

## The Offertory collection last weekend

amounted to €1,015.00

*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**

**20<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.**

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

***this Sunday at***

***Cathedral - 086 457 0292***



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

*Christine O'Connor, Gurrabraher Avenue*

*John O'Donovan, Cathedral Road*

***Requiescat in Pace***



## Mass Intentions this Week

### **Sat 19<sup>th</sup> March, (5.30pm)**

- i) Ellen Shinkwin RIP (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- ii) Angela O'Leary RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

### **Sun 20<sup>th</sup>, (9am)**

- i) Thanksgiving Mass
- ii) Ann Smith RIP

### **Sun 20<sup>th</sup>, (11.30am)**

- i) Stephen Burdock RIP
- ii) Noel Dooley RIP

### **Mon 21<sup>st</sup>, (10am).**

- i) Cian's Intentions
- ii) Novena 8

### **Tue 22<sup>nd</sup>, (10am)**

- i) Rachel O'Leary & Collins family RIP
- ii) Special Intentions

### **Wed 23<sup>rd</sup>, (10am)**

- i) Dolores Moriarty RIP
- ii) Sr Maeve O'Sullivan, RIP (Died recently)

### **Thur 24<sup>th</sup>, (10am)**

- i) Sylvia Nagle RIP (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv)
- ii) Breda & Sean Kavanaugh's Intentions

### **Fri 25<sup>th</sup>, (10am)**

- i) Brendan Twyford RIP (Anniv)
- ii) Novena 9

### **Sat 26<sup>th</sup>, (10am)**

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## **Ascension Parish**

**Gurrabraher, Cork.**

**Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent, (C)**

**Parish Office – 021 - 430 3655 (If Urgent: 085 - 804 1951)**

email: [ascensionparish123@gmail.com](mailto:ascensionparish123@gmail.com)

Website: [www.gurrabraherparish.ie](http://www.gurrabraherparish.ie)

**Office Hours: 10:30 – 12:30 & 1pm – 5pm**

### **Priests of the Parish:**

Fr. Tomás Walsh, SMA. [Tel: 021-4303 658](tel:021-4303658). ([walshtomas@hotmail.com](mailto:walshtomas@hotmail.com))

Fr. Aidan Vaughan, OFM, Cap. Tel: 021-439 7472. ([aidan1302@gmail.com](mailto:aidan1302@gmail.com))

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

## **Lent is a Journey to Wholeness**

Two weeks ago, we began the journey of Lent. Lent is a time when God invites all of us to enter into a deeper relationship with Him. We pursue that through prayer, fasting, acts of mercy and justice, and a return to the Sacrament of Penance. All of us, in different ways, are burdened down by past sins we can't take back; we search for forgiveness and healing, but unable — or more often, unwilling — to let ourselves trust in the goodness of God.

Lent is our pilgrimage to Calvary, and beyond that, to Easter and abundant life. Jesus came to save us; to give us real freedom; to show us that our lives have meaning; that God loves us; that despite all our sins, no matter how dark, he treasures us as his daughters and sons; that suffering has a purpose; that each person no matter how infirm or disabled has dignity; and that death - which is subject to God's sovereignty, not ours - is never the end of who we are.

*“Repent and believe in the Gospel.”* Those are the first words Jesus speaks to the people of his time in the Gospel of Mark (1:15), and he says them just as urgently now, in these days of Lent, to each one of us. The *real* freedom every human heart thirsts for, and which the world so desperately needs, is a big thing that hinges on a seemingly “little” thing: our own personal turning away from sin and toward God, not just with our words but with our whole lives. This is the invitation Lent places before each of us. What we do with it depends on us. **(Archbishop Charles Chaput)**

### **End of Month Building Fund Collection next weekend**

The end of the month Building Fund collection to reduce Church debt will take place at all Masses next weekend, 26/27th March. Up to now we have managed fairly easily to meet the commitment of repaying €40,000 per year for the roof loan. We could struggle this year to find that amount.

### **Trócaire Boxes available in Church**

Each Lent, Trócaire, appeals to the generosity of Irish Catholics to support their many projects in the developing world aimed at alleviating hunger and promoting integral human development. Bishop William Crean, Bishop of Cloyne, & Chairman of Trócaire, is appealing that we make an extra special effort this Lenten season to think of those who live in dire poverty. The box can be returned to the parish office.

### **Matt Talbot Novena**

On Monday 21st March at 7.30m in Togher Church, Fr. Robert McCabe, National Spiritual Director of the Pioneers, will join us for the Matt Talbot Novena. On Monday 28th March it will be a great honour to have Bishop Fintan Gavin as our celebrant and preacher. [www.churchservices.tv/togher](http://www.churchservices.tv/togher). Petitions can be placed in the box at the Shrine of Matt Talbot in Togher Church.

### **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 contact 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.

### **Holy Hour of Adoration**

Each Thursday, parishioners gather from 7pm – 8pm to pray (mostly in silence) to the Lord for the needs of the world. During this Holy Hour we pray especially for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life. We bring before the Lord the names of those who are sick and in need of healing. We pray too for stable and happy marriages. Join with us in praying for the needs of the world.

### **Pilgrimage to Italy 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

A seven-night pilgrimage to Italy in September. Highlights of this tour include: visit to the historic town of Assisi, a Papal audience in St Peter's, and visits to Montecassino Abbey, San Giovanni Rotondo, Monte Sant' Angela and St Mathew's Monastery. Cost €1,195.00. For further details contact Roger, 087 644 2529

### **Regarding Infant Baptism**

A minimum of One Month's notice is required for 'infant baptism'. A pre-baptism instruction is mandatory before parents can have their child baptized. Both parents will have to attend a Pre-Baptism instruction held at Gurrabraher Parish Office on the first Wednesday of each month.

### **Pray for Ukraine – Special Collection on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2022.**

At their Spring General Meeting, the Catholic Bishops of Ireland said, "Already millions of people have been forced to flee their homes as refugees. It is a source of inspiration that people all over Ireland are responding with customary generosity to support humanitarian efforts in this crisis. Many parish communities have already established links with charitable projects to support refugees and those remaining in Ukraine. Recognising these urgent needs, the bishops are asking that a special collection be taken up at all Masses in parishes around the country.

*Tir gan Cultúir – Tir gan t-anam – "A country without a culture is a Country without a Soul"*

### **Sponsored Walk in aid of Ascension Church Refurbishment**

A sponsored walk has been organised in aid of the Ascension Church Building Fund. The sponsored walk will leave Ascension Church at 11am on Easter Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April and will follow a specific route ending in Blarney. Christy's Restaurant will be open where you can purchase a 'Cuppa' and a Scone. There are buses regularly to bring you back into the city. Cards available in the parish office.

### **Parochial Hall Bingo**

Bingo has resumed at the Parochial Hall each Sunday at 8pm. We encourage older parishioners, especially the elderly, to resume playing Bingo and meeting old friends again – enjoy the Craic.

### **#LivingLent**

Archbishop Eamon Martin is encouraging families to pray together and fast for peace this Lent. Archbishop Martin was speaking as he launched the #LivingLent social media initiative for Lent 2022. The #LivingLent initiative offers short daily suggestions on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. These include prayer and Scripture reading suggestions; opportunities for penance and fasting in our daily lives, such as to refrain from gossip; fast from negativity online; give up certain foods; availing of the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession; suggestions for charitable acts like donating to Trócaire and other charities; and donating your time by helping your own family, school, parish. Hashtag #LivingLent can be used and shared to help put themes of prayer, fasting and charity into practice during this Lenten season.

### **Heedless Disregard for Truth is Insane**

Perhaps the most tragic situation we face in the West today is the widespread, heedless disregard for the truth about man's existence and his relationship to God, which has resulted in an arrogant disregard for the reality of things both visible and invisible. The indifference displayed toward understanding reality as it is, in which we are inseparably immersed, and in which we are inescapably bound is patently insane. The poorest of all are those who rush headlong, ignorant of the truth by their own choosing, toward the loss of heaven. *The truth about reality begins and ends in God; the Alpha and Omega of Truth; the omnipotent, omniscient and immutable Being whose divine mind has preordained what is and what is to be. Reality is precisely and exactly what God says it is - nothing more and nothing less. (Pope Benedict XVI, 2011)*

### **Ascension Cross Gurrabraher GoFundMe**

We would like to thank all of those who contribute towards the restoration of the cross on the Church roof. While certainly the insurance will cover the damage done in the process of the cross falling there will be a large amount involved in restoring the cross - and making it durable for the next 100 years. The Parish is not aware of any company offering to do the work for free. Scaffolding is now erected and an assessment is being made of actual costs. We will keep you informed.

### **Our Father as Gaelige**

Ár n-Athair atá ar neamh, Go naofar d'ainim, Go dtagfadh do ríocht,

Go ndéantar do thoil ar an talamh mar a dhéantar ar neamh.

Ár n-arán laethúil tabhair dúinn inniu, agus maith dúinn ár bhfiacha,

mar a mhaithimidne dár bhféichiúna féin. Ach ná lig sinn i gcathú,

ach saor sinn ó olc Amen.