

Thank you for your generosity
last weekend
Offertory Collection - €1,045

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

*Second Collection last Weekend
to help run Bishop's Office - €850.*

**Second Collection this weekend for
Church Building Fund**

*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

January 28, 2018

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

Cathedral: 087 2381187

***"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. 27, January

6pm. Seán O'Brien, RIP. (1st Anniversary)

Sun 28,

9am. Mattie Daly, RIP

11.30am. Paddy O'Donovan, (Died recently)

Mon 29,

8am. Mary O'Sullivan, RIP (34th Anniv)

10am. Charlie Brown, RIP.

Tue 30,

8am. Novena Mass 9.

10am. Jack O'Shea, RIP

Wed 31,

8am. Vera Hegarty, RIP.

10am. John & Margaret Linehan, RIP (Anniv)

Thu 1, February

8am. Novena Mass 1.

10am. Denis & Mary Linehan, RIP (Anniv)

Fri 2,

8am. Novena Mass 2.

10am. For all who died through suicide)

Sat 3,

10am. Pro-Populo.

RECENT DEATHS

We pray for those recently deceased...

Thomas Crean, Gurrabraher Avenue.

..... *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. TK23 HK31
Sunday, January 28, 2018.
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, (B)

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

Saint Brigid of Kildare, (Naomh Bríd). (Thursday 1st February)

On February 1st we celebrate the feast of St Bridget of Kildare. Bridget, after St Patrick, is the second patron saint of Ireland. Each year the Church in Ireland reminds us of the nobility of her heroic deeds - and of the assistance she continues to bring us from her heavenly home. Bríd, (c. 451–525), is one of Ireland's best known saints, along with Patrick and Columba.

Irish hagiography makes her an early Irish Christian nun, an Abbess, and founder of several monasteries of nuns, including that of Kildare, which became famous as a place of learning. Her feast day is 1st February, which was originally a pagan festival called Imbolc, marking the beginning of spring. Her feast day is shared by Dar Lugdach, whom tradition says was her student and the woman who succeeded her as Abbess.

Almost from the very beginnings of Christianity in Ireland we see those imbued with the Christian faith, (men and women), bringing enlightenment, illumination and hope to the Irish people. Make no mistake about it – an Ireland without her Christian faith – and where all traces of her Christian roots are erased from public consciousness - will not be a more enlightened, tolerant society. It will revert again to a savage state where we will be monsters to each other. May Naomh Bríd help us rediscover what it is to be Christian – and what it is to be human.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord – Friday 2nd February

This feast recalls Mary and Joseph bringing the infant Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem to dedicate the child to God in keeping with Jewish tradition. There they meet the old man Simeon who refers to the child as ‘the light of the nations’. He also looks ahead to Jesus’ adult life and foretells his death. (Luke 2:22-40). In Luke’s scripture passage, Simeon predicts that a sword would pierce Mary’s heart too:

“... Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, ‘Look, he is destined for the fall and for the rise of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is opposed – and a sword will pierce your soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare’.”

This feast finishes the story of the Nativity - but, with Simeon’s words, we are pointed towards the Easter event.

Traditionally, on this day all candles to be used for Christian worship are brought to church and are blessed. (bring your candles on that day for blessing. **On this day too the Christmas crib is dismantled and put away for another year.**

Feast of St Blaise – Saturday 3rd February (Blessing of Throats)

Saint Blaise was a physician and bishop of Sebaste, Cappadocia, Asia Minor, now Turkey. He was a physician who called often on God’s help, when human wisdom could take him no further. Blaise later became a priest - and bishop and was hugely popular for his healing ability. A story told of a mother who brought her child who was choking to death on a fishbone to Blaise and who was restored to health was sufficient for a cult to spring up around Blaise. This cult continued after his death and many miracles were reported through the intercession of St Blaise. He was martyred for his faith in 316. Blaise is one of the most popular medieval saints, solemnly venerated as the patron saint of sufferers from diseases of one kind or another – particularly throat diseases. The prayer used in the blessing of throats says:

*Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr,
May God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other evil.*

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje – May, 2018.

A pilgrimage to Medjugorje is being organized for 31st May, 2018. It is 7 nights half board in Pansion Darko, close to St James’ Church. Flight is from Cork and all transfers included in price. Total cost is €719.00. Group Leader is Roger Power and a Spiritual Director will accompany the group. **Payments for trip can be made in instalments at Sacristy after Saturday evening Masses and after 11.30am Masses on each Sunday mornings.**

Tuesday Prayer Group

The Tuesday Prayer Group that meet at the Parish Office will resume meeting on Tuesday, 6th February at 7.30pm. They invite new members to join them. It generally last for about one hour.

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. The unborn have no voice to plead for life than ours. If interested in travelling by bus please leave your name, address and telephone number in the sacristy – and we will make contact with you.

CHRISTMAS DUES ENVELOPES

The Christmas and Easter dues, along with the Christmas Day collection; along with stipends received from funerals, baptisms, marriages etc, are what maintains the priests of the parish. From that income the priest has to pay health insurance; run a house, heat, light, and maintain his car. We appeal to you to return your Christmas Dues envelope. Please be generous to your priests.

Regarding Infant Baptism

A minimum of One Months’ notice is required for ‘infant baptism’. *A pre-baptism instruction is mandatory before parents can have their child baptized. Next Pre-Baptism Instruction for those living outside the parish is on*

Thursday, February 1st @ 7pm in Parish Office.

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

Lourdes 2018 – Young Adult Helpers.

The Diocese of Cork and Ross invites Young Adults 18-25 year olds to come to Lourdes as helpers from 11th to 16th June. As helpers you will assist with the sick and be involved in the full pilgrimage programme; as well as time for prayer, for making new friends and sharing in the story of Lourdes. Limited number of places. Closing date for applicants is 28th February 2018. This volunteering for Lourdes has proven to be a life-changing experience for many young people who have gone there. And they show it by returning year after year. If interested please see Fr Tomás Walsh.