

**The Offertory collection last weekend
amounted to €910.00**

*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

July 4, 2021.

***A priest can be contacted urgently
this Sunday at:
Knocknaheeny 0876544836***

We pray for those recently deceased...

Philomena Linehan, Churchfield Square

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 3rd July (5.30pm)

- i) Frank and Nora Dilworth RIP
- ii) Nellie and Frank O'Leary RIP

Sun 4th (9am)

- i) Rita O'Neill RIP
- ii) Nora Slavin RIP (41st Anniv)

Sun 4th (11.30am).

- i) Mary Riordan RIP
- ii) Desmond Mascaseshas, RIP (Died Recently)

Mon 5th (10am).

- i) Sr. Muriel RIP (1st Anniv)
- ii) Novena 1
- iii) Special Intention

Tue 6th (10am).

- i) Robert Hayes RIP (Birthday Anniv)
- ii) Rosie Coleman (Anniv)

Wed 7th (10am).

- i) Margaret Myers (43rd Anniv)
- ii) Lil Bolton & Dan Fitzgibbon, RIP (Month's Mind)

Thu 8th July (10am).

- i) Novena 2
- ii) Dympna Allen & Leo O'Donoghue, RIP
- iii) Noreen Courtney, RIP

Fri 9th (10am).

- i) Special Intention
- ii) special Intention

Sat 10th (10am).

- i) Pro Pop



Ascension Parish

Gurrabraher, Cork.

Sunday, July 4, 2021.

14th Sunday of Ordinary time (B)

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

In Scripture God reveals the horror of Sin

In Scripture, we find a revelation of the purpose of creation, the horror of sin and rebellion against God, the reason for suffering and death, the awe-inspiring plan of God for the salvation of the human race – a plan which raises us to an unimaginable dignity and glory through an act of sacrificial love that can never be praised or adored enough... Sadly today, the sense of sin seem to have disappeared. The whole notion of salvation, of heaven and hell has come under attack either directly or by gradual fogginess. Cardinal Sarah wrote that: *“Relativism, that terrible effective bleach, has wiped out everything in its path. Doctrinal and moral confusion is reaching its height. Evil is good, good is evil. Man no longer feels any need to be saved. The loss of the sense of salvation is the consequence of the loss of the transcendence of God. We do not seem to be worried about what will happen to us when we leave this earth. From this perspective, we prefer to think that the devil no longer exists. Some bishops even say that this is only symbolic language. Jesus Christ is supposedly lying, therefore, when he claims that he is quite real; and that he was tempted several times by him, the Prince of this World.”*

Once we depart from a truly Catholic understanding of the authority and reliability of Scripture and tradition, there is no longer a foundation to stand on, and Christianity has no defense from the cultural pressures of the times that insist that we accommodate ourselves to them... If the Catholic Church does not remain very clear on what the revealed truths of our faith are, we will – and are in some ways already – cast adrift in the same sea of relativism and cultural accommodation as many of the Protestant denominations are, as they eagerly reinterpret the faith to allow for whatever popular opinion demands that they accept. **(‘A Church in Crisis’ Ralph Martin)**

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

A second collection this weekend is an annual collection taken up once every year and sent to Pope Francis it allows him respond to great humanitarian or other 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.

Building Fund Collection – (Last weekend)

The end-of-month building fund collection last weekend amounted to **€1,000.00**. We are deeply grateful to all who have contributed to this Monthly Church Renovation Fund collection.

Church Door Collection for St Vincent de Paul, (Next Weekend)

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will resume their Monthly collection this month. That collection will be taken up at the doors of the Church next weekend. Covid-19 Lockdowns have brought untold poverty into the lives of many. So we are asked once again to be generous;

Appeal for Financial Assistance for Parochial Hall – Go Fund Me



The lock-down due to Covid-19, has put the Parochial Hall into serious financial difficulty. The main source of income was from rental of the hall by the different groups that used it - and the Sunday night Bingo – all of this has stopped since March 20, 2020. However, light and heat and other bills are accumulating. Also, serious work had been started in Parochial Hall installing windows in the main hall - and undertaking a total replacement of the electrical installation costing over One Hundred Thousand Euro. (The electrical contractor, Mr Denis O'Neill, is presently awaiting some payment for the work done so far. For now, the project has been placed on hold).

Almost everybody in the northside of Cork, if not the whole of Cork city, have benefitted at one time or another from the activities in the hall. When constructed in 1958, by Fr James Horgan, it was the only amenity for the working class people of the city – dancing, socials, Saturday films, basketball, ice-skating and numerous other activities were features that drew large numbers. Sadly for some years that Hall has become dilapidated – and shown up further by the modernity of our neighbours, Churchfield Leisure Centre and the Sam Allen Football Courts. Up to the Lock-Down over 2,000, mostly young people, passed through it every week. We appeal to all who use the Hall, particularly the basketball clubs, to join us in this appeal. Unless this work is completed now it will delay the opening whenever the Covid-19 Restrictions are lifted. A number of people have set up a GO FUND ME site where contributions can be made. Just scan the QR code (above) and place your contributions. You can also drop your contributions to the Parish Office or to AIB Bank Account – [IBAN IE38 AIBK 934194 00015145 – BIC AIBKIE2D](https://www.aib.com/ireland/iban/iban-IE38-AIBK-934194-00015145-BIC-AIBKIE2D)

Catholic 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.

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".

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.

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.

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 or engage in talking 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.

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