

The Offertory collection at Masses

last weekend amounted to €

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
IE65 AIBK 934194 32642064**

SUNDAY DUTY ROTA

October, 18, 2020.

A priest can be contacted if required
this Sunday at:
Cathedral 087 238 11 87

*“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. 10. October

6pm.

Sun 11.

9am.

11.30am. *(Due to the Covid-19 Lock-down*

Mon 12. *Public Masses have been suspended -*

8am.

these Masses will be re-arranged

10am.

later).

Tue 13.

8am.

10am.

Wed 14.

8am.

10am.

Thu 15.

8am.

10am.

Fri 16.

8am.

10am.

Sat 17.

10am. *Pro Populo.*

We pray for those recently deceased...

Eugene (Hughie) Rodgers, Churchfield Terrace (East)

Anthony Horgan, St Declan's 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, October 18, 2020.

29th Ordinary Time (A)

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

The 10 Commandments are Engraved upon the Human Heart

The Jewish people regard the ‘Passover’ – their liberation from slavery in Egypt – as the most pivotal moment in their history. Pope Benedict wrote that a far more liberating event for the Jewish people occurred some forty years later at Mount Sinai when they entered into a Covenantal relationship with the Lord to live by God’s Law. That, for Pope Benedict, was the day the Jewish people experienced true freedom.

“It is important to remember when God, through Moses, gave the people of Israel the Ten Commandments. At the Red Sea the people had experienced great deliverance. They had seen first-hand the power and faithfulness of God, the God who liberates. Now God himself, upon Mount Sinai, indicates to his people (and to all of us) the way to remain free - a path that is engraved upon the human heart as a universal moral Law. We shouldn’t see the Ten Commandments as restriction upon our freedom – rather, we should see them as signs for our freedom. ... They teach us how to avoid the slavery to which the many idols that we ourselves build reduce us. ... They teach us to open ourselves to a wider dimension than the material one; to live with respect for others; overcoming the greed of power, possessions, and money; to be honest and sincere in our relationships; to protect all of creation and to nurture our planet with high, noble, and spiritual ideals. Following the Ten Commandments means being faithful to ourselves, to our most authentic nature, and walking towards the true freedom that Christ taught us in the Beatitudes.” (Pope Benedict XVI)

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 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 coming Year. **Cards are €2 Euro each – 3 for €5.**

Call to Pray the Rosary during Month of October

A plea has come from both Pope Francis and by Archbishop Eamonn Martin, Archbishop of Armagh, for 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. Pray the Rosary together.

Radio Maria – Ireland

Radio Maria 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 or via Phone – get live radio feed by telephoning 01 437 3277 (no extra charges apply). Please join our growing faith family!

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.

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.

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.

5th Commandment – Thou shall not Kill

This self-evident truth, etched deep on the mind of humanity - that human life is sacred from the moment of conception to natural death - forbids us from taking the life of another human being. To deliberately take innocent life - or to deliberately terminate our own life - are grave acts that mortally wound our relationship with God. (For sure, different factors and circumstances can diminish culpability in the case of murder and suicide, for only God knows what turmoil goes on inside the mind of another human being when engaging in these acts; but, as an objective truth, it must be stated loudly and unequivocally that murder and suicide are always gravely disordered acts). Were we to promote this truth, which has sustained different cultures for millennia, then we may have far fewer murders and suicides in Ireland?

Those who have championed abortion in Ireland, resulting in the deaths of over 6,000 human lives last year, have now set their face on changing Irish law to permit Euthanasia, (suicide), in this State. Of course, it is presented as 'mercy killing' to allow those burdened by sickness, disability or old age 'to die with dignity'. But we know from other jurisdictions that once Euthanasia is legalised pressure is put on many old and vulnerable people to ease the burden on health systems by opting for euthanasia: And we know too, from elsewhere, that when the old and the vulnerable are considered not to be in a position to make this decision that decision is made for them.

Professor Des O'Neill cautions that decisions regarding Euthanasia are often led by the "potency of prejudice against ageing and disability." To those who advocate for "death with dignity" he responded that human dignity cannot be lost through disability, disease, dependency, or suffering. However, he added that: "insensitive treatment or attitudes to those so affected can constitute undignified care,"

As Christians we must be as zealous as those who campaigned for abortion and who now campaign for euthanasia in highlighting that euthanasia can never be considered an appropriate 'treatment' for those burdened by illness and old age – or those who have lost hope in God and in humanity. Human dignity demands that our old, sick and disabled are treated with love and respect until the moment they draw their last breath. One day each of us will have to stand before God and account for the contribution we failed to make in building a 'civilization of love' on earth.

Display a Religious Object from the windows of your homes

With no end of Covid-19 in sight; and with a great sense of hopelessness evident everywhere - one of the ways that we can reassure our world in these troubled times is for parishioners to display a religious object from the windows of their houses. A picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus or one of the Blessed Virgin Mary, (or any other saint), can give a powerful message that God and his Elect are with his people in these moments of danger and confusion. Such a display will let others know that you are praying for the world and for an end to this scourge that overwhelms us.

"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."