

The Offertory collection last weekend
amounted to €970.00

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

**Building Fund Collection last weekend
amounted to €1,670.00.**



*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

September 5th, 2021.

A priest can be contacted urgently

this Sunday at:

Farranree 087 096 7177



We pray for those recently deceased...

Requiescat in Pace.

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 4th September (5.30pm)

- i) John Sutton RIP (28th Anniv)
- ii) Jeremiah Lynch RIP

Sun 5th (9am)

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

Sun 5th (11.30am).

- i) Billy Hickey RIP (50th Anniv)
- ii) Rita O'Sullivan RIP (3rd Anniv)

Mon 6th (10am).

- i) Pauline Kennelly RIP
- ii) Mary Gleeson RIP
- iii) People of Afghanistan

Tue 7th (10am).

- i) Nihad Obaji RIP
- ii) Tom O'Donovan RIP
- iii) Novena 1

Wed 8th September (10am).

- i) Molly Ryan RIP
- ii) Maureen Carroll RIP

Thu 9th (10am).

- i) Joan Dorgan's Intentions
- ii) Sr. Anne Patrick RIP
- iii) Eugene & Sarah Murphy (Anniv)

Fri 10th (10am).

- i) Frank O'Leary RIP (31st Anniv)
- ii) Maria O'Brien RIP
- iii) Novena 2

Sat 11th (10am).

- i) Pro Pop



Ascension Parish
Gurrabraher, Cork.
Sunday, September 5th, 2021.
23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

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

Faith in Jesus not possible without the Church

We hear very often from those who would consider themselves Christians that it is sufficient to have a 'relationship' with Jesus independent of the Church. At a General Audience in Rome in 2012, Pope Benedict XVI explained why this is not possible. He said: "Today there is a widespread tendency to relegate faith to the private sphere. This contradicts the very nature of faith. We need the Church in order to confirm our faith and in order to experience the gifts of God: his Word, the Sacraments, the support of grace and the witness of love."

While Benedict XVI accepts that an act of faith in Jesus Christ is an eminently personal act which happens in the deepest part of us and signals a change in direction through personal conversion – "this faith is not the result of my own solitary reflection, it is not the product of my thought; it is the fruit of a relationship, a dialogue, in which there is a listener, a receiver and a respondent... It is like a rebirth in which I am united not only to Jesus, but also to all those who have walked and are walking on the same path - and this new birth, that begins with Baptism, continues for the rest of my life."

"I cannot build my personal faith in a private dialogue with Jesus, because faith is given to me by God through a community of believers that is the Church - and which projects me into the multitude of believers who are rooted in the eternal love of God." "No one can have God as his Father, who does not have the Church as his Mother" (St Cyprian). "A Christian who lets himself be guided and gradually shaped by the faith of the Church, in spite of his weaknesses, his limitations and his difficulties, becomes like a window open to the light of the living God, receiving this light and transmitting it to the world."

St Vincent de Paul Collection this Weekend

The monthly Church door collection undertaken by Society of St Vincent de Paul will take place at all Masses this weekend. Despite all our economic progress there are still many people, especially children, who for different reasons, suffer great deprivation. Please be generous to this collection.

Vigil for Our Lady's Birthday – Wednesday, September 8th

A Vigil from 7.30pm to 10.30pm will be held on Wednesday, 8th September at Ascension Parish, Gurrabraher, 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 September 7th, 1921.

Pope Paul VI, in 1978, described the Legion of Mary as one of the 'Greatest Lay-movements in the history of the Church'. This coming week we celebrate the beginnings of this Movement, in Francis Street, Dublin, on September 7th 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, 7th 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, 7th 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 7th September. The website, childrensrosary.org has many resources to help such groups.

Franciscan Brothers make 'Parish Appeal' – Saturday/Sunday 11th & 12th September.

On the weekend of 11th/12th September, the Franciscan Brothers have been permitted by Bishop Fintan Gavan, to make an appeal for prayers and funds at Gurrabraher 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 Gurrabraher; we ask parishioners to be 'big hearted' and support the universal mission of the Church.

Newsletter available each week at www.gurrabraherparish.ie/category/newsletters/

Cork Autism On-line Conference 2021 - Thriving with Autism.

A special on-line Conference titled 'Thriving with Autism' is scheduled for Sunday, October 17th. This Conference offers interventions, skills and strategies to support people on the autism spectrum. Suitable for Parents, Families, Caregivers, Autistics, Employers, Educators, Professionals, Agencies, Advocates and anyone else with an interest in autism. For more information visit: www.autismcork.ie

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.

Mercy is based on Truth

From their writings, Shakespeare, St. Anselm and Pope Saint John Paul II all knew that justice and mercy are inextricably related to one another. They understood that mercy comes into the world only because of justice. God extends mercy to the world only because he holds us accountable to moral truth. If God did not expect us to keep his commandments, we would not need his help or forgiveness. Unless it is predicated on justice, mercy doesn't really make sense.

In his book 'God or Nothing' published in 2015, Robert Cardinal Sarah wrote that the "real scandal" of today is "the confusion between good and evil caused by Catholic shepherds. If men who are consecrated to God are no longer capable of understanding the radical nature of the Gospel message and seek to anesthetize it, we will be going the wrong way. For that is the real failure of mercy." The only true kind of mercy is predicated on truth. God's mercy is operative when it makes us better men and women, not when it makes excuses for depravity. God's mercy gives the capacity for goodness, and justice, and heroic virtue. Heroism, dear brothers, is the ordinary consequence of mercy in the life of the ordinary Christian.' (**Bishop James Conley | April 5, 2016**)

Constant Live-stream of Sanctuary Area – We remind parishioners that there is a constant livestream of the Sanctuary area. We ask you not to loiter in that area.