

The Offertory collection last weekend amounted to: €975.

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**

28<sup>th</sup> August, 2022

A priest can be contacted urgently this Sunday at  
Knocknaheeny 086 07 49169

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

David Dunlea, Churchfield Green

*Requiescat in Pace*



### **Mass Intentions this Week**

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> August, (5:30pm)**

- i) Sr Mary Terry RIP
- ii) Special Intentions

**Sun 28<sup>th</sup> August, (9am)**

- i) Agnes D'Souza RIP (Died Recently)
- ii) Special Intentions

**Sun 28<sup>th</sup> August, (11.30am)**

- i) Graham O'Connell RIP (Anniv)
- ii) Stevie Keenan RIP (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv)

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup> August, (10am)**

- i) Martin McDonnell (Get Well)
- ii) Special Intentions

**Tue 30<sup>th</sup> August, (10am)**

- i) Special Intentions
- ii) Special Intentions

**Wed 31<sup>st</sup> August, (10am)**

- i) Special Intentions
- ii) Special Intentions

**Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> September, (10am)**

- i) Special Intentions
- ii) Special Intentions

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept, (10am)**

- i) Nellie Noonan RIP (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- ii) Special Intentions

**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept, (10am)**

- i) Pro Populo



## **Ascension Parish**

**Gurrabraher, Cork**

**Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, Ordinary Time, (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. 089-6054771. (walshtomas@hotmail.com)

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

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

### **Faith in Jesus not possible without the Church**

We hear very often from those who would consider themselves Christians that it is sufficient to have a 'relationship' with Jesus independent of the Church. At a General Audience in Rome in 2012, Pope Benedict XVI explained why this is not possible. He said: "Today there is a widespread tendency to relegate faith to the private sphere. This contradicts the very nature of faith. We need the Church in order to confirm our faith and in order to experience the gifts of God: his Word, the Sacraments, the support of grace and the witness of love." While Benedict XVI accepts that an act of faith in Jesus Christ is an eminently personal act which happens in the deepest part of us and signals a change in direction through personal conversion – "this faith is not the result of my own solitary reflection, it is not the product of my thought; it is the fruit of a relationship, a dialogue, in which there is a listener, a receiver and a respondent... It is like a rebirth in which I am united not only to Jesus, but also to all those who have walked and are walking on the same path - and this new birth, that begins with Baptism, continues for the rest of my life." "I cannot build my personal faith in a private dialogue with Jesus, because faith is given to me by God through a community of believers that is the Church - and which projects me into the multitude of believers who are rooted in the eternal love of God. *No one can have God as his Father, who does not have the Church as his Mother*' (St Cyprian). "A Christian who lets himself be guided and gradually shaped by the faith of the Church, in spite of his weaknesses, his limitations and his difficulties, becomes like a window open to the light of the living God, receiving this light and transmitting it to the world."

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

The August Building Fund collection will take place at all Masses this weekend, 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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 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 give what you can afford to this collection.

### **Cork Deaf Association Church gate collection**

The sum of €347.47 was raised by Anna Cotter and her collaborators, on behalf on the Cork Deaf Association (CDA), as part of their annual church gate collection. This money will go towards services and support groups provided by the CDA such as sign language/lip reading classes, assistive technology and clubs for deaf/hard of hearing children.

### **A Fond Farewell...**

In 2020, Clogheen, Hollyhill, Farranree and Gurrabraher church became a Family of Parishes. It meant that Fr. Greg Howard, (Knocknaheeny) and Fr. John Walsh (Farranree) became regular visitors to Ascension Parish to offer Mass, more so in recent times. We thank them deeply for their time here and wish them well in their new appointments; Fr. Greg in Ballyphehane Parish and Fr. John Walsh in Togher Parish.

### **Legion of Mary – Cathedral/Gurrabraher/Blackpool Parishes**

Annual pilgrimage to Our Lady's shrine at Knock Co. Mayo on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022 (departure details to follow). Price per person is €55 with a deposit of €25 per person required to secure a seat. This fee covers bus, full breakfast and evening meal. For further details contact Bernard Spillane 086 164 8372.

### **Holy Hour of Adoration returns Thursday September 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Each Thursday, parishioners gather from 7pm – 8pm to pray to the Lord for the great and urgent 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.

### **Sincere Thanks to Eily Morris and Supporters**

We thank, once again, Eily Morris and her band of supporters for raising the sum of *Five Hundred Euro* for Church Renovations during month of August. Eily and her supporters have been raising large sums of money for Church Renovations for many years. Well done to all who contribute. May they be blessed with health and peace.

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

### **Pastoral Letter from Bishop Fintan regarding Clerical Changes**

A letter from Bishop Fintan concerning Clerical changes in the Diocese which take effect next weekend is being distributed this morning in all parishes in the diocese. The letter is an explanation from Bishop Fintan on why the changes are necessary - and also a call for those who want the Church to survive in the years ahead to get involved in some role in the church. Everybody has some part to play. As priests become older and scarcer this mission of Evangelization will fall on parishioners who are serious about their faith. Please take a copy home and read it carefully and respond appropriately.

### **Trócaire Lenten Appeal 2022**

Excerpt of a letter received from Trócaire: "I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to parishioners for their continued support of Trócaire's work, especially for your generous contributions to this year's Lenten appeal." Thanks to the generosity of Ascension parishioners the sum of €1,790 was raised to aid this worthy cause.

### **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 €€€€.

### **Vigil to the Alliance of the Two Hearts Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.**

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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept. 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.

### **Only 10 seats left...**

Pilgrimage to Italy for 7 nights on September 13<sup>th</sup> 2022. €1195 per person sharing and includes a fully escorted pilgrimage, return flights Dublin to Rome, coach transfer Cork to Dublin. Highlights include Assisi historic town, Papal audience in St Peter's, Montecassino Abbey, San Giovanni Rotondo, Monte Sant'Angelo and St Mathew's Monastery. For details and bookings contact: Mr Roger Power 087 644 2529.

### **Dominican Centre/St Mary's, Popes Quay Courses on Christianity on Zoom**

A Series of talks on our Christian faith will begin at Dominican Church, Pope's Quay, starting late September. Each talk, (one weekly for seven weeks) will touch on central themes of our Christian faith. Topics include: 1. Who is Jesus, 2. The Liturgy Explained, 3. Introduction to Christian Philosophy, 4. The Book of Revelation, 5. Developing our Prayer Lives, and 6. Who is the Holy Spirit. The course will be on Zoom. You will be provided with an Internet link and a Password to enter the Zoom talks weekly. For more information – email [dominicanscork@gmail.com](mailto:dominicanscork@gmail.com) or call 085 746 4802 between 9am and 5pm.daily. Course costs €70.