maria Ireland'. Also, streaming on [www.radiomaria.ie](http://www.radiomaria.ie) or via Phone – get live radio feed by telephoning 01 437 3277 (no extra charges apply). Please join our growing faith family!

### **Call to Pray the Rosary during Month of October**

Archbishop Eamonn Martin, Archbishop of Armagh, is pleading with families across Ireland to pray the Rosary together during the month of October in a great Family Rosary Crusade. Our nation is facing insurmountable problems - and very great dangers beset the world. Prayer must always be a first-recourse for believers. As never before we need the protection and motherly care of Mary in our trials and tribulations.

***“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.”***

### **Christmas Triduum Mass Cards**

Mass Cards that will remember in a Triduum of Masses, all those whom the Cards will reach this approaching Christmas are now available in Parish Office (and in Sacristy during weekend Masses). The three Masses will be offered on 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> 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 coming Year. ***Cards are €2 Euro each – 3 for €5.***

### **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.

### **Hail Holy Queen Conference on Radio Maria**

On Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, the **Hail Holy Queen Conference** will be Live & Exclusive on Radio Maria Ireland, beginning with the Rosary from 12.30pm. Guest speakers include Dana, Marino Restrepo, Fr Damian Polly, Fr Ruairi Ó Domhnaill, Fr Marius O'Reilly and others.

### **Evangelising Irish Culture Today**

A Series of Talks that will shine the light of faith on different aspects of Irish culture has been fixed for the Tuesdays and Thursdays of October - They begin each day at 8pm. This is an initiative of the Diocese of Ferns. All you have to do is send an email to [thehookoffaith@gmail.com](mailto:thehookoffaith@gmail.com) intimating that you wish to be part of the programme. Download the Zoom App. Then each week about one hour before the talk commences you will be forwarded a link and a Password to allow you access the talk via Zoom. Each talk lasts for approximately 25 minutes.

The Talk on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> October is titled: 'Mission and Science'. It will be given by Mr Seán O'Leary – an educationalist and scientist based in Wexford town

The Talk on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> October is titled: 'Mission and Law'. It will be given by Mr Patrick Treacy – a Barrister who specialises in Medical Law.

### **We must work to build a Christian Culture**

“We often hear the claim that we shouldn't press for laws that impose our morality on others. But no one really believes that kind of argument because it makes no sense. In practice, *all* law involves imposing certain moral claims on other people. Persons who support permissive abortion or same-sex unions, for example, are very comfortable in coercing the public through the courts and law-making process. As Christians we should be equally comfortable - and even more zealous - in defending the human person and advancing human dignity through legislative and judicial means.” (Archbishop Charles Chaput. *Archbishop Emeritus of Philadelphia*).

**Baptisms Resume – but with Restricted Numbers** - Infant Baptisms has now resume in parish. Each Baptism will be restricted to 10 persons attending the Baptism ceremony. If you wish to have your child baptised contact the Parish Office.