

The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to €950

*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**

**31st July, 2022**

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

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

Michael John Geaney

*Requiescat in Pace*



**Mass Intentions this Week**

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup> July, (5:30pm)**

- i) Sheila Connors (Recently deceased)
- ii) Special Intention

**Sun 31<sup>st</sup> July, (9am)**

- i) Special Intention
- ii) Special Intention

**Sun 31<sup>st</sup> August, (11.30am)**

- i) Willie O'Shea RIP
- ii) Special Intention

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> August, (10am)**

- i) Special Intention
- ii) Special Intention

**Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> August, (10am)**

- i) Shaunagh O'Riordan-Long RIP (Birth Remb)
- ii) Sr Mary Usifoh's Intentions

**Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> August, (10am)**

- i) Paddy Galgey's Intentions
- ii) Special Intention

**Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> August, (10am)**

- i) Special Intention
- ii) Special Intention

**Fri 5<sup>th</sup> August, (10am)**

- i) Special Intention
- ii) Special Intention

**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> August, (10am)**

- i) Pro Populo



**Ascension Parish**

**Gurrabraher, Cork**

**Sunday, July 31st, 2022**

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Ordinary Time, (C)**

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

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

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

**Priests of the Parish:**

Fr. Tomás Walsh, SMA. 021 - 430 3655. (walshthomas@hotmail.com)

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

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

**THERE IS AN OBJECTIVE TRUTH WHICH MUST BE DISCOVERED**

There is an objective truth that exists outside of us and which must be pursued. Only when we discover this truth will there be peaceful coexistence on earth.

Our culture's complicated relationship with organized religion is closely tied to our culture's complicated relationship with truth. We love our truth, all right, but we treat truth a lot like religion — it's fine, so long as everyone else keeps their truth to themselves. Tolerance — which our culture values over all other virtues — consists in not imposing your truth on someone else.

The problem with this well-meaning attempt at tolerance is that it is unsustainable. It's self-cannibalizing. If there is only your truth and my truth, but no objective Truth, then there is no common ground upon which to meet one another. Either I'm right, or you are, and since there's no middle ground, the matter is only ever settled when one side wins and the other side loses. A world without truth isn't a world liberated from conflict; it's a world without the possibility of reconciliation.

### **Building Fund Collection this weekend**

The July Building Fund collection will take place at all Masses this weekend, 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> July. Thus far, with the help of outstanding efforts made by our Church community, we have managed to meet the commitment of repaying €40,000 per year for the roof loan to AIB. Work continues to take place in Church compound i.e., repair of a section of the roof and replacement of our cross.

### **Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady**

The 71<sup>st</sup> annual Mass and devotions will take place on Feast of The Assumption of Our Lady (Monday 15th August) at the Holy Rosary Shrine, Lee Road, Cork. Rosary at 7pm followed by Mass at 7.30pm. This gathering is a wonderful display of Faith and a strong tradition of 71years.

### **National Novena at Knock Shrine from 14 – 22 August ‘A Journey in Hope’**

The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock offers nine days of reflection, prayer and a chance to connect with faith at Knock Shrine. The purpose of the Novena is to recognise the unique role that Knock, as an International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine, has to play in the life of the Irish Church and to honour Our Lady. Ceremonies will take place at Knock Basilica at 3pm and 8pm over the nine days including a special candlelight procession following the 8pm ceremony.

### **Pope John Paul I beatification set for 4 September**

The Holy See Press Office has announced the beatification of Pope John Paul I, who was born as Albino Luciani in Italy on 17 October 1912. Pope Francis will preside over the beatification Mass in Saint Peter's Square on Sunday 4 September 2022. Pope John Paul I's was the shortest papacy in modern history, reigning for only 33 days. He was first Pope to choose a double name, saying he did so in honour of John XXIII and Paul VI. His successors – John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and Francis – have all praised the man known as “The Smiling Pope”.

### **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 the sick and those in need of healing. We pray too for stable and happy marriages. Join with us in praying for the great needs of the world.

### **Annual Padre Pio Mass**

The annual concelebrated Mass commemorating the day of Padre Pio's ordination to the priesthood will take place on Sunday 7th August from 2.30pm, in the Church of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross, Cork. Confessions will be available from 1.30pm. Also, the anointing of the sick, benediction, and blessing with First Class Padre Pio relics.

### **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 continues at Parochial Hall every Sunday at 8pm. Bingo has been a staple at Parochial Hall for decades and we thank those who attend and continue to support us. Come on your own and find new friends or meet as a group, bring the family. Parochial Hall is wheelchair accessible via the side entrance. Have a great night out and perhaps win a few €€€€.

### **Vigil to the Alliance of the Two Hearts Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August.**

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, 5<sup>th</sup> August. 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.

### **Tesco Blue Token Local Good Cause Award**

Gurrabraher Meals on Wheels has, once again, been nominated by Tesco (Paul Street) to receive a much-needed donation to this wonderful service for our elderly parishioners. We need your help for Gurrabraher Meals on Wheels by using the Blue Token, received at the checkout, to vote for Gurrabraher Meals on Wheels. Please spread the word to everyone you know who shops at Tesco Paul Street. We thank you on behalf of the parish.

### **Mass Collections Update**

Ongoing from next week the Mass collection will no longer take place at the doors of the church. We are reverting back to the pre-Covid 19 system and will, once again, have the collectors in place in the church during Mass. We thank you for your generosity and continued support.

### **Youth 2000 Summer Festival**

Join over 1000 young people between 16 and 35 this August at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival. The festival takes place in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare from Thursday 11th August to Sunday 14th August 2022. For more information and to book your place go to [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

### **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.

### **Visit Ascension Parish Website – [gurrabraherparish.ie](http://gurrabraherparish.ie)**

We invite parishioners to visit our website – [gurrabraherparish.ie](http://gurrabraherparish.ie) - regularly. As well as finding the latest news from the parish there are useful links to other sites. The weekly Newsletter is also available as is the Sunday readings.

**Mass Live each day at 10.am @ [www.gurrabraherparish.ie](http://www.gurrabraherparish.ie)**