

The Offertory collection last weekend
amounted to €1,175.00

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

2nd Collection last weekend
Bishop's Office - €375.00



*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 25th, 2021.

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

Farranree 0870967177

We pray for those recently deceased...

*Tony Murphy, St Declan's Road,
Sheila O'Sullivan, Churchfield Avenue,*

Requiescat in Pace.

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 24th July (5.30pm)

- i) Maureen Sharon O'Sullivan, RIP
- ii) Mary McGrath, RIP (Recently Deceased)

Sun 25th (9am)

- i) Phil Lynch, RIP
- ii) Special Intention

Sun 25th (11.30am).

- i) Finbarr & Teresa Sutton, RIP
- ii) Margaret & Michael Galgey, RIP

Mon 26th (10am).

- i) Sr Carmel Flynn's Intentions
- ii) Nora Connolly, RIP
- iii) Novena Mass 7

Tue 27th (10am).

- i) Raymond Gamble, RIP
- ii) St Carmel Hartnett's Intentions

Wed 28th (10am).

- i) Novena Mass 8.
- ii) Phil Lynch, RIP

Thu 29th July (10am).

- i) Sr Anne Daye, RIP (Recently deceased)
- ii) Special Intention

Fri 30th (10am).

- i) Novena Mass 9.
- ii) Special Intention.

Sat 31st (10am).

- i) Pro Pop

*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



Ascension Parish

Gurrabraher, Cork.

Sunday, July 25th, 2021.

17th Sunday of Ordinary time (B)

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

How can you be Spiritual and not be Religious

"I'm spiritual but not religious" is one of the catch phrases you'll hear a good bit these days. When I hear this my question is, "How do you do that?" Just exactly what do you *do* to be spiritual without being religious? Saying you're spiritual but not religious would be like saying you love music, but you don't play an instrument and don't listen to music. Because if you were to do any of those things you would be taking advantage of the rules and regulations and structures that actually make music possible.

The root of the word "religious" means "to bind". That means you bind yourself to a certain rule or way of doing things. It's not all free flowing, do as you please and make it up as you go along. Just as there are rules to music, so there is religion to make "being spiritual" possible. Surely as soon as a person starts to try to "be spiritual" they start being religious.

So maybe what the "spiritual but not religious" person really means is that they do not go in for organized religion. They mean they are not members of an institutional church. That's possible, but maybe they misunderstand what the purpose of organized religion actually is. Organized religion with all its devotions and duties, with all its doctrines and dogmas, with all its rules and rubrics and regulations is simply the rules for the game, the music on the printed page. But this gets messy because it gets real. I suspect being "spiritual but not religious" is too easy and too unreal. Getting spiritual in a religion, on the other hand, means you have to get to work. You have to climb the mountain. You have to scrape your knees. You have to learn how to love, forgive and help other people who are on that same journey and part of your team...and all that is tough.

(Fr. Dwight Longenecker 13 July, 2015)

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 – Break for Summer Recess

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, 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.

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.

Printer Ink Cartridges Wanted

We are looking for empty ink cartridges from HP and Canon Printers. These cartridges are sold back to the company that makes them and the money obtained is used to purchase 'Tablets' and Laptops for children in schools. If you have any one of these empty cartridges (HP or Canon), please leave them in the box near the Confessional in the Church

Church Front Gates gone for Refurbishment

The Church front gates 'in situ' since 1955 have finally gone for refurbishment. These gates donated to Bishop Lucey in 1955 following an appeal for finances and building materials - as he undertook the building of five churches located in the heart of new estates springing up around the city suburbs - were later discovered to be of great artistic and historical value. The gates fabricated by John Parry, one of Ireland's Master craftsmen in the early 1900s, were specially commissioned for the Carnegie Library built beside the City Hall; and officially opened in 1905. The Carnegie Library was burnt to the ground in 1920 when British Crown Forces set the city alight. These gates are probably the only remnants of Carnegie Library that survived the inferno. The gates have been described as a 'national treasure' by noted blacksmiths and one of the few pieces of John Perry's superb work in Cork city. The refurbishment is being done by Mr Pat Ronan and sponsored by the National Heritage Council.

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.

Ordination changes a Man to the very core of his being.

This amazing conversion of Presbyterian Theologian, Dr Scott Hahn, to Catholicism in 1986 rocked the Presbyterian Church in America. Then almost 30 years old; he had for long preached against the errors of the Catholic Church. Since his conversion to Catholicism, Dr Hahn, has become a leading Catholic Theologian and Evangelist. His wife, Kimberly, initially hugely disappointed at his conversion followed him into the Church in 1990. His book, 'Rome Sweet Home', explaining his journey to Catholicism has been read by millions and has led many back again to the faith of the Catholic Church. The father of six children, on the 21st May this year, Scott and Kimberly were present to witness their eldest son, Jeremiah, ordained a Catholic priest. Writing about the ordination, some days before the event Scott said: *"I was present, and, by God grace, an active co-creator, at Jeremiah's conception. I held him when he was born. I comforted him when he was teething. I walked with him through adolescence. Yet nothing I have witnessed in this life can equal the marvel God will work on May 21, in the Sacrament of Holy Orders... Jeremiah will be changed down to the very root of his being. He will be conformed to Christ in a special way so that he can speak divine words with divine power, forgiving sins and making Jesus truly present. He will be empowered by the Holy Spirit to act 'in persona Christi' to minister as an earthly priest in the service of Jesus Christ himself, our only High Priest... Please pray for Jeremiah. Pray for his fidelity above all. But pray too that he will be like Jesus in his ministry, and like God, in the act of creation, do all things well. For now he will not only be working for God; he will be doing God's work with God's hands... At the end of every day may he be able to look back and see the good (indeed, the marvels) God has worked through the blessed hands of a man from eastern Ohio."*

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 Movement that has a distinctly Catholic ethos –and works to open the minds of young girls to the infinitely mysterious world that they live in.

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.

Church must be very Clear about Revealed Truths

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**)