

The Offertory collection last weekend  
amounted to €1,385.00

*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**

**September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

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

***this Sunday at:***

***Gurrabraher 085 804 1951***



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

***Requiescat in Pace.***

**Mass Intentions this Week**

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup> September (5.30pm)**

- i) Ann Heffernan RIP (9<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- ii) Michael Desmond RIP

**Sun 12<sup>th</sup> (9am)**

- i) Mary Cronin RIP (Anniv)
- ii) Eileen O'Callaghan RIP

**Sun 12<sup>th</sup> (11.30am).**

- i) Eileen O'Mahony RIP
- ii)

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> (10am).**

- i) Mary & Con Fahy RIP
- ii) Sr. Kathleen McCarthy RIP
- iii) Novena 3

**Tue 14<sup>th</sup> (10am).**

- i) Michael & Mary Long RIP (Anniv)
- ii) Special Intention
- iii) Humphrey O'Callaghan RIP (Anniv)

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup> September (10am).**

- i) James McLoughlin RIP (Anniv)
- ii) Mina Linehan RIP
- iii) Thanksgiving Mass for favours received

**Thu 16<sup>th</sup> (10am).**

- i) Michael & Nellie Long RIP
- ii) Novena 4

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> (10am).**

- i) Risteard Ó Toibín RIP
- ii) Sr. Sarah's Intentions

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup> (10am).**

- i) Pro Pop



**Ascension Parish**  
**Gurrabraher, Cork.**  
**Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)**

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

**Recognizing Beauty essential for Faith to Grow**

“Ugliness is a spiritual problem. If beauty manifests the perfection and splendor of something, ugliness distorts it, corrupting what it is meant to be and blinding us to its true reality. A tree struck by lightning or blighted with disease is ugly. A building sculpted with cement, with little light or elegance, depresses us. The ugliness of most modern art disturbs us and does not uplift our sensibilities. And the greatest ugliness of all — sin — corrupts and distorts the beauty of our soul by grasping after pleasurable scraps, trying to force happiness even though this pleasure, cut off from higher goods, only makes us more miserable.

We long for beauty, yet we're not always sure how to recognize it. There are things that immediately attract us: a stunning landscape, a Renaissance masterpiece, or a beautiful figure. Why do they grab our attention? The beauty of nature awes us and gives us peace. Great art amazes us and inspires our imagination. The beauty of another person moves our heart and leads us to desire communion. That is what it should do, although a merely surface attraction can lead us back to ugliness... Evangelization happens through beauty. Art provides an initial sign of the Christian vision, and Christian witness confirms its living reality in the world. Pope Benedict XVI spoke of the connection between holiness and art: *“I have often affirmed my conviction that the true apology of Christian faith, the most convincing demonstration of its truth against every denial, are the saints, and the beauty that the faith has generated. Today, for faith to grow, we must lead ourselves and the persons we meet to encounter the saints and to enter into contact with the Beautiful.”*

The world needs to learn how to see again, to recover its ability to recognize the all-surpassing beauty of knowing Jesus and living in communion with him. And it starts with our own ability to recognize that beauty; only then can we truly share it with others, helping them to see as well”

*The Way of Beauty... | Jared Staudt PhD | Sept. 9, 2021*

### **Franciscan Brothers make 'Parish Appeal' - this Weekend**

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 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.

### **First Communions on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> May @ 10.30am**

At long last, and after many disappointments caused often by illogical decisions of government, our children will finally be able to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2021. As Covid-19 is still a real and present danger however, attendance will be restricted to parents only. We pray that despite restrictions, etc, it will still be a memorable day in the life of the child. First Holy Communion day is a memory that remains with us all our lives. We beg parents to make an extra effort in bringing their children up in the ways of the Catholic faith.

### **Parochial Hall Bingo**

The Parochial Hall's famous Sunday night Bingo will return on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> September beginning at 8pm. Some restrictions will still be in place. These restrictions will be announced later. So many of our elderly parishioners have eagerly awaited this day. They have been through much. We hope that they will rejoin us on that night - and that the return of Sunday Bingo will reassure them that life is returning to some kind of normal.

Also, after a long absence sporting activities will soon return to the Parochial Hall. This is good news for the local children/adults, schools and groups who avail of this great facility. A lot of work has been done to Parochial Hall over the past two years and we are glad to see it in use again. Please check our newsletter and website [www.gurrabraherparish.ie](http://www.gurrabraherparish.ie) for further updates.

### **Bishop Fintan 'Thanks' Church Volunteers**

Writing to parishes, Bishop Fintan acknowledges the role so many parishioners have played in these difficult times. "Since churches re-opened for public worship in June, 2020 we are indebted to the voluntary support of church stewards, those who clean and sanitise churches, parish ministries and church personnel who have worked so hard to ensure that we could safely gather for public worship. Bishop pray that all involved in this essential exercise will know God's blessings.

### **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.

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

A special on-line Conference titled 'Thriving with Autism' is scheduled for Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.autismcork.ie)

### **Children's Rosary Apostolate launched on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> September**

To coincide with the celebrations of the Centenary of the birth of the Legion of Mary on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 1921, the Children's Rosary Apostolate was launched on Tuesday evening last. It was really great seeing young children leading the rosary and reciting the different mysteries – and seeing many of our adults there to support them. The Rosary is a powerful tool for bringing God's mercy and grace to a very volatile world – children leading this Rosary makes it even more powerful. Please encourage your children and grandchildren to come along each month to recite the Holy Rosary. The website [childrensrosary.org](http://childrensrosary.org) has many resources to help such groups.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Care for the Environment**

Pope Francis calls on all people to join together in making a greater effort at protecting planet Earth. In a joint message issued by Pope Francis along with the head of the Anglican communion and the Orthodox Churches, stress the importance of valuing sustainability over short-term advantages as essential parts of our common response to the threat of climate change and environmental degradation. The religious leaders note that in facing this worldwide calamity, "no one is safe until everyone is safe," because "our actions really do affect one another," and "what we do today affects what happens tomorrow." Urging everyone to action so that we may "not waste this moment", the religious leaders invite everyone to "decide what kind of world we want to leave to future generations," stressing that we must choose to live differently and "choose life". More so, God mandates that we "choose life, so that you and your children might live" (Dt 30:19).