

The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to €1,230.00

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

Building Fund Collection last weekend Amounted to €850.00

We thank once again Eily Morris and her supporters for collecting the sum of €500 for Church Renovations.



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 6, 2021.**

**A priest can be contacted urgently
this Sunday at:
Cathedral 086 45 70 292**

We pray for those recently deceased...

Mary McGrath, Cathedral Road

Requiescat in Pace.

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 5, June, (5.30pm)

- i) Sr. Genevieve RIP
- ii) Tom Fogarty RIP

Sun 6. (9am)

- i) Peggie Power RIP
- ii) Sr de Pazzi' Intentions

Sun, 6, (11.30am).

- i) Nellie Murray RIP
- ii) Mary & Patrick Cambridge, RIP, (Anniv)

Mon 7.

- i) Special Intentions
- ii) Special Intentions

Tue 8.

- i) Novena 3
- ii) For Rian's Intention.

Wed 9.

- i) Special Intentions
- ii) Special Intention.

Thu 10.

- i) Sheehan family RIP

Fri 11.

- i) Patsy Murphy RIP
- ii) Novena 4

Sat 12. (10am)

- i) Pro-Populo



Ascension Parish Gurrabraher, Cork. Sunday, June 06, 2021. Corpus Christi (B)

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

Only a renewed study of Christian faith and culture can save Europe

Christopher Dawson, (1889-1970), one of the most important Catholic historians of the twentieth century saw very clearly, even in the late 1950s, that western Europe, with its increasing emphasis on economic utility and mass productivity - and its attempt to build a new secular civilization on impersonal economic forces - was ultimately going to destroy its culture and all the great intellectual and moral effort of a thousand plus years.

Dawson argued that only a renewed study of Christian faith and culture could provide the European project with a connection with the past and a link to the future. Dawson makes a 'crie d'cour' for Europe to rediscover and renew its foundational Christian sources in order to recover a deeper sense of integrity.

He wrote: "Taken in its widest sense education is simply the process by which the new members of a community are initiated into its way of life and thought from the simplest elements of behavior up to the highest tradition of spiritual wisdom. Christian education is therefore an initiation into the Christian way of life and thought, and for one thousand two hundred years, the peoples of Europe have submitted to this influence. The process has been intensive at some points, superficial at others, but taking it as a whole it may be said that nowhere else in the history of mankind can we see such a mighty stream of intellectual and moral effort directed through so many channels to a single end [a profound understanding of and reverence for the human person]. However incomplete its success may have been, there is no doubt that it changed the world, and no one has any right to talk of the history of Western civilization unless he has done his best to understand its aims and its methods."

Feast of Corpus Christi

Corpus Christi is the first feast celebrated whose object is not an event of the life of Christ, but a truth of faith - His real presence in the Eucharist. It is needed to remind us of this miraculous event where the bread and wine, at the consecration of the Mass, is truly turned into the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ. It is an awesome truth that we today in 2021 can share in the flesh and blood of the Calvary sacrifice where Christ's death took away the sins of the world. Yet, how much indifference, apathy and profanity there is around the Eucharist. The casual way we approach the altar to receive – often in great sin – is a barometer of how we have grown away from the Catholic faith and communion with the Risen Lord. The Catholic Church insists that only those who are baptized into the Catholic faith, who truly believe that Jesus is present in the Eucharist and who are free from serious sins are permitted to receive this sacrament. All others who receive the Sacrament unworthily, St Paul reminds us, brings condemnation on themselves. This Feast of Corpus Christi with its extraordinary solemnity and visibility is a call to wake from our slumber and see what Jesus has given us.

Church need to Recover again the Practice of Eucharistic Devotion.

Pope Benedict addressing over one million young people at 'World Youth Day' in Cologne in 2005, spoke about how important it is for the Church to recover the practice of adoration in order to help the world rediscover *the face and love of God*.

"In our new context in which worship, and thus also the face of human dignity, has been lost, it is once again up to us to understand the priority of worship. Whenever worship is no longer done, wherever it is not a priority to pay honour to God, human realities can make no headway... Adoration is not a luxury but a necessity, because when people cease to adore God, they begin to worship themselves through exalting pleasure, power, and material goods. Failing to adore God, they begin to serve mammon (Mt 6:24) — and once they begin to serve mammon, they forget who they are. Without the Creator, the creature disappears, ..." *(Pope Benedict XVI - 2008)*

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.

Be aware of Cameras Livestreaming the Altar area

With the installation of a camera to livestream our Masses it means we are permanently on-line. Hence, we remind parishioners to avoid loitering or talking around the steps and Sanctuary area of the Church as images caught on camera go out across the Internet. Sound is also picked up so we ask that noise levels be reduced in the Church. However, we do request that you be loud and clear in the 'Responses' at the Mass so that these 'responses' are heard on the livestream.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Gurrabraher Parish - New Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday @ 10am

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

Sunday Masses: 9am & 11.30am.

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