

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

21st August, 2022

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

We pray for those recently deceased...

Mary Wyse, Harbour View Road
Patricia Bermingham, f/of Churchfield Avenue
Helen Lucey, Cathedral Road.
David Dunlea, Churchfield Green

Requiescat in Pace



Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 20th August, (5:30pm)

- i) Marie Harris RIP (6th Anniv)
- ii) Eileen Cambridge RIP (1st Anniv)

Sun 21st August, (9am)

- i) Special Intentions
- ii) Special Intentions

Sun 21st August, (11.30am)

- i) Ann Lenihan RIP (26th Anniv)
- ii) Special Intentions

Mon 22nd August, (10am)

- i) Noreen O'Regan RIP (1st Anniv)
- ii) Denise & Robert Cunningham's Intentions

Tue 23rd August, (10am)

- i) Annette Courtney RIP
- ii) Special Intentions

Wed 24th August, (10am)

- i) Timmy & Noreen Byrd's Intentions
- ii) Special Intentions

Thurs 25th August, (10am)

- i) Harry & Hannah Goulding RIP (Anniv)
- ii) Special Intentions

Fri 26th August, (10am)

- i) Special Intentions
- ii) Special Intentions

Sat 27th August, (10am)

- i) Pro Populo



Ascension Parish

Gurrabraher, Cork

Sunday, August 21st, 2022

21st Sunday, Ordinary Time, (C)

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

email: ascensionparish123@gmail.com

Website: www.gurrabraherparish.ie

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

Priests of the Parish:

Fr. Tomás Walsh, SMA. 089-6054771. (walshtomas@hotmail.com)

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

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

Remember the Sabbath Day – and Keep it Holy by Pope St John Paul II

“Those who have received the grace of baptism are not saved as individuals alone, but as members of the Mystical Body, (the Church), having become part of the People of God. It is important therefore that they come together each Sabbath to express fully the very identity of the Church, the *Ekklesia*, (the assembly), called together by the Risen Lord who offered his life “to reunite the scattered children of God.”

Unfortunately, when Sunday loses its fundamental meaning and becomes merely part of a ‘weekend,’ it can happen that people stay locked within a horizon so limited that they can no longer see ‘the heavens.

We need regular rest from work that goes beyond staring at video games or television sets or aimlessly wandering through malls. Families in particular should strive to spend some part of this day in activities that will help nourish and refresh them through the coming week, such as spending time in nature.

Those of you who are parents have a responsibility to help your children, even your grandchildren, to see the importance of Sunday as an opportunity to enjoy family life. Keeping holy the Lord's Day is not only an obligation but also a need. As we thank Christ for liberating us from sin, we should remember that everything belongs to God, including our time. Hence, our duty to keep holy the Lord's Sabbath.

Building Fund Collection next weekend

The August Building Fund collection will take place at all Masses next weekend, 27th/28th August. 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.

Bishop's Statement on Priests' Appointments and The Introduction of Families of Parishes

How priests minister in the parishes of the Diocese of Cork and Ross will change significantly in September. The diocese will have 16 families of parishes and each will be ministered to by a team of priests. Each priest will be resident in a particular parish but ministering across the whole family of parishes. In preparation for the introduction of the families of parishes, a summary of the main points of the pastoral letter will be read at all Masses in our diocese on the weekend of Saturday/Sunday 27th/28th August, 2022.

Pope John Paul I beatification ceremony set for 4 September

The Holy See Press Office has announced the beatification of Pope John Paul I, 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”.

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.

Boxing Clever – 20-week accredited programme

Based around physical health and education. QQI L4 Health Related Fitness and QQI L5 Community Addiction Studies. Runs from Sept to March with 2 hours a day Mon to Thurs. Lectures at College of FET Knocknaheeny and boxing classes at Mardyke Arena UCC. Contact Mark.wright@coolminetec.ie or phone 086 068 3404

CE Scheme Opportunity – Cork Folklore Project

Developmental opportunity – no experience necessary. Accredited training provided. For more information contact Trish/Karen on 021 422 8100

Free Heritage Week Events at Hollyhill Library

Thursday 18th @ 12:30m - Luke Kelly songs presented by Liam Hutchinson
Friday 19th @1pm - David Burke performing live music
Saturday 20th @1pm - Stories of Women from the northside of Cork city during the Revolutionary Years 1916-23 – Shandon Historical Group

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 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 €€€€.

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.

SMA Pilgrimage to Lourdes

A Society of African Missions led pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place this September from Sat 17th to Thurs 22nd with 5 nights of full-board at the 3-star Hotel Roissy – the nearest hotel to the grotto. For more info, contact Fr Martin Kavanagh SMA at 021 429 2871

CONNECT 2

Almost 100 young people, aged between 18 to 35, from all over the Diocese, gathered in UCC in May for the CONNECT event. It was a wonderful day of great joy. The Diocese is delighted to announce that CONNECT 2 will take place in UCC, on Sunday October 16th from 10.30am. Please save the date. It promises to be another great day. More details to follow and the opportunity to register. For now - just save the date!

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.

Trócaire Lenten Appeal 2022

Excerpt from a letter received from Trócaire: “I would like to extend my sincerest thank you to you and your parishioners for your continued support of Trócaire's work, and especially for your generous contributions to this year's Lenten appeal...we were able to shine a light on Zimbabwe and how poverty, climate change and the pandemic are affecting the lives of the communities there, and how people in Ireland can take action to help improve lives in Zimbabwe and around the world.” Caoimhe de Barra, CEO, Trócaire

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We invite parishioners to visit our website – 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