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last weekend
Offertory Collection - €1.012.00

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

*Special thanks to Eily Morris and her
supporters for collecting the sum of €500 in
January and February.*

Building Fund Collection this Weekend

*Donations for roof repairs gratefully accepted at
Parish Office or they can be lodged directly into:*

**Ascension Church Building Fund A/c at
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SUNDAY DUTY ROTA

February 25, 2018

A priest can be contacted if required
this Sunday by phoning:

Gurrabraher 085 804 1951

*“If my people
who are called by my name
Will humble themselves and pray
and seek my face –
and turn from their wicked ways,
then I will hear from heaven
and I will forgive their sin
and I will heal their land.”
- 2 Chronicles, 7:14.*

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat. 24, February

6pm. Pauline Twomey, (Month's Mind) & Denis (25th)

Sun 25,

9am. For Holy Souls

11.30am. Eddie O'Brien, RIP. (1st Anniversary)

Mon 26,

8am. Margaret & Michael Hussey, RIP. (Anniv)

10am. John Burns, RIP. (4th Anniv)

Tue 27,

8am. Novena Mass 9

10am. Sheila Kennedy, RIP, (1st Anniv)

Wed 28.

8am. For the Protection of the Unborn Child

10am. Biddy & Tom Crean, RIP.

Thu 1, March

8am.

10am. Deceased members of Kelleher family

Fri 2,

8am. Novena Mass 1.

10am. Mass for the Holy Souls.

Sat 3,

10am. Pro-Populo.

RECENT DEATHS

We pray for those recently deceased...

***Kathleen (Ka) O'Rourke, Mt Nebo Ave.
Sean O' Sullivan, Cathedral Road***

..... Requiescat in Pace.

*On First Friday of each month a special Mass
(Month's Mind) is offered at 7pm in Gurrabraher
for those who died over the past month. We
specially invite family member to attend and pray
for the person who has died.*



Ascension Parish

Gurrabraher, Cork.

Sunday, February 25, 2018.

2nd Sunday of Lent, (B)

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Weekend Masses – Saturday 6pm (Vigil) & Sundays – 9am & 11.30am.

Stand Up In Defence of Church Teaching

Cardinal Donald Wuerl of the Archdiocese of Washington blasted those who demand free speech for themselves when criticising the Church but who deny the Catholic Church the same right to present beliefs that may offend 'politically correct thinking'. He said "...such people extends freedom only to those who share their new 'moral code' – their redefinition of human life, marriage, sexual activity, and morality. For them it is not bigotry to challenge Catholic teaching. It only becomes bigotry and discrimination, they say, when Catholics assert their beliefs." He lamented the fact that some Catholics who reject Church teaching – who choose to live by another set of values – not only find the voice of Christian values annoying, they would like to see it silenced... thus we have a whole new upside down version of words like 'discrimination,' 'freedom' and 'human rights' - and laws to enforce the new meaning."

"This Lent," Cardinal Wuerl continued, "We all need to ask ourselves if we are prepared to stand up for our beliefs and to speak up in defence of Church teaching... Lent is also a time when we have to deepen our courage not just to hold to what we believe but to be able to speak up on behalf of that faith."

**Stations of the Cross every Friday @ 6pm. We invite all parishioners to
make this special sacrifice for the six weeks of Lent**

Abortion - an Unspeakable Crime

In three months from now the Irish Government is going to ask the Irish people to delete the 8th Amendment to the Constitution of Ireland which states: "***The State acknowledges the right to life of the unborn and, with due regard to the equal right to life of the mother, guarantees in its laws to respect, and as far as practicable, by its laws to defend and vindicate that right.***" This provision in the Constitution has prevented the introduction of abortion in Ireland. In its place the government is proposing to permit abortion on demand for the first twelve weeks of pregnancy and allow politicians in the future to make any determination on this issue.

By twelve weeks the baby in the womb is starting to look more human every day. Even though she only measures 5.5cm her eyes have moved closer together and her tiny earlobes are starting to take shape – and her hair is beginning to grow. She's also gaining some of the skills she'll need after she's born. She can close her fingers to make a fist and use the muscles in her mouth to suck: Also, her reflexes are becoming more honed and she is able to wriggle a little. The mother won't feel her movements yet, but she may see her fidgeting when she views her dating scan. (Most women have their dating scan between eight weeks and 14 weeks of pregnancy). ***All this child asks of you is that you would afford her the same right that was granted to you – namely, the right to be born - and make her own unique contribution in the world.***

VOTE TO RETAIN THE EIGHT AMENDMENT!

Lent – A season to cultivate virtue

"We can think of Lent as a time to eradicate evil or cultivate virtue, a time to pull up weeds or to plant good seeds. Which is better is clear, for the Christian ideal is always positive rather than negative. A person is great not by the ferocity of his hatred of evil, but by the intensity of his love for God. Asceticism and mortification are not the ends of a Christian life; they are only the means. The end is charity. Penance merely makes an opening in our ego in which the Light of God can pour in. As we deflate ourselves, God fills us. And it is God's arrival that is the important event." (***Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen***)

Over 60s Talent Competiton

An 'Over Sixties' talent competition heat will take place at the Blarney Street Community Centre, located at Rock Steps on today, Sunday 25th @ 3pm. All are invited.

Next Pre-Baptism Instruction for those living outside the parish is on this Thursday, March 1st @ 7pm in Parish Office.

All Baptisms Ceremonies in future will be on Saturdays at the new time of 3pm.

Rosary at the Mass Rocks of Ireland

On Sunday, March 18th, at 2.30pm Catholics will gather at ancient Mass rocks and at Abbey ruins in different locations around Ireland to pray that Ireland will choose life and the Christian faith. At these Mass rocks the Rosary will be recited and we will seek to enter communion with the Saints of Ireland of every place and time – imploring their intercession that this generation of Irish Catholics will choose life, and human flourishing and not death and disaster.

Some locations thus far:

i) Ballyshoneen Mass-rock; ii) Beach Mass-rock; iii) Glenville Mass-rock; iv) Gortnacrusha Mass-rock; v) Ballinspittle; vi) Kilbaha beach; vii) Kilcrea Friary; viii) Killesk Mass-rock; ix) Kilocloghane Mass Rock; x) Saints Peter and Paul's Church. More places to be added.

Monster Dublin Rally to save the 8th Amendment

On Saturday 10th March, 2018, thousands of Pro-Life supporters from all over Ireland will gather in Dublin to show the Irish government the size and commitment of those people who fight for the rights of the unborn child. We appeal to our own parishioners who can make it to Dublin to be present on that day. This may well be the most important gathering of people this decade. If interested in travelling by bus please leave your name, address and telephone number in the sacristy – and we will make contact with you.

50th Anniversary of Air Lingus Flight 712 going down over Tusker Rock.

On Sunday, 25th March, 2018, (Palm Sunday), a special Mass will be celebrated at Ballyphehane Church @ 12 noon for the 61 passengers and crew that lost their lives fifty years ago when Aer Lingus Flight 712 went down over Tusker Rock in 1968. The plane had, not long before, left Cork Airport bound for London. Only 14 bodies were ever recovered the remaining 47 have never been found. While the pain and loss was felt far and wide - Ballyphehane parish was particularly hard hit losing one of its priests and other parishioners on their way to London for a great reunion with exiles. After the Mass a memorial stone will be unveiled listing the names of all who lost their lives on flight 712. Fr Murphy invites all who were involved in any way in that tragedy to join with them on that day.

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 those who are sick and in need of healing. We pray too for stable and happy marriages. Join with us in praying for the needs of the world each Thursday evening.