

## 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, 25, 2020.**

A priest can be contacted if required  
this Sunday at:  
**Farranree 087 096 7177**

*“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. 24. October**

6pm.

**Sun 25.**

9am.

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

**Mon 26.** *Public Masses have been suspended -*

8am.

*these Masses will be re-arranged*

10am.

*later).*

**Tue 27.**

8am.

10am.

**Wed 28.**

8am.

10am.

**Thu 29.**

8am.

10am.

**Fri 30.**

8am.

10am.

**Sat 31.**

10am. *Pro Populo.*

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### ***We pray for those recently deceased...***

*Anthony Horgan, St Declan's Road.*

*Alice Ryan, Presentation Road.*

*Kathleen Cashman, Churchfield Tce, East.*

### ***Requiescat in Pace.***

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**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 25, 2020.

**30<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Time (A)**

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### **Priests of the Parish:**

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

### **The 'Morning Offering' Sanctifies our Day**

On the day when Pope Benedict first used the Internet to 'tweet', he was asked by one of his respondents how married people living such busy lives could find time for prayer? He replied, "By offering everything that is said and done each day to God... our first thought each morning, he said, should be to offer the forthcoming day to God - in and with Jesus Christ Our Lord.

It was my mother who first taught me to say the Morning Offering. She told me that by offering all that I said and did to God in the day ahead of me I would be able to transform ordinary little things into precious gifts for God, just as Rumpelstiltskin had turned straw into gold...

When our family went to Mass each Sunday, they saw their mother totally absorbed in what they took all too easily for granted. Their selfishness meant that they had too little to offer, while she was offering a thousand and one acts of self-sacrifice made for them during the previous week. This meant that she received the measure of her giving. Without any formal theological education, she discovered for herself that the Mass is not only a sacrifice, the place where we offer ourselves, in, with and through Christ to the Father but something more. It is also a sacred sacrificial meal where we receive the love that he is endlessly pouring out, onto and into all who are open to receive it, beginning most especially with Holy Communion... Each day my mother reminded herself of this, her sacred calling, by making her morning offering... If ever I forgot to say mine she quoted the Curé d'Ars, St John Vianney, "All that we do without offering it to God, is wasted".

My mother continually reminded me to say my morning offering the moment I woke up. But above all, she showed me how to put it into practice by her own example. Lessons learnt in this way are never forgotten.

*(David Torkington – <https://working4christtwo.wordpress.com>)*

### **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.

### **Our Morning Offering**

*Father, I offer you all the prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day, in union with the offering that Jesus made and continues to make in the Holy Mass. I offer them with all who are alive in you, whether they are living or dead. May I draw strength from those who have already proved their faith and become the instrument of giving strength to those who have not.*

### **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.**

### **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](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!

### **Visit Ascension Parish Website – [gurrabraherparish.ie](http://gurrabraherparish.ie)**

We invite parishioners to visit our website – [gurrabraherparish.ie](http://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.

### **Covid-19 must not Scare us**

The saturation of Covid-19 news across the media resulting in fear and paralysis throughout the land is without precedent. Sane voices are desperately needed to put this Corona virus into perspective – and to come up with proportionate responses. The truth must be told that Covid-19 is no more dangerous than a seasonal flu - To be taken seriously for sure, but certainly not to close down the whole of society with its catastrophic consequences. The criteria for judging the impact any virus is having on society is to judge the numbers presenting at clinics/hospitals, the numbers occupying ICU beds and the numbers dying. But clinics are not overwhelmed, ICU bed occupation is not significant and deaths from Covid-19 is relatively low. That Covid-19 'Positive' figures are rising is easily explained by the fact that more and more tests are being carried out. The sensational way that a Covid-19 outbreak this weekend in a Galway Nursing Home, where 25 residents out of 27 were diagnosed 'Positive', was used to stroke-up further Covid-19 fears is sheer propaganda. The fact that none of these residents needed hospitalization is proof that Covid-19 is not the killer virus that we are led to believe. Common sense is the first victim of this virus!

### **Church open for Private Worship**

While Ireland is on Level 5 with its general lock-down - thus preventing Mass from being celebrated publicly – our Church remains open for private worship from 10am to 3.30pm daily. We encourage our parishioners to avail of this opportunity to call to the church and commune with their God and light a candle for a world and a Church that has gone mad. The fact that Mass cannot be celebrated publicly in Ireland, the only country in Europe in this position, is deplorable. Let us storm heaven for this madness to end.

### **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.

### **Pope's Mandate is to serve –and be faithful to God's Word**

"The power that Christ conferred upon Peter and his Successors is, in an absolute sense, a mandate to serve. The power of teaching in the Church involves a commitment to the service of obedience to the faith. The Pope is not an absolute monarch whose thoughts and desires are law. On the contrary: the Pope's ministry is a guarantee of obedience to Christ and to his Word. He must not proclaim his own ideas, but rather constantly bind himself and the Church to obedience to God's Word, in the face of every attempt to adapt it or water it down, and every form of opportunism." *(Pope Benedict XVI)*

***Pray the Rosary during the month of October asking Our Lady's motherly protection on the family.***