

The Offertory collection last weekend  
amounted to: €815

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

The Building Fund Collection last weekend  
amounted to: €1,270

*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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2022**

**A priest can be contacted urgently**

**this Sunday at**

**Gurrabraher 085 804 1951**



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

*Tony Shinkwin, Presentation Road*

*Vincent Rea, Gurrabraher Avenue*

***Requiescat in Pace***



In a world where there is so much noise,  
so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of  
Jesus concealed in the Host. — Benedict XVI

### **Mass Intentions this Week**

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> October, (5:30pm)**

- i) Bridget Foley RIP (Anniv)
- ii) Noreen O'Leary RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)
- iii) John Lyons RIP (Died recently)

**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> October, (9am)**

- i) Special Intention
- ii) Special Intention

**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> October, (11.30am)**

- i) Sr. Patricia O'Regan RIP (Anniv)
- ii) Jeany Kelleher RIP (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> October, (10am)**

- i) Michael Allen RIP (16<sup>th</sup> Anniv)
- ii) Special Intention

**Tue 4<sup>th</sup> October (10am)**

- i) O'Flynn Family (Living & Deceased)
- ii) O'Leary's Special Intentions

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> October (10am)**

- i) Christine Nagle RIP (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv)
- ii) Kathleen O'Mahony RIP (Died recently)

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> October, (10am)**

- i) Dominic O'Boyle RIP (Died recently)
- ii) Special Intention

**Fri, 7<sup>th</sup> October, (10am)**

- i) Maire Keoghan RIP (Died recently)
- ii) Special Intention

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> October, (10am)**

- i) Pro Populo



## **Ascension Parish**

**Gurrabraher, Cork**

**Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**

**27<sup>th</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 (Vigil) & Sundays – 9am & 11.30am.**

### **Only Hope in God can save us from Despair**

Hope is the core of the Christian message. Behind every moment of longing, every spark of desire, every ounce of hope, is the Great Hope, [God], which sustains and underwrites everything. You might call this 'the backstop hope'. Without at least an implicit knowledge of this... the promises of earthly joy would not long sustain the human mechanism...

The increasing despair of our societies is connected to the inability of the little everyday hopes to sustain human desires when the 'backstop hope' has become loosened and unstable that it no longer functions as such. The very fabric of our collective life is unravelling because we have failed to understand something fundamental about ourselves and our needs. This is the nature of what may seem to be a religious crisis, but is in reality an anthropological crisis. We are losing our sense of how to live because we have forgotten what we live for.

Hope really knows but one true essence; it draws us back to the Force or Being out of which, our lives are generated, moment to moment. This is where we must look to find hope – hope directed at the eternal and the infinite - 'the backstop' hope. Anything less reduces man and condemns him, sooner or later to despair.

**John Waters – 'The Backstop Hope, Totus Tuus, January, 2019**

### **St. Vincent de Paul Collection this weekend**

The monthly Church-door collection taken up by St Vincent de Paul Society will take place this 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.

### **Diocesan Needs Collection next weekend 8th & 9th October**

The quarterly Diocesan Needs collection takes place at all Masses next weekend. Your kind and generous support will help Cork & Ross diocese reach to you in your homes and parishes in Pastoral Outreach, Youth Ministry and in caring for our sick and retired priests.

### **An Invitation to Remember**

A Service of Remembrance will be held by Cork University Maternity Hospital on Friday 14th October 2022 at 7.30pm in the Sacred Heart Church, Western Road, Cork. All who have experienced pregnancy or infant loss are welcome to attend. The Service of Remembrance will also be livestreamed at this link <https://www.churchservices.tv/sacredheartcork>

### **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.

### **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 September. 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.

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

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> October. 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.

### **Cork & Ross October Safeguarding Month**

During safeguarding month, we ask you to keep in your prayers those affected by abuse, violence and war. More information can be found at [www.corkandross.org/safeguarding](http://www.corkandross.org/safeguarding).

### **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. Please put the €2.50 into the Shrines.

### **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. Parochial Hall is wheelchair accessible via the side entrance. Have a great night out and perhaps win a few €€€€.

### **Men have forgotten God – that's why all this Happened**

"More than half a century ago, while I was still a child, I recall hearing a number of older people offer the following explanation for the great disasters that had befallen Russia; '*Men have forgotten God; that's why all this happened*'. Since then, I have spent well-nigh fifty years working on the history of our Revolution; in the process I have read hundreds of books, collected hundreds of personal testimonies, and have already contributed eight volumes of my own towards the effort of clearing away the rubble left by the upheaval. But if I were asked today to formulate as concisely as possible the main cause of the ruinous Revolution that swallowed up some sixty millions of our people, I could not put it more accurately than to repeat: '*Men have forgotten God; that's why all this happened*'.” Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, 1983.

### **Holy Hour – October 9<sup>th</sup> @ 2.30pm – for Regeneration of Christian Faith in Europe**

On Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, the annual Coastal Rosary will take place at 2.30pm. Join thousands of people from around Ireland to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith at our coasts, grottos, rivers and Churches. Here in Ascension Parish, we will have a Holy Hour beginning at 2.30pm for the regeneration of faith and culture in Europe. We invite parishioners to join us.

### **Connect 2 – Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup>**

Almost 100 Young adults (18 - 35 years) from across the Diocese joined Bishop Fintan for CONNECT in UCC in May. We are delighted to announce that you can now register for CONNECT 2 in UCC on Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup>. The day begins at 10am and ends with Mass at 4pm in the Honan Chapel. It promises to be a great day of faith, fun, food, and sharing. We will explore how we can all become better Missionary Disciples for the Lord. To register simply visit [www.corkandross.org](http://www.corkandross.org)

### **The Hut Tea Dance 9<sup>th</sup> Oct 3pm**

Gurrabraher/Churchfield Outreach Office will be holding their next Sunday tea dance on the 11<sup>th</sup> September in the Hut in Gurrabraher, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. entertainment, refreshments, raffle etc, this event is free, all welcome, contact Ann or Patricia at 021-4301700 for more information.

### **Cork Autism Online Conference 2022 - Autism: Beyond.**

Sunday, October 23. Speakers include: Dr. Temple Grandin, Dr. Stephen Shore, Dr. Peter Vermeulen and other international speakers. Suitable for autistic people, parents, families, teachers, other professionals and anyone with an interest in autism. Learn more: [www.autismcork.ie](http://www.autismcork.ie)

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