

**The Offertory collection last weekend  
amounted to €1,460.00.**

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

**Last Weekend's Peter Pence Collection - €435.00**



*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 11, 2021.**

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

***We pray for those recently deceased...***

*Seán Murphy, Mount Nebo Avenue,  
**Requiescat in Pace.***

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

An Chomhairle Oidhreachta  
The Heritage Council



**Mass Intentions this Week**

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> July (5.30pm)**

- i) Keith O'Callaghan (Vigil)
- ii) Eileen Duggan RIP

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup> (9am)**

- i) Gerry Needham RIP (Died recently)
- ii) Betty Higgins RIP (Died recently)

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup> (11.30am).**

- i) Tony & Christy O'Connell RIP
- ii) William O'Riordan & Margaret Clarke RIP

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> (10am).**

- i) Angela Williamson RIP
- ii) Daniel Goulding, RIP
- iii) Novena Mass 3

**Tue 13<sup>th</sup> (10am).**

- i) Francis White RIP
- ii) O'Mahony Family RIP
- iii) Michael Gerard Coughlan RIP

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> (10am).**

- i) Michael & Anna Long RIP
- ii) Holy Souls
- iii) Christy & Kathleen Croke RIP

**Thu 15<sup>th</sup> July (10am).**

- i) Novena Mass 4
- ii) Special Intention

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> (10am).**

- i) Intentions for Pres. Sisters, Midleton
- ii) Kitty O'Flynn, RIP

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> (10am).**

- i) Pro Pop



**Ascension Parish**

**Gurrabraher, Cork.**

**Sunday, July 11, 2021.**

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary time (B)**

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

**Demographic Winter Destabilizes Europe**

Preaching at Mass, in Strasbourg Cathedral in France, on Sunday, July 4, the Vatican's Secretary of State, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, urged the continent to discover again its Christian roots to find hope as European crumbles under low fertility rates. "Europe needs hope if it wants to emerge from its 'demographic winter', which is not primarily the result of an economic or social crisis, but of the weakening of hope and the authentic meaning of life and existence," he said.

"May Europe rediscover its Christian roots, starting from the path of fraternity, which undoubtedly inspired and animated the Founding Fathers of modern Europe, beginning precisely with Robert Schuman," Cardinal Parolin said, highlighting the French statesman who was declared "Venerable" by Pope Francis last month.

Parolin said that in a pluralistic Europe, the Church's task was to "elevate man" not only in his body, "but also in his soul and spirit... Without respect for man in his natural and supernatural dignity of being in the image and likeness of God, his Lord and Creator, society will never recover," he said. "Man, is not the one who was conceived by man, but the one who was created by the Lord in his own image and likeness. It is the Christian who lives in Christ, who creates, once again, the history of the Church and the history of Europe and of humanity."

"Europe needs charity, to put at the center of its concerns for those who survive on the margins, in poverty or in exclusion, and to manage the migratory phenomenon with wisdom and foresight, so as to make a real integration feasible, which becomes a source of opportunity and fraternity, and removes the risk of separations and painful misunderstandings, specters of a culture that denies that all human beings are brothers and sisters, *fratelli tutti*," he said, citing the title of Pope Francis' 2020 Encyclical.

### **Church Door Collection for St Vincent de Paul, (this weekend)**

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

### **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 IBAN Account – [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.

### **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.

Parish Newsletter found at [www.gurranabraherparish.ie](http://www.gurranabraherparish.ie)

### **A Relationship with Jesus is what makes us Christians**

“It’s not enough to believe only facts. We have to believe in the person of Jesus. If we remove the facts about the church and don’t have a relationship with the revealer of those truths, we’re not really Christians at all. And that seemed to be the plague present in the church today; I guess every generation is the same. We have people who look like believers, but they’re really not. They’re adherents, but they’re not believers. To believe means to make an act of confidence in the one who reveals. And that’s what faith really is. It’s an act of trust in the reality of God and that God speaks to us. *‘All [our religious] formulas, all the precautions of orthodoxy, all the scruples of literal conformity...are powerless to safeguard the purity of the faith. If the spirit should be lacking, dogma becomes no more than a myth and the Church no more than a party.’*” (Archbishop Charles Chaput)

### **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”.

### **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.

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