

The Offertory collection last weekend
amounted to €765.

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

**Building Fund Collection last weekend
amounted to €1,200.**

*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

1st May, 2022.

***A priest can be contacted urgently
this Sunday at
Cathedral 086 457 0292***



We pray for those recently deceased...

Hannah Batt, Orrery Road

Requiescat in Pace

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 30th April, (5:30pm)

- i) Michael O'Connell RIP (2nd Anniv)
- ii) Anna Cotter (Thanksgiving Mass)

Sun 1st May, (9am)

- i) Catherine, Christy & Christopher Gregory RIP
- ii) Special Intention

Sun 1st May, (11.30am)

- i) Thomas Sexton RIP (26th Anniv)
- ii) Special Intention

Mon 2nd May, (10am)

- i) Special Intentions

Tue 3rd May, (10am)

- i) Paddy Finn RIP
- ii) Novena 1

Wed 4th May, (10am)

- i) Mary & Michael O'Donovan RIP
- ii) Bridie & Paddy O'Neill RIP (Anniv)

Thur 5th May, (10am)

- i) Ted Kenny RIP
- ii) Novena 2

Fri 6th May, (10am)

- i) The White family RIP
- ii) Rachel O'Leary & Healy family RIP

Sat 7th May, (10am)

- i) Pro Pop



Ascension Parish

Gurrabraher, Cork.

Sunday, May 1st, 2022.

Third Sunday of Easter, (C)

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

Our Blessed Mother came from heaven to show humanity how to love

In 2010, while on pilgrimage to Fatima, Pope Benedict pleaded that the world would listen to the message of Our Blessed Mother at Fatima in 1917. "At a time when the human family was ready to sacrifice all that was most sacred on the altar of the petty - and the selfish interests of nations, races, ideologies, groups and individuals held sway, our Blessed Mother came from heaven, offering to implant in the hearts of all those who trust in her the Love of God burning in her own heart". Mankind has succeeded in unleashing a cycle of death and terror, and is unable to bring it to an end". God now needs prophets – agents of truth and love to bring God's love to the world. Pope Benedict continued: "We would be mistaken to think that Fatima's prophetic mission is complete. ... In Sacred Scripture we often find that God seeks righteous men and women in order to save the city of man and He does the same here, in Fatima, when Our Lady asks: 'Do you want to offer yourselves to God, to endure all the sufferings which He will send you, in an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended and of supplication for the conversion of sinners?'.

"Faith in God opens before us the horizon of a sure hope, one which does not disappoint; it indicates a solid foundation on which to base one's life without fear; it demands a faith-filled surrender into the hands of the Love which sustains the world".

(Pope Benedict – 2010).

Vincent de Paul collection this weekend

St Vincent del Paul will be collecting at all Masses this weekend. The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul exists to fight poverty and work for social justice and the creation of a more just, caring nation. They provide practical support to people in need through their wide range of services. Please help in any way you can by donating to those who are less fortunate.

Diocesan Needs Collection next weekend

The faith community is most present in parishes. Some elements of the ministry, services and mission of the local church are organised at diocesan level. This broad range of diocesan supports and services is funded from the Diocesan Needs Quarterly Collection.

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.

The Women of Faith Conference 2022

The Women of Faith Conference 2022 is LIVE on Radio Maria Ireland on Saturday 7th May from 2pm. Radio Maria Ireland is accessible by: going online at www.radiomaria.ie or listen through your TV on SAORVIEW Channel 210. Speakers from Cuan Mhuire, SMA, and Sisters of Mercy.

Irish Catholic Newspaper - €2.50.

At the request of a number of parishioners we now have on sale in our church, each weekend, the *Irish Catholic Newspaper*. It is the only weekly newspaper that gives a Catholic slant on the news that is happening. We encourage our parishioners to support this newspaper.

Seraphic Mass Cards now €15 each.

A recent order for Seraphic Mass Cards, (padded PVC Covered Cards), shows that they have gone up 40% in price since the last order. This is due to the increase in the cost of materials to make them. It means that the Seraphic Cards, (that have remained €10 for many years) are now costing the sum of €15 each. We hope that our parishioners will continue to take them as they are a very beautiful gift to give at times of bereavement.

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 - 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.

Rosary at the Grottos

The Rosary will be prayed each day during May at grottos around the Island of Ireland. To see a list of locations, or to register a grotto simply visit www.coastalrosaryireland.ie or by texting 087 278 6552. We are praying for Ireland and for peace in the world.

Totus Tuus Pilgrimage to Fatima

Fully escorted group pilgrimage to Fatima – also visiting Valinhos, Aljustrel, & Balasar. Coach from Cork to Dublin airport. 7 nights at €735pps. 5th – 12th Sept 2022. Spiritual Director Fr. Marius O'Reilly. For further details contact Damien Philpott: 087 204 9048

Pilgrimage to Italy 13th 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*

Parochial Hall Bingo @ 8pm every Sunday

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

Free Part-Time Courses @ Cork College of FET, Knocknaheeny

Cork College of FET Knocknaheeny Centre, Harbour View Road. Free Part-Time Courses. Open to all. We have a range of taster and accredited courses, including art, upholstery, sewing, computers, gardening to mention just a few. Call 086 1035343 or email for more information. laura.dwyercanton@corketb.ie

Pope Francis at General Audience: Elderly must be loved and honoured

Pope Francis continued his series of reflections on old age during his catechesis at the General Audience on Wednesday 20 April, the first one to be held in Saint Peter's Square since the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic over two years ago.

The Holy Father noted that through the Word of God (Sir 3:3-6, 12-13.16), we explore a passage on the frailty of old age, more so, revelation opens up a way for reciprocating love by honouring those who have gone before us. This honour, intended for the elderly, is also sealed by God's commandment to "honour thy father and mother." In addition, dignity – the value of respecting and caring for the life of everyone – is essentially equivalent to honour. In spite of the material provisions that richer societies can provide for old age, Pope Francis noted that the struggle for the restoration of "that special form of love, which is honour, still seems fragile and immature."

To promote this love, he urged everyone to offer better social and cultural support to those who are sensitive to this form of the "civilization of love," including transforming how we educate the young about life and its stages. Concluding, the Pope said that love for the human person, including honouring a life lived, is not only a matter for the elderly but is rather "an ambition that will bring radiance to the youth who inherit its best qualities."