

The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to €1,135.00

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

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Or

To our Local Credit Union

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



SUNDAY DUTY ROTA

May 23, 2021.

A priest can be contacted urgently

this Sunday at:

Knocknaheeny 087 65 44 836



We pray for those recently deceased...

Tim Falvey, formerly of Bakers Road.

Requiescat in Pace.

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 22, May.

5.30pm.

- i) Keith Kelleher, RIP (4th Anniv)
- ii) Rita O'Neill, RIP (Birthday Rem)

Sun 23.

9am.

- i) Raymond Gamble, RIP
- ii) Special Intention

11.30am.

- i) Gretta Dunphy, RIP (7th Anniv)
- ii) Catherine & Allanah O'Donoghue, RIP

Mon 24.

- i) Novena Mass 7.
- ii) Patrick Milner, RIP
- iii) Keith Kelleher, RIP (4th Anniv)

Tue 25.

- i) T. J. McCormack, RIP
- ii) Novena Mass 8.
- iii) Sr Margaret Cahill's Intention

Wed 26.

- i) Kathleen Gamble, RIP
- ii) Hannah Daly, RIP (Birthday Rem)
- iii) Bridie & Paddy O'Neill, RIP

Thu 27.

- i) Novena Mass 9.
- ii) Mary Downey, RIP
- iii) Noel Twomey, RIP

Fri 28.

- i) Theresa & Finbarr Sutton, RIP
- ii) Patrick & Ellen Gamble, RIP
- iii) Horgan & O'Connell Families, RIP

Sat 29.

- i) Pro-Populo



**Ascension Parish
Gurrabraher, Cork.
Sunday, May 23, 2021.
Feast of Pentecost (B)**

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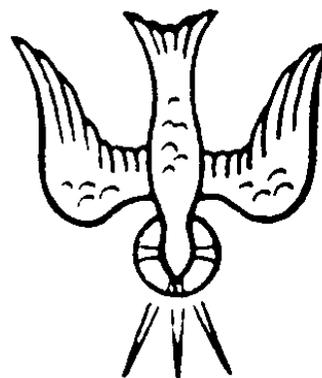
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Weekend Masses – Saturday 5.30pm (Vigil) & Sundays – 9am & 11.30am.

Pentecost - Holy Spirit Rebuilds the Bridge between Earth and Heaven



Today we celebrate the great Feast of Pentecost – the day the Holy Spirit descended powerfully upon the Apostles; and thus the Church's mission in the world began. Pentecost is recognized as the beginning of the Church – it is born to go out and tell the whole world that the Risen Jesus is for all peoples of every place and time.

Pentecost is the new Sinai, it is the feast of the new pact, in which the Covenant with Israel is extended to all the people of the earth. For this reason, the Church was Catholic and missionary from her inception. The universality of salvation is significantly highlighted in the

list of ethnic groups who listened to the first announcement of the Apostles. The People of God ... was enlarged ... until it no longer knew frontiers of race, culture, space or time. Unlike what happened in the Tower of Babel - when men, intent on building a way to heaven with their own hands, ended up by destroying their capacity to understand one another - in the Pentecost event the Spirit, with the gift of tongues, shows how His presence unites and transforms confusion into communion. ... The Holy Spirit ... rebuilds the bridge of true communication between earth and heaven. The Holy Spirit is Love.

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.**

Relic of Saint (Mother) Teresa Unveiled at Mercy Hospital

On Wednesday, May 12th, Bishop Fintan Gavin presided at a special liturgy in the Mercy University Hospital for the unveiling of a First Class Relic of Saint Teresa of Calcutta. The liturgy was attended by hospital staff and was broadcast live to patients in the wards. The Missionary of Charity Sisters in Rome - the congregation which Mother Teresa established - gifted the relic to the hospital so the sick and those who visit them, as well as those who work in the hospital, could venerate the relic and implore Mother Teresa's intercession. Hospital Chaplain Fr. Marius O'Reilly noted that Mother Teresa is especially known for her love of the poor and the sick. "It is hoped that many will find great consolation in this time of Covid Pandemic," he said.

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.

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.***

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.

See the Mass daily on livestream at ascensionparish.ie/webcam

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.

Private Companies to censor what it considers to be 'Hateful content'

On the 13th May, 2020, the French Parliament, following their German counterparts, passed into law a bill that compels private companies such as Google, Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, etc. to act as 'thought police' and censor what it considers to be 'hateful content' or face very heavy penalties. Almost certainly other EU Countries are now poised to follow. That there is 'hateful-content' on social media sites and that it does serious damage is undeniable. But directing social media companies to become 'thought police' is a very dangerous precedent indeed in a democracy. The fear of being sanctioned make companies overzealous in interpreting the law thereby stifling legitimate debate. For over thirty years, in Ireland, the self-censorship by the media fearing coming into conflict with Section 31 of the Broadcasting Act stifled necessary debate on the conflict in 'northern Ireland' – and in the views of many prolonged the conflict. The French Minister for Justice, Nicole Belloubet, remarked ominously that this new law will make people "think twice before crossing the red line if they know that there is a high likelihood that they will be held to account". We know that the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, (OIC), representing 57 Islamic countries have campaigned strenuously for laws preventing 'hate speech' – and 'hate speech' for the OIC is any kind of criticism of Islam. There are already laws in existence in most countries that prohibits 'hate speech': but because few complaints are filed by the injured parties, few investigations are carried out and few convictions are handed down. The French government is now entrusting social media companies to police the internet. This is a development that we should all be worried about.

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.

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.