

The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to €1,385.00

This collection is for the ordinary day-to-day running of the Church at Gurrabraher.



Donations for Church Renovations gratefully accepted at Parish Office - or it can be lodged directly into:

**Ascension Church Building Fund A/c at any AIB Bank
IE65 AIBK 934194 32642064**

Or

**To our Local Credit Union
Gurrabraher Credit Union Account –
Church of the Ascension Renovation Fund –
A/c No. 02255200.**



SUNDAY DUTY ROTA

May 30, 2021.

A priest can be contacted urgently

this Sunday at:

Cathedral 086 45 70 292



We pray for those recently deceased...

Requiescat in Pace.

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 29, May, (5.30pm)

- i) Mark Horgan, RIP (25th anniv)
- ii) For Joan Dowling and family's Intention
- iii) Grace McCarthy, RIP (Month's Mind)

Sun 30. (9am)

- i) Ken Le Grice, RIP
- ii) Joe, Crissie and Joseph Cronin, RIP
- iii) Nellie Noonan, RIP (Anniv)

Sun, (11.30am).

- i) James Dowling, RIP
- ii) Michael & Hannah Goulding, RIP
- iii) Holy Souls in Purgatory

Mon 31.

- i) Paddy and Charlie Coleman
- ii) Richard & John Coleman, RIP
- iii) Mark Horgan, RIP

Tue 1st June.

- i) Thanksgiving for birth of Mandy
- ii) Michael Collins, RIP
- iii) Novena Mass 3.

Wed 2.

- i) Hannah & Frank Griffin, RIP
- ii) Theresa and Finbarr Sutton, RIP
- iii) Special Intention.

Thu 3.

- i) Ann & Christopher O'Flynn, (Anniv)
- ii) Special Intention for Cian.

Fri 4.

- i) Bridget & Jeremiah Foley, RIP
- ii) Novena Mass 2.

Sat 5.

- i) Pro-Populo



**Ascension Parish
Gurrabraher, Cork.
Sunday, May 30, 2021.
Feast of Most Holy Trinity (B)**

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Weekend Masses – Saturday 5.30pm (Vigil) & Sundays – 9am & 11.30am.

Feast of Holy Trinity – A Community of Persons



The concept that there are three 'ever existing' distinct persons, Father, Son and Spirit, equal in nature, substance and essence – (consubstantial) - that together makes up the Godhead who we worship is truly a mind boggling concept – totally beyond the comprehension of our puny minds. How did we come to this truth? Certainly not by the normal ways of acquiring knowledge, i.e. the senses or the intellect - we come to it through 'divine revelation' alone.

God has revealed through his prophets and finally through his Son, Jesus Christ, something of his own being which is Trinitarian. A community of persons inextricably bound together in some kind of "magnetic field" of unfathomable love. The inter-relatedness and inter-activity, (dynamic), between these three persons, generates into existence every created thing - and floods the world with life, love, beauty and freedom. At life's end we will be drawn back into this 'magnetic field' of the Trinity from whence we came and be absorbed forever in the mystery that God is. There we will spend our eternity in love, communion and dialogue with Triune God, our Creator.

That we can't understand the mystery of the Trinity should not disturb us greatly. Someone once said that: "A God that would be small enough for us to understand would not be big enough for us to worship."

Building Fund Collection for Church Renovations this Weekend

The normal end of month collection for Church Renovations and clearance of Church Debt will take place this weekend. We are sorry to have to appeal so often to your generosity. Both collections can go into the one box situated near the Church.

Vigil to the Alliance of the Two Hearts – Next Friday, June 4th.

The First Friday Prayer Vigil to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary will again take place at Gurranabraher Church beginning at 7.30pm, on Friday, 4th June. 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 and Divine Chaplet. This is a very beautiful event – and in these confusing times we desperately need to pray more and more. Therefore, we pray that more will join us, at least for part of the night on that date.

National Gathering for Cantors (via zoom)

The Advisory Committee on Church Music with the National Centre for Liturgy will host a '*Conversation on Zoom*' for Cantors and their Accompanists on Wednesday, 16 June 2021 from 7.30 - 8.30pm. The conversation is titled ***Keeping the Song Alive – Celebrating and Supporting the Work of Cantors in our Church.***

Gurranabraher/Farranree/Knocknaheeny/Clogheen working together

A new pastoral initiative of four parishes, [Gurranabraher/Farranree/Knocknaheeny/Clogheen] working together in pastoral collaboration came into effect this week. It means that from now on the priests resident at Gurranabraher, Farranree and Knocknaheeny will be visible in all of the four churches - and will celebrate Sacraments regularly in each of these places. To facilitate this new arrangement some changes to Mass schedules have been necessary in the four parishes.

For us here in Gurranabraher, it means having to drop the 8am weekday Mass and bringing the Saturday vigil Mass forward from 6pm to 5.30pm. We ask parishioners' understanding and cooperation with this new arrangement.

Gurranabraher Parish - New Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday @ 10am

Sunday Masses: Vigil Mass (Saturday evenings) **5.30pm** and **Sunday Masses: 9am & 11.30.**

Ministers of the Word Needed

We appeal for Ministers of the Word, (Readers), to proclaim the Word of God at Masses, particularly at weekends. If interested see Fr Tomás.

Cork Autism Online Conference 2021 - Thriving with Autism. Sunday, October 17th. 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

Get the latest Parish News on our Website: gurranabraherparish.ie

Be aware of Camers Livestreaming the altar area

With the installation of a camera to livestream our Masses it means we are permanently on-line. We earnestly request parishioners not to linger around Sanctuary area as they are caught on camera and the image goes out across the world on the live-stream. It does not look well when people are congregating and talking just before and after Mass. Sound is also picked up so we ask that noise levels be reduced. We do request that you be loud and clear in the 'responses' at the Mass so that these 'responses' are heard on the livestream.

Parish Financial Statement for 2020 now available for viewing

This morning copies of the Financial Statement for the Year 2020 are available to parishioners in the Church. We invite church-goers to take a copy of this statement home with them. Mr Phelim Collins, Secretary of the Parish Finance Committee, will explain briefly the different accounts at the end of the Mass. What is very evident is that were it not for your generous contributions delivered to the Parish Office throughout the Lockdown we would be in a very serious situation by now. We are truly indebted to our parishioners for their commitment to the Church in these trying times. Once again you have come up to the challenge of supporting your church. May God reward you generously with health, faith and joy.

Holy Hour of Adoration Open to Public

The regular Holy Hour of Adoration has resumed on each Thursday @ 7pm. Parishioners are now invited to attend in person this quiet hour spent in the presence of the Lord. There in the sacred presence we pray for vocations to the religious life – particularly vocations to the Priesthood. We, also, bring to the Lord the great needs of the world. We invite parishioners to join us and find in prayer answers to the great problems that beset our world.

Parish Office open

The Parish Office is now open each day, (Monday to Friday) – 10.30am to 12.30pm and from 2.30pm to 5.00pm. We thank the volunteers who staff the Office daily. They provide a hugely valuable service to the community.

Easter Dues

We ask parishioners who have yet to return Easter Dues to do so at their convenience. These Easter Dues are the main source of income for our priests. We recognise the incredible generosity of our people who kept contributions coming into the parish over the past few months. May God reward hugely each one favourably.

Novena Masses

We encourage more of our parishioners to use the Novena Mass Cards for different occasions. These cards are deeply appreciated by people at times of anniversaries of deaths, at times of sickness, at times of death itself - at birthdays, exams or just to say 'Thank You' to those who have been good to us. At difficult moments, it is nice to know that you have the support of friends.