

The Offertory collection last weekend  
amounted to €1,010.00

*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 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

***A priest can be contacted urgently***

***this Sunday at:***

***North Cathedral 086 45 70 292***



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

*Noreen O'Regan, Ascension Heights*

*Annette Murphy, St. Rita's Avenue*

***Requiescat in Pace.***

**Mass Intentions this Week**

**Sat 28<sup>th</sup> August (5.30pm)**

- i) Pat Jones RIP
- ii) Kitty & Joe McCormack RIP

**Sun 29<sup>th</sup> (9am)**

- i) Rita O'Neill RIP
- ii) -----

**Sun 29<sup>th</sup> (11.30am).**

- i) Stevie Keenan RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)
- ii) Marie Bullman RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> (10am).**

- i) John Dunne RIP
- ii) John Costello RIP (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- iii) Marie Bullman RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

**Tue 31<sup>st</sup> (10am).**

- i) Marian O'Brien RIP
- ii) May Lawton RIP

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> September (10am).**

- i) Martin Corcoran RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)
- ii) John & Mary Donovan RIP ( Anniv)

**Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> (10am).**

- i) Sean O'Donovan RIP
- ii) Janice Croker RIP
- iii) Maura & Michael O'Brien RIP (Anniv)

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> (10am).**

- i) Kathleen Gamble
- ii) John Sutton RIP (28<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup> (10am).**

- i) Pro Pop



**Ascension Parish**

**Gurrabraher, Cork.**

**Sunday, August, 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)**

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

**Pope Saint Pius X – An Extraordinary Pope**

Pope Pius X was born Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1835 and died on 20 August 1914. His pontificate lasted 11 years, (August 1903 to his death in 1914). His extraordinary intellectual endowments, his noble simplicity, and great piety singled him out even as a youth. A great crusading pope, there was no aspect of Church life he did not enter to discern, direct, determine and relaunch – the liturgy, the sacraments, catechesis, homiletics, Biblical study, Canon Law, sacred art and music, the social apostolate and priestly formation all absorbed his attention. He was the Pope that brought Holy Communion to young children.

Pius X vehemently opposed the ideology of modernism, which held that Catholic dogma should be modernized and blended with nineteenth-century philosophies. He viewed 'modernism' as an import of secular errors affecting three areas of Catholic belief: theology, philosophy, and dogma – all deeply harmful to the faith.

He rejected any kind of favours for his family; his brother remained a postal clerk, his favorite nephew stayed on as village priest, and his three sisters lived together close to poverty in Rome. He often referred to his own humble origins when taking up the causes of poor people. "I was born poor, I have lived poor, and I wish to die poor" he often repeated. He worked hard to prevent; and then halt the First World War. His inability to effect the direction of the war saddened him greatly. Many attributed this as a huge contributory factor in his death in 1914.

Public veneration of Pope Pius X began soon after his death. Numerous petitions resulted in an early process of beatification which started in the 1920s, and which resulted in his canonization on 29 May 1954. **Pope Saint Pius X pray for us!**

### **Building Fund Collection this weekend – (29<sup>th</sup> August).**

The end-of-month building fund collection will take place at all Masses this weekend. At present essential work is going on around the compound at replacing broken underground drainpipes that carry away rainwater from roof. This had resulted in serious fragmentation of the concrete driveway. This is expensive work which cannot be postponed. We appeal 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. Despite our great affluence today there are still many people, especially children, who for different reasons, suffer great deprivation. Please be generous to this collection.

### **Vigil to the Alliance of the Two Hearts – this Friday, September, 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

The First Friday Prayer Vigil to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary will again take place at Ascension Church beginning at 7.30pm, on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September. 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 with Rosary and Divine Chaplet. This is a very beautiful devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We invite you to join us, at least for part of the night on that date.

### **Franciscan Brothers make ‘Parish Appeal’ – Saturday/Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> September.**

On the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> September, the Franciscan Brothers have been permitted by Bishop Fintan Gavan, to make an appeal for prayers and funds at Gurranabraher Parish. This is a normal occurrence where missionary societies seek help from a local church to aid their evangelization and humanitarian efforts in the developing world. The Franciscan Brothers Congregation was founded in County Galway in the early 1800s to bring education to the rural areas of Ireland then decimated after the Great Famine. Eventually they ‘out-reached’ to Kenya and Uganda in Africa where they still work responding to human needs and promoting Gospel values. Despite our own needs in Gurranabraher; we ask parishioners to be ‘big hearted’ and support the universal mission of the Church.

### **Vigil for Our Lady’s Birthday – Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

A Vigil from 7.30pm to 10.30pm will be held on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September at Ascension Parish, Gurranabraher, to coincide with the Birthday Anniversary of Our Blessed Lady. We invite parishioners to spend some time with us on that night honouring and consoling Our Blessed Lady.

### **Centenary of founding of Legion of Mary on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 1921.**

Pope Paul VI, in 1978, described the Legion of Mary as one of the ‘Greatest Lay-movements in the history of the Church’. On September 7<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the beginnings of this Movement, in Francis Street, Dublin, on May 7<sup>th</sup> 1921, when a young Civil Servant, Mr Frank Duff, along with a few others, came together, under the Mantle of Our Lady, to help Christians live out their Baptismal calling to be missionaries. This Movement quickly grew worldwide and attracted over three millions active members. While the Legion of Mary has presently declined drastically in Ireland it continues to flourish - and be a ‘first responder’ of the Faith in many areas of the world, particularly in Africa and Asia. Frank Duff, now bearing the title ‘Servant of God’ was a deeply spiritual being who above all wanted to nourish the faith of all believers so that they may bring the world to Jesus Christ.

### **Launching of Children’s Rosary on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> September @ 6.30pm.**

To coincide with the celebrations of the Centenary of the birth of the Legion of Mary, a number of people have requested that we launch a project involving young children coming together publically each month to recite the Holy Rosary as a distinctive group. The target age of the Children’s Rosary Group is from four to fourteen years of age. We invite parishioners to attend this inauguration of the Children’s Rosary at Ascension Parish on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm. The Rosary is a powerful tool for bringing God’s mercy and grace to a very volatile world – children reciting and leading this Rosary makes it even more powerful. Please encourage your children and grandchildren to come along on 7<sup>th</sup> September. The website, [childrensrosary.org](http://childrensrosary.org) has many resources to help such groups.

### **Thanks to Eily Morris and Supporters**

We thank once again Eily Morris and her band of 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.

### **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. Drop them into the church near the confessional.

### **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.

### **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 defence 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**)