

**The Offertory collection last weekend
amounted to €1,595.00**

*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 27, 2021.

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

We pray for those recently deceased...

John Quilligan, Churchfield Place

Eileen Duggan, Bakers 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 26th June (5.30pm)

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

Sun 27th (9am)

- i) Delia Pierce RIP
- ii) Rita O'Neill RIP

Sun 27th (11.30am).

- i) Mary Riordan RIP
- ii) Mary McGrath RIP (Months Mind)

Mon 28th (10am).

- i) Novena 9
- ii) Andrew & Catherine Collins, RIP
- iii) Angela & Gerard Clark (Birthday Blessing)

Tue 29th (10am).

- i) Bertie Walsh RIP (Anniv)
- ii) Tom Porter RIP (Birthday Rem.)

Wed 30 (10am).

- i) Holy Souls
- ii) Donal Buckley's Intentions

Thu 1st July (10am).

- i) Kitty McCormack RIP
- ii) Hugh O'Brien RIP
- iii) Keith & Eleanor O'Callaghan, RIP

Fri 2nd (10am).

- i) Dolores Moriarty RIP
- ii) Gretta & Niall Cronin's Intentions

Sat 3rd (10am).

- i) Pro Populo



Ascension Parish

Gurrabraher, Cork.

Sunday, June 27, 2021.

13th Sunday of Ordinary time (B)

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

John the Baptist - A Martyr for the Truth about Marriage

On Thursday, 29th of June, we celebrated the Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist. It is significant that the prophet who straddles the Old and New Testaments should be a martyr for the truth about marriage. The Church, throughout her history, has tenaciously proclaimed God's plan for marriage. So faithful has she been on this score that she preferred to lose the Church in England at the time of Henry VIII, rather than acquiesce to a deformation of the divine will.

In our time, we encounter assaults on the dignity of marriage from society-at-large and, even more sadly, from those within the very bosom of the Church who ought to know better...: *"What God has joined together, let no man put asunder"* (Mk10:9). Divorce and remarriage, fornication, adultery, same-sex activity, pornography and artificial contraception – all these strike at the divinely intended identity of marriage. Our Catholic witness – as individuals and as a community – cannot be any less courageous than that of John the Baptist. Our Catholic voice cannot be any less loud and clear than the "voice of the one crying out in the wilderness."

Through Baptism and Confirmation, you have been given the holy vocation of being a prophet in this particular time and place... Today's liturgical commemoration demands the answer to a fundamental question: Have you accepted the challenge to be a long-distance runner for Christ? Cardinal Newman has a very pointed sermon on our topic, entitled "Rebuking Sin," in which he offers John the Baptist as the prime example of how this necessary Christian task ought to be accomplished. He ends his reflection with these inspiring but demanding words: "We daily influence each other for good or evil; let us not be the occasion of misleading others by our silence, when we ought to speak. Recollect St. Paul's words:—'Be not partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.' [1 Tim. v. 22.]." (Fr Peter M. J. Stravinskis – Catholic World Report; June 23rd 2021)

Building Fund Collection – (This weekend)

The end-of-month building fund collection will take place at all Masses this 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. Please be generous.

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, 2th July. The first Mass of the Vigil will take place at 8.30pm 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 devotion to the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary – and in these confusing times we desperately need to pray more and more. Therefore, we invite you to join us, at least for part of the night on that date.

Collection for Pope Francis (Peter's Pence) (Next Weekend)

A second collection next weekend is an annual collection taken up once every year and sent to Pope Francis to allow him to respond to great humanitarian disasters that occur around the world. This collection was not taken up last year due to Covid-19 Lockdowns. We are asked to be generous.

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.

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.

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 well 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.

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.

Eily Morris' Group contributions to Church

The Church community wishes to thank Eily Morris and her small group of supporters for once again raising the sum of Five Hundred Euro for Church renovations. Eily and her supporters have, over a number of years, collected a substantial amount of money for renovations. They have made a truly magnificent contribution to our parish. May God bless their efforts to keep a beautiful Church on Gurranabraher Hill.

Eternity is what Ultimately Matters

A small group of men and women, who called themselves Christians, once set its principles of charity and temperance against the prevailing values of the age - and in so doing altered the course of civilization. Because the early Christians' belief had a specific content of truth and morality based on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, they could not simply go with the flow. They believed that Jesus Christ was God. Consequently, they could not worship, or pretend to worship, a mere human being who claimed to be God because he was Caesar. And this seemed to non-Christians to be an unpardonable stubbornness and perversity. For this stand they experienced great persecution and even death. But they persevered because they knew that eternity is what ultimately matters. They remembered what Jesus told them: "What does a man gain if he gains the whole world but loses his very soul".

Sunday Mass Times at Affiliated Churches

Knocknaheeny – Vigil Mass; 6.00pm Sunday Mass, 11.30am

Clogheen – Vigil Mass; 7pm: Sunday Mass, 10.30am

Farranree – Vigil Mass; 6.30pm: Sunday Mass, 10.30am.

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