

**The Offertory collection last weekend
amounted to €1,575.00**

*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 20, 2021.

***A priest can be contacted urgently
this Sunday at:
Gurrabraher 085 804 1951***

We pray for those recently deceased...

Keith O'Callaghan, Mount Eden Road,

Requiescat in Pace.



*The Church's main gates are to be restored;
this project is funded by The Heritage Council.
(www.heritagecouncil.ie) Please follow
on Twitter and Youtube to find out more.*

An Chomhairle Oidhreachta
The Heritage Council



Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 19th June (5.30pm)

- i) Paddy Galgey, RIP (Birthday Rem)
- ii) John Stewart, RIP (Birthday Rem)

Sun 20th (9am)

- i) William Kenny, RIP
- ii) Special Intention

Sun 20th (11.30am).

- i) Paddy O'Leary, RIP, (1st Anniv)
- ii) Lena O'Brien, (Get Well)

Mon 21st (10am).

- i) Novena 7
- ii) Joe McCormack RIP
- iii) Patrick & Hannah O'Hare, RIP

Tue 22nd (10am).

- i) Mary McGrath, RIP
- ii) William & Eileen Healy, RIP

Wed 23rd (10am).

- i) Kitty Cashman, RIP
- ii) Paddy O'Leary (Thanksgiving for support)

Thu 24th (10am).

- i) Tom Grace, RIP
- ii) Novena 8

Fri 25th (10am).

- i) Margaret & Maura Moynihan, RIP (Anniv)
- ii) Valarie Whetley, RIP

Sat 26th (5:30pm).

- i) Finbarr O'Sullivan, RIP (1st Anniv)
- ii) Agnes O'Callaghan, RIP, (1st Anniv)



**Ascension Parish
Gurrabraher, Cork.
Sunday, June 20, 2021.
12th Sunday of Ordinary time (B)**

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

Social Media and Toxic Discourse

Alan Vigernon, Archbishop of Detroit, spoke recently of the toxic nature of current discourse on social media. This is true even among Catholics who are called by Christ to be 'Light to the World' and 'Salt to the Earth'. "The world today is flooded with words, yet we thirst for truth... It is a cause of great sorrow that at a time when the quantity of words being expressed is at an all-time high, the consequences of ill-used words harm the cause of truth and the good of the human soul.

The internet is not just a jumble of wires and tubes. It is a network of people – real, not virtual beings – who seek hope and long for salvation and who should be able, even in *the digital space*, to encounter Christ and experience the beauty of truth.

By nature of our baptism, every member of the Church is an ambassador of Christ, and our conduct – both on and offline – often helps others form their views of the Catholic Faith. When people communicate with us, let them see not only good content but a tone that is respectful, charitable, joyful, peaceful, and hopeful.

In all times, the deepest reality of the Christian life is communion with God and one another. The words "communion" and "communication" have the same root: They both refer to the bonds that unite us as people and as members of the Body of Christ, and they both require a deep and abiding commitment to the truth and to love.

Unsurprisingly, the teaching of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* on social communications media is part of its larger teaching on the Eighth Commandment, "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour" (paragraphs 2464-2513). The *Catechism* teaches, "This moral prescription flows from the vocation of the holy people to bear witness to their God who is the truth and wills the truth. Offenses against the truth express by word or deed is a refusal to commit oneself to moral uprightness: they are fundamental infidelities to God and, in this sense, they undermine the foundations of the covenant between God and his people" (par 2464).

Building Fund Collection next weekend

The end-of-month building fund collection will take place at all Masses next weekend. At present essential work is going on around the compound at replacing broken underground drain-pipes that carry away rain-water from roof. Forensic testing showed that many of the clay pipes were broken and in need of urgent replacing. This is expensive work that we cannot postpone. We appeal once again to parishioners to be generous.

Bishop Fintan joins Clogheen for Sunday Worship

Bishop Fintan Gavin celebrated the Saturday vigil Mass and the Sunday morning Mass at Clogheen/Kerry Pike parish last weekend. Clogheen recently lost its resident Parish Priest who has retired from active ministry. During his visit, Bishop Fintan outlined the emerging situation of the scarcity of priests to fill vacancies that will arise in the immediate future. More and more parishes will have to work together and the laity will have to take greater ownership of their parishes. "We have to re-configure our parish faith communities for Mission so that we can reach out to those on the margins of our church who no longer feel part of our church faith community..." Bishop Fintan's visit was greatly appreciated by the parish community.

Death of Billy Coffey

The news broke this week of the death, after a short illness, of Mr Billy Coffey. Billy, a native of Dublin, was a towering figure in promoting Basketball in County Cork – and was the one who best represented basketball interests at the Parochial Hall in Gurrabraher. Recently elected Chairperson of Cork County Board, Mr Francis O'Sullivan paid tribute to Billy for his incredible work over four decades. He said: "For the majority of us involved in basketball he was a guardian of the sport on so many levels and he held everybody to high standards..." The Parochial Hall Management Committee extends its condolences to his wife, Mary and family.

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 each Thursday at 7pm

The regular Holy Hour of Adoration has resumed on each Thursday @ 7pm. Parishioners are 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.

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 of trying to reach the young. Please take a copy and bring it to the young.

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.

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 the internet.

Ministers of the Word Needed

We appeal for Ministers of the Word, (Readers), to proclaim the Word of God at Masses, particularly at weekends. We ask especially that younger members of the parish community would volunteer for this task in the church. If interested see Fr Tomás.

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.

Scouting Movement seeks members

Young girls (aged 8y – 12y) are invited to join the cub guides - and those aged between 12y – 16y invited to join the senior Girl Guides. This is a Movement that has a distinctly Catholic ethos – and that attempts to open the minds of young girls to the infinitely mysterious and wonderful world that they live in. If interested please see Fr Tomás.

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.

The Parish Office is open Monday to Friday – 10.30am to 12.30pm and from 2.30pm to 5.00pm.