

The Offertory collection last weekend
amounted to €1,160.00

*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

August 1, 2021.

A priest can be contacted urgently

this Sunday at:

Gurrabraher 085 804 1951

We pray for those recently deceased...

Kathleen Keenan, Templeacre Avenue.

Requiescat in Pace.

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 31th July (5.30pm)

- i) Jimmy Walsh, RIP (2nd Anniv)
- ii) Bartholomew & Ellen Byrne, RIP

Sun 1st August, (9am)

- i) Kathleen Burke's Intentions.
- ii) Finbarr Nagle, RIP

Sun 1st (11.30am).

- i) Patrick & Catherine Kelleher, RIP
- ii) Mary & Nelius Joyce, RIP

Mon 2nd (10am). Public Holiday

- i) Special Intentions
- ii) Special Intentions

Tue 3rd (10am).

- i) Thanksgiving for favours received
- ii) Donal Buckley's Intention

Wed 4th (10am).

- i) Ryan, O'Riordan & Butler families (deceased)
- ii) Niall & Gretta Cronin's Intentions

Thu 5th July (10am).

- i) Peggy O'Donoghue, RIP (17th Anniv)
- ii) O'Connell & O'Sullivan families Intentions

Fri 6th (10am).

- i) Michael Sorenson's Intentions
- ii) Mr & Mrs Higgins and Donal, RIP

Sat 7th (10am).

- i) Pro Pop



Ascension Parish

Gurrabraher, Cork.

Sunday, August 1, 2021.

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

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

The Paris Agreement – a Stark Diagnosis of Europe's Malaise

The continuing free-fall of birth rates all over Europe confirms once again that the continent really is in terminal decline. The demise of once strong and vibrant languages and civilizations within a few generations is now a very real possibility. **'The Paris Agreement'**, published in 2017 - the result of much reflection by some of Europe's leading philosophers and other intellectuals – warned of the collective suicide Europe is engaged in – and called for a concerted moral regeneration of the continent. "Secularism, immorality, porous borders, an inability to understand Islam for what it is, the rapid decline of Christianity, a loss of purpose and identity – these and other factors have resulted in a weakened and dying Europe".

"Europe, in all its richness and greatness, is threatened by a false understanding of itself. This false Europe imagines itself as a fulfilment of our civilization, but in truth it will confiscate our home. It appeals to exaggerations and distortions of Europe's authentic virtues while remaining blind to its own vices. Complacently trading in one-sided caricatures of our history, this false Europe is invincibly prejudiced against the past. Its proponents are orphans by choice, and they presume that to be an orphan - to be homeless - is a noble achievement. In this way, the false Europe praises itself as the forerunner of a universal community that is neither universal nor a community. The 'Paris Agreement' can be downloaded - and well worth a study by those who are interested in the future of Europe.

Building Fund Collection this 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 cannot be postpone. We appeal once again to parishioners to be generous.

St Vincent de Paul Collection next Weekend

The monthly Church door collection undertaken by Society of St Vincent de Paul will take place at all Masses next weekend. Please be generous to this collection.

Vigil to the Alliance of the Two Hearts – Next Friday, August, 6th.

The First Friday Prayer Vigil to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary will again take place at Gurrabraher Church beginning at 7.30pm, on Friday, 6th August. The first Mass of the Vigil will take place at 8.30pm and the second Mass at 11.40pm on the night. The Vigil begins at 7.30pm with Rosary and Divine Chaplet. This is a very beautiful devotion to the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary – and in these confusing times we desperately need to pray more and more. Therefore, we invite you to join us, at least for part of the night on that date.

Thanks to Eily Morris and Supporters

We thank once again Eily Morris and her supporters for raising the sum of Five Hundred Euro for Church Renovations. Eily and her supporters have been raising large sums of money for Church Renovations for a good number of years. Well done to all who contribute. May they be blessed with health and peace always.

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. 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.

New Initiative for Family Carers

A new 'Family Carers Project' has been launched by 'Family Carers Ireland' in partnership with the HSE - and with funding coming from ReThink Ireland'. The Family Carers Support Project aim to enhance the wellbeing of 'Family Carers' of older people by offering them the opportunity to work with the **Carer Wellbeing Manager** to identify their needs and to develop an action plan to support Carers. For more information on how the project works, visit the website on <https://www.familycarers.ie/fcsp>.

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.

The Ten Commandments – The Way to True Freedom

"God gave us the commandments to educate us to liberty and genuine love, so that we can find true happiness. In these commandments, which match the criteria of every human person's right conscience, God teaches us the correct discernment of good and evil, of the true and the false, of the just and the unjust... When followed they lead us along the path where life and liberty is to be found – when ignored, we not only alienate ourselves from God and abandon the covenant with Him, but also distance ourselves from life and from lasting happiness."

Then, man left to himself, indifferent to God, proud of his own absolute autonomy, ends up following the idols of egoism, of power, of dominion, thereby polluting the relations with himself and with others, and following the path not of life but of death... Only the acceptance of the infinite love of God, trusting in Him, following the way of love, traced by the Commandments and perfected by Christ, is the only one capable of rendering our own lives and the lives of others fuller, better and happier." **Pope Benedict XVI**

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.