

**The Offertory collection last weekend
amounted to €1,120.**

*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 18, 2021.

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

Cathedral 086 45 70 292

We pray for those recently deceased...

James Murphy, St. Philomena's 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 17th July (5.30pm)

- i) Hannah Myers RIP (16th Anniv)
- ii) Jim & Nan Bullman RIP (Anniv)

Sun 18th (9am)

- i) Special Intention
- ii) Special Intention

Sun 18th (11.30am).

- i) Nicola Callaghan RIP
- ii) Dominic Myers RIP (26th Anniv)

Mon 19th (10am).

- i) John O'Donovan RIP (4th Anniv)
- ii) Novena 5
- iii) Thanksgiving Mass

Tue 20th (10am).

- i) Sr. Anne Daye RIP
- ii) Jimmy Walshe RIP (Anniv)

Wed 21st (10am).

- i) Sr. Stanislaus Kent's Intentions
- ii) Sr. Alexis' Intentions
- iii) Holy Souls

Thu 22nd July (10am).

- i) Michael Sheehan RIP (7th Anniv)
- ii) Novena 6

Fri 23rd (10am).

- i) Mary & Con Twomey RIP (20th Anniv)
- ii) Barry O'Riordan RIP (Recently deceased)

Sat 24th (10am).

- i) Pro Pop



Ascension Parish

Gurrabraher, Cork.

Sunday, July 18, 2021.

16th Sunday of Ordinary time (B)

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

Participation in Abortion debars us from the Eucharistic Table

The scandal of prominent politicians and others brazenly promoting the murder of the unborn while at the same time being given high exposure attending Catholic services - and claiming to be 'devout Catholics' - is becoming a burning topic which the church must address. Growing numbers of bishops and Catholic laity, in different countries, are calling on the Vatican to address this issue that is causing much scandal and pain. These bishops and laity insist that there must be coherence between 'faith expressed and life lived' - That one cannot be party to the slaughter of the unborn child while at the same time partake at the Eucharistic table of the Lord.

They highlight the example of St Ambrose, in the fourth century, confronting the Roman Emperor, Theodosius, and excommunicating him from Eucharistic worship for ordering his troops, to slaughter seven thousand men, women and children, following a riot in the city of Thessalonica. The 'Excommunication' had the effect of Emperor Theodosius repenting and doing penance for his crimes.

'We Catholics do not politicize the sacraments when we expect all Catholics to obey the teachings of the Church and do penance on those occasions when they fail. It is the *secular world* which has, throughout history, misunderstood the purpose of the sacraments (which is understandable) and has repeatedly tried to force Catholics to redefine practices and teachings to match their own mistaken understanding of the sacraments (which is intolerable).'

Collection for Chancery (Bishop's Office) this weekend

A second collection will be taken-up at Church doors this weekend to help Bishop Fintan run his chancery. It is one of four collections taken up yearly for this purpose. Due to Lockdowns this collection was not taken up since the outbreak of Covid-19. You are asked to be generous, please.

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.

Thursday Holy Hour of Adoration

The normal Holy Hour of Adoration that takes place each Thursday from 7pm to 8pm will break for the month of August. The Holy Hour will go on this coming Thursday, July 22nd and again on 29th before ceasing for the summer recess. We thank all who attend this Holy Hour as we gather in prayer not only for our own particular needs but also to pray for the seemingly unsolvable problems that confront humankind and threatens its very existence.

Tesco donates Money to Gurrabraher Meals on Wheels

M/s Tesco Limited has generously donated the sum of €333.00 towards the Meals on Wheels Service in Gurrabraher. As Tesco has temporarily suspended the use of the Blue Tokens in their stores due to Covid-19, they have instead accepted Gurrabraher Meals on Wheels as one of three charities to share their monthly allocation of One Thousand Euro for the month of June. You can follow Tesco's page on Twitter at @TescoIrlNews, to see who else have benefitted from their benevolence. We are grateful to Tesco for their contribution.

Catholic Schools make a Unique Contribution to Society

A Committee set-up by the Diocese of Cork and Ross to review the contribution Catholic Schools make to Society recently presented its final Report to Bishop Fintan Gavin

The report titled, '*Education – A Seed of Hope*' looks at the relationship between the Diocese of Cork and Ross and the wider education sector. In particular, it focuses on deepening the connection between the Diocese and parish; and between community-based and Catholic Schools where the Bishop is patron or co-patron. To this end, the report offers a number of recommendations for action.

The report is essentially the first phase of an on-going project of engagement and dialogue between the Diocese and key stakeholders. In a time of rapid change, Catholic schools, and faith schools more generally, face the challenge of defining their identity more clearly and showing the positive contribution they make to a diverse and changing society.

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.

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.

There is Objective Truth which must be Discovered

There is an objective truth that exists outside of us and which must be pursued. Only when we discover this truth will there be peaceful coexistence on earth. Our culture's complicated relationship with organized religion is closely tied to our culture's complicated relationship with truth. We love our truth, all right, but we treat truth a lot like religion - it's fine, so long as everyone else keeps their truth to themselves. Tolerance - which our culture values over all other virtues - consists in not imposing your truth on someone else.

The problem with this well-meaning attempt at tolerance is that it is unsustainable. It's self-cannibalizing. If there is only your truth and my truth, but no objective Truth, then there is no common ground upon which to meet one another. Either I'm right, or you are, and since there's no middle ground, the matter is only ever settled when one side wins and the other side loses. A world without truth isn't a world liberated from conflict; it's a world without the possibility of reconciliation.

Abortion dehumanises all Involved

Abortionists, (those involved in the Abortion industry), are worried. They are threatened by informed consent. They're traumatized by the limp body parts they look at every day. They're torn by the contradiction that they became doctors to preserve life but use their profession to end it.

There are eye-opening confessions from lots of Abortionists showing how inhuman the practise is. "Sorrow, quite apart from the sense of shame, is exhibited in some way by virtually every woman for whom I performed an abortion, and that's over 20,000 as of 1995. The sorrow is revealed by the fact that most women cry at some point during the experience... The grieving process may last from several days to several years... Grief is sometimes delayed... The grief may lie sublimated and dormant for years. (Dr. Susan Poppema, Abortionist).

Novena Masses

We encourage more of our parishioners to use the Novena Mass Cards for different occasions. These cards are deeply appreciated by people are 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.