

Thank you for your generosity  
last weekend  
Offertory Collection - €725.00

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

**Bishops' Commissions collections today**

*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  
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### SUNDAY DUTY ROTA

**March 11, 2018**

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

**Clogheen 087 150 7486**

*"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. 10, March**

6pm. Joe & Crissie Cronin, RIP, (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

**Sun 11,**

9am. Mary O'Sullivan, RIP

11.30am. Ed (Nezer) Doherty, RIP. (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

**Mon 12,**

8am. Novena Mass 4.

10am. The Kelleher & O'Callaghan Families.

**Tue 13,**

8am. For Protection of the Unborn

10am. Michael & Ann Bluett

**Wed 14.**

8am. Novena Mass 5

10am. Bridie Radley, RIP (Died Recently)

**Thu 15,**

8am. Novena Mass 6.

10am. Michael Veale, RIP

**Fri 16,**

8am. Novena Mass 5

10am. For those who died by Suicide

**Sat 17,**

9am. Amelia, Michael and Susan Sheehan, RIP

11.30am. Seán Burns RIP & Twomey Family

### 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.**

**Thomas O'Donoghue, 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*



**Ascension Parish**

**Gurrabraher, Cork.**

**Sunday, March 11, 2018.**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, (B)**

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

### **St Patrick's Day – Next Saturday**

St Patrick's Feast Day each year gives the Irish nation scattered around the globe an opportunity to reflect on the heritage bequeathed by St Patrick and his early companions. Patrick's gift of Christianity to the Irish people was unquestionably the greatest gift any person could bestow on a nation. For up to the coming of Christianity the native Irish lived lives bound by primal fears and superstition - and were enslaved by dark forces.

The really great Theologian of the 20th century, Fr Henri de Lubac, described the radicalness of Christianity. He wrote: "The revelation of the God of the bible - the self-disclosure in history of the one God who was neither a wilful tyrant (to be feared), nor a carnivorous predator (to be appeased), nor a remote abstraction (to be ignored), was indeed seen as a great liberation. Now human beings, because they were created by a loving Creator were neither the playthings of the gods nor the passive victims of fate. Because they could have access to the one true God through prayer and worship, those who believed in the God of Israel knew they could bend history in a human direction. History was thus an arena of responsibility and purpose". Hence, from Patrick's time on there was a huge flourishing in culture and learning. That was particularly manifest in Irish literature, art, music, religious expression, jurisprudence and in the desire for freedom – it was especially manifest in compassion and solidarity for weaker members of society. Only those who know the real value of freedom - and know the oppressive nature of most non-Christian cultures will know for sure the gift that Patrick brought to the Irish: and will work to ensure that this culture is preserved for future generations.

## **St Patrick's Day – Mass Schedule**

**Friday, 6pm.** Vigil Mass of St Patrick. **Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup>** - 9am & 11.30am.

***The Mass on Saturday evening at 6pm is the Vigil Mass of 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent.***

*There will be a special collection at all Masses on St Patrick's Day for Irish Emigrants exiled in different parts of the world. This collection goes to minister to these Emigrants – many of whom live in tragic conditions.*

## **Lord Mayor and Bishop Buckley Launch Appeal for Church Roof**

We sincerely thank our Lord Mayor, Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald, Bishop John Buckley and other Public Representatives for their presence at City Hall on Thursday last as we launched our appeal for funds to replace the roof on Gurrabraher church. It was a really great occasion enjoyed by all present. We sincerely thank the Lord Mayor for taking the time from his heavy schedule to host the event. We know that Cllr Fitzgerald, a former parishioner of Gurrabraher - really wants to see our Church regain its former splendour. May God bless all who were present at the event.

## **Rosary at Mass Rocks and Holy Places next week.**

Last November over 30,000 people gathered around the coast of Ireland to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith in Ireland. Christians now intend to gather again on Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm at our Mass Rocks and other Holy Sites, to ask Our Lady, and the saints of Ireland to intercede for Ireland that it remains Christian – that it continues to be a 'Light on a Hill'. Cork Locations are: Beach Head Mass Rock, Glenville Mass Rock, Gortnacrusa (Ballinspittle), Kilcrea Friary (Ovens), St Peter and St Paul's Church, Cork city. ***For more information - [www.coastalrosaryireland.ie](http://www.coastalrosaryireland.ie) or ring 087 2786552 after 3pm.***

## **Easter Triduum Cards**

Easter Triduum Mass Cards are now available in Parish Office at a cost of €2 each, (6 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 5<sup>th</sup> April @ 7pm in Parish Office.***

***All Baptisms Ceremonies on Saturdays at 3pm.***

## **Second collection this weekend**

The second collection this weekend goes to the Catholic Bishops' Conference to help it run its different Commissions to immigrants, prisoners, families, unmarried mothers, etc. The Irish Bishops' appeal to your generosity.

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

## **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Air Lingus Flight 712 going down over Tusker Rock.**

On Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> 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 on that day 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.

## **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.

***Please support Church roof Appeal – Envelopes available in Church***