

Thank you for your generosity
last weekend
Offertory Collection - €1,045.00.

Building Fund Collection
Last weekend - €930.00.

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

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

**Ascension Church Building Fund A/c at
AIB Bank
IE65 AIBK 934194 32642064**

SUNDAY DUTY ROTA

March 4, 2018

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

Knocknaheeny 087 6544 836

*"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. 3, March

6pm. Molly & Denis O'Sullivan, RIP. (7th Anniv)

Sun 4,

9am. Jimmy, Annie & Patsy Russell, RIP.

11.30am. Finbarr Kingston, RIP. (1st Anniv)

Mon 5,

8am. Novena Mass 2.

10am. Matthew Buckley, RIP (35th Anniv)

Tue 6,

8am. Novena Mass 3.

10am. Paddy Kelleher, RIP. (3rd Anniv)

Wed 7.

8am. Chrissie Kenneally, RIP.

10am. Jean Forde, RIP (Month's Mind)

Thu 8,

8am. For the Unborn Child

10am. Teresa O'Sullivan, RIP (5th Anniv)

Fri 9,

8am. For the Unborn Child

10am. Michael Collins, RIP. (32nd Anniv)

Sat 10,

10am. Pro-Populo.

RECENT DEATHS

We pray for those recently deceased...

Timothy O'Donovan, Cathedral Road

Richard Harris, St Anthony's Road

Michael White, St Enda's 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, March 4, 2018.

3rd Sunday of Lent, (B)

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

Lent is a Journey to Wholeness

Two weeks ago we began the journey of Lent. Lent is a time when God invites all of us to enter into a deeper relationship with Him. We pursue that through prayer, fasting, acts of mercy and justice, and a return to the Sacrament of Penance. All of us, in different ways, are burdened down by past sins we can't take back; we search for forgiveness and healing, but unable — or more often, unwilling — to let ourselves trust in the goodness of God.

Lent is our pilgrimage to Calvary, and beyond that, to Easter and abundant life. Jesus came to save us; to give us real freedom; to show us that our lives have meaning; that God loves us; that despite all our sins, no matter how dark, he treasures us as his daughters and sons; that suffering has a purpose; that each person no matter how infirm or disabled has dignity; and that death - which is subject to God's sovereignty, not ours - is never the end of who we are.

"Repent and believe in the Gospel." Those are the first words Jesus speaks to the people of his time in the Gospel of Mark (1:15), and he says them just as urgently now, in these days of Lent, to each one of us. The *real* freedom every human heart thirsts for, and which the world so desperately needs, is a big thing that hinges on a seemingly "little" thing: our own personal turning away from sin and toward God, not just with our words but with our whole lives. This is the invitation Lent places before each of us. What we do with it depends on us.

(Archbishop Charles Chaput)

First Friday Holy Communion Calls

Owing to very severe weather over the past few days the Priests were unable to make their First Friday calls to the housebound. Those calls will be made during this coming week. We appeal to parishioners to let us know those who are housebound and would like a visit from a Priest each month with the Sacraments.

Work on Church Roof to begin this coming Week

At long last, work is to begin this week on church roof. The contractors, M/s Jim Davis Construction will carry out the work over a four month period. Scaffolding will soon begin to be erected that will cause some inconvenience for Church goers - but the church will continue to be used throughout the period of construction. The total cost of the project is amounting to over €460,000.00. This is a massive project we are taking on – but it is a project that cannot be delayed any longer for the roof is deteriorating rapidly - and would soon become a health and safety issue. (Were that judgement to be made then the church would be closed – possibly for good). Now that the work is to begin we ask Almighty God to crown our efforts and bring the project to completion. We appeal to parishioners to see if they are in a position to make greater contributions to our Monthly Building Fund appeal.

Lord Mayor and Bishop Buckley to Launch Fundraising Appeal for Church Roof

On this coming Thursday, March 8th at 5pm at Cork City Hall, Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald, the Lord Mayor of Cork and Bishop John Buckley will launch our Fund Raising Appeal for the re-roofing of Ascension parish, Gurranaברה. Cllr Fitzgerald, a former parishioner who has had huge involvement at Ascension parish over many years, has kindly agreed to use his Office as Lord Mayor to appeal to the citizens of Cork to respond generously to our appeal for funds.

Gurranaברה church is a huge feature of Cork city's skyline towering over the other buildings on Gurranaברה hill - and visible from many different parts of the city. The bright illuminated cross is a reassuring sign to the people of Cork that despite tragedy, pain and hardship God lives among his people.

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

Second collection next weekend

The second collection next weekend goes to the Catholic Bishops' Conference to help it run its different Commissions such as to immigrants, prisoners, etc. The Irish Bishops' appeal to your generosity.

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) Gort-nacrusha Mass-rock; v) Ballinspittle; vi) Kilbaha beach; vii) Kilcrea Friary; viii) Killesk Mass-rock; ix) Kilcloghane Mass Rock; x) Saints Peter and Paul's Church. More places to be added.

Monster Dublin Rally to save the 8th Amendment

Next 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.

Easter Triduum Cards

Easter Triduum Mass Cards are now available in Parish Office at a cost of €2 each, (5 for €10). These Three Easter Masses will ask for God's blessing and protection on all who will receive these Cards. We ask for your support for these Easter Mass Cards as the Church is in urgent need of funds.

Next Pre-Baptism Instruction for those living outside the parish is on Thursday 5th April @ 7pm in Parish Office. All Baptisms Ceremonies on Saturdays at 3pm.