

The Offertory collection last weekend

amounted to €925.

*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**

**29<sup>th</sup> May, 2022.**

***A priest can be contacted urgently  
this Sunday at  
Gurrabraher 085 804 1951***



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

*Christine O'Connor, McSwiney's Villas*

*William Killackey, Templeacre Ave*

***Requiescat in Pace***

**Mass Intentions this Week**

**Sat 28 May, (5:30pm)**

- i) Mary McGrath RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)
- ii) Teresa & Finbarr Sutton RIP (Anniv)

**Sun 29 May, (9am)**

- i) Mary Philpott RIP (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv)
- ii) John & Peggy Philpott RIP (Anniv)

**Sun 29 May, (11.30am)**

- i) For all who built up our parish community.
- ii) Novena Mass 1

**Mon 30 May, (10am)**

- i) Special Intention
- ii) Special Intention

**Tue 31 May, (10am)**

- i) Liam Guiney RIP
- ii) Celia Healy's Intentions

**Wed 1 June, (10am)**

- i) Mary & Michael O'Donovan RIP
- ii) Ellen & John McDonnell RIP

**Thurs 2 June, (10am)**

- i) Special Intention
- ii) Novena Mass 2

**Fri 3 June, (10am)**

- i) Special Intention
- ii) Special Intention

**Sat 4 June, (10am)**

- i) Pro Pop



**Ascension Parish**

**Gurrabraher, Cork**

**Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, (C)**

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

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

**Priests of the Parish:**

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

**The Ascension of Our Lord**

This Sunday we commemorate Jesus' ascent to his Father after accomplishing the work He came into this world to do which was to restore the communion that existed in the beginning between creature and Creator – a communion that was destroyed by the disobedience of our first parents when they rebelled against God and refused to live their creaturely status. The Ascension event occurred forty days after Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. On this day, the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven (Luke 24:51; Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9-11). The reality of Christ's Ascension is so important that the creeds (the basic statements of belief) of Christianity all affirm, in the words of the Apostles' Creed: "He ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead." Christ's bodily Ascension foreshadows our own entrance into Heaven not simply as souls, after our death, but as glorified bodies, after the resurrection of the dead at the Final Judgment.

***Our Parish is dedicated to our Ascended Lord. In a plaque in the Sacristy a promise was made by Bishop Lucey in 1956 that "as long as this building lasts prayers will be offered on this day for all who contributed to the building of this church." May God reward with eternal life all who worshipped in this church - and who in difficult times contributed to the building of this beautiful edifice - built for the glory of God.***

### **Building Fund Collection**

The May end-of-month building fund collection will take place at all Masses this weekend. This coming week our Financial Statements for the Year 2021 will be published. It will show again the magnificent contribution of parishioners over that time – and the work that was accomplished in 2021. We ask for your continued support for the Renovation project.

### **St Vincent de Paul Monthly Church-door Collection next weekend**

The monthly Church-door collection taken up by St Vincent de Paul Society will take place at all masses next weekend. Covid-19 restrictions and the war in Ukraine has brought much devastation that is hugely affecting the poorer members of society. We ask you to be generous to this collection.

### **All Ireland Rosary Rally in Knock**

The All-Ireland Rosary Rally will take place on Saturday June 4th from 1.30pm in Knock. A bus will leave from the following areas that morning. Please book early - Cork City - Kay (087 116 5669) & Damien (087 204 9048), (Inniscarra) - Margaret on 087 900 8235 (Wilton) John Joe (087 130 2763) East Cork Nuala (087 2313762).

### **Vigil to the Alliance of the Two Hearts Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June.**

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, 7<sup>th</sup> June. 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.

### **Knock Shrine Scripture Summer School**

A Scripture Summer School is being offered this June at Knock Shrine. In order to facilitate people from across the country and further afield, the Summer School will be offered online and in-person for those who are in a position to travel to Knock. The event, which begins on Thursday 16 June and concludes on Saturday 18 June, will be delivered by Mr Sean Goan and Fr Kieran O'Mahony OSA. The cost for the Summer School is €40. Booking is open now at [www.knockshrine.ie/scripture-summer-school/](http://www.knockshrine.ie/scripture-summer-school/) and those booking will need to select the option to either attend online or in-person at the time of booking.

### **Fr Aidan Vaughan**

Fr Aidan had hip replacement surgery on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> of June and is currently recuperating. We ask that the people of the parish keep him in their prayers as he recovers. His absence, albeit temporary, will impact us greatly at Ascension parish. Go dtuga Dia biseach lé go luath!

### **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.

### **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.

### **Men Only Social Group**

Cork Anti-Poverty Resource Network Clg. Presents A Few Good Men. First Weekly Meeting 26th May 2022 at 7pm, Education & Rights Resource Centre, 5 Churchfield Avenue, Churchfield, Cork T23 FP49 Tel 021 4307969

### **Pope Francis has appealed for peace, entrusting his prayers to Our Lady.**

“Spiritually kneeling before the Virgin, I entrust to her the ardent desire for peace of so many people, who in various parts of the world, suffer the senseless disaster of war”. “To the Blessed Virgin”, the Pope said, “I present in particular the sufferings and tears of the Ukrainian people... In the face of the madness of war, let us continue to pray the Rosary for peace every day.” Pope Francis pleaded with all Christians to pray also for the leaders of nations: “That they may not lose their ‘feel’ for their people who want peace, and know well that weapons will never bring it.” Asking believers to remember all the victims of the war – the dead, including “fallen soldiers on one side or the other”, the wounded, homeless and refugees, the Pope said: “May the Lord send his spirit to make us understand that war is a defeat of humanity.”

### **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.

### **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)*

### **Printer Ink Cartridges Wanted**

We are looking for empty ink cartridges from HP and Canon Printers. These cartridges are recycled and the money obtained is used to purchase 'Tablets' and Laptops for children in schools. Drop them into the church or Parish Office.

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