

The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to €1,775.00

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

June 13, 2021.

A priest can be contacted urgently
this Sunday at:
Farranree 087 096 71 77

We pray for those recently deceased...

Eileen Guiney, Churchfield Green,

Requiescat in Pace.

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 12, June, (5.30pm)

- i) Mary Riordan (RIP)
- ii) Clare's Intentions

Sun 13. (9am)

- i) Denis & Bridget McCarthy, RIP
- ii) Holy Souls

Sun, 13, (11.30am).

- i) Peter White, RIP (11th Anniv)
- ii) Special Intention

Mon 14.

- i) Novena 5
- ii) Mrs Gamble's Intention.

Tue 15.

- i) Alice Ryan, RIP
- ii) Billy Lee, RIP (8th Anniv)
- iii) Tim Falvey, RIP (Month's Mind)

Wed 16.

- i) Mary Philpott, RIP (1st Anniv)
- ii) Patsy Murphy, RIP

Thu 17.

- i) Rachel O'Leary, RIP
- ii) Special Intention

Fri 18.

- i) Novena Mass 6
- ii) George, Bridy & Jerry Marsh, RIP
- iii) Kieran Savage's Intention

Sat 19. (10am)

- i) Pro-Populo



Ascension Parish
Gurrabraher, Cork.
Sunday, June 13, 2021.
11th Sunday of Ordinary time (B)

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

Christians must Christianise society – give it the imprint of Christ

What we believe - or don't believe - about God profoundly shapes what we believe about the nature of the human person and the purpose of human society. It follows that the more we remove God from our public life, the more we remove the moral vocabulary that gives our public institutions meaning.

Politics is the arena where the struggle between truth and lies, justice and injustice, takes place. No nation's political life can be honest - and no government can serve the needs of its people - unless it welcomes the deepest convictions of its citizens into public debate.

People have a duty to bring their beliefs to bear on every social, economic and political problem facing their community. That's not just a privilege. For Christians it is a binding obligation. [True Christians have always understood their mission to change the society they live in and shape it into a civilization of love.]. Obviously, we have an obligation to respect the dignity of other people and their own basic rights as well. We're always bound to treat other people with charity, justice and prudence. But that can never be an excuse for our own inaction or silence.

Unless we live our faith not just in our private behaviours, but also in our public actions, including our political involvement, then *we're living a lie*. We're lying to ourselves, because we're not really serious about our faith unless we have the zeal and the courage to witness it. And we're also cheating our fellow citizens. In a democracy, the best gift any of us can give to our country is the public witness of our convictions. Democracy depends on an honest, unashamed, public struggle of ideas. If we withhold our religious and moral beliefs from our political debates because of a misguided sense of good manners, we are not being "polite." On the contrary: We're stealing from the public conversation. **Archbishop Charles Chaput, Philadelphia, USA.**

Heritage Council recognizes Artistic and Historical value of Church Gates

An Chomhairle Oidhreachta
The Heritage Council



The Heritage Council of Ireland, in its recent deliberations, awarded a grant of €15,000 for the complete refurbishment of front gates at Ascension Parish Church that have very significant artistic and

historical value. The gates have been in-situ at Ascension Parish since its construction in 1955. They were originally the gates that adorned the grandiose Carnegie Library, in Anglesea Street, that opened to the public in 1905: and which was destroyed in the infamous burning of the city of Cork in 1920.

The gates, the work of Master craftsman, John Perry, in terms of design, stands out from anything else that was happening at that time, not only in Cork but in the entire country. Therefore, the gates are not only part of Cork's heritage but are of national importance.

We are grateful to Mr Joe Murphy, whose company fabricated the steel used in the construction of the church in 1955, for bringing to our attention the artistic and historical significance of the gates – and for gently prodding us to preserve them for future generations. We are truly grateful to the Heritage Council of Ireland for awarding us the sum of €15,000 to restore these gates to their original splendour. Their website is found at www.heritagecouncil.ie This work of restoration will begin shortly.

Totus Tuus Magazine – Latest Edition (No. 20) now available

We advise parishioners that Edition 20 of Totus Tuus is now available in the Church. Huge effort is put into publishing this bi-monthly Magazine with the chief aim of reaching young people – and opening to them the treasures of the Catholic Faith. We earnestly ask for the collaboration of parishioners in our task. Please take a copy and bring it to the young.

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

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.

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.

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

Constant Live-stream of Sanctuary Area

We remind parishioners that a constant live-stream camera relays images of the sanctuary area and the front pews of the church around the world. We request, therefore, that you do not loiter in this area as it does not look good going out on camera.

The Ten Commandments [The Decalogue]

“When God, through Moses, gave the people of Israel the Ten Commandments he wanted them to be free. At the Red Sea the people had experienced great deliverance. They had seen first-hand the power and faithfulness of God - a 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. Hence, we shouldn't see the Ten Commandments as restriction upon our freedom; no... 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.

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.

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.

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.

Gurranabraher Parish - New Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday @ 10am

Sunday Masses: Vigil Mass (Saturday evenings) 5.30pm and

Sunday Masses: 9am & 11.30am.