

Thank you for your generosity
last weekend
Offertory Collection - €1,020.

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

Bishops' Commissions collections
last weekend - €505.

Collection at St Patrick's Day Masses for
Irish Emigrants – many who live in
destitution abroad.

*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 18, 2018

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

Cathedral 087 238 1187

*"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. 17, March

6pm. Michael & Christine Hegarty, RIP. (Anniv)

Sun 18,

9am. Betty Price, RIP (4th Anniv)

11.30am. Eileen Greene, RIP.

Mon 19,

10am. Michael & Kathleen Collins, RIP.

Tue 20,

8am. Novena Mass 8

10am. Michael Dineen, RIP (41st Anniv)

Wed 21.

8am. Kitty Gould & Grandson, Eric RIP.

10am. Elizabeth & Thomas Manley, RIP

Thu 22,

8am. Jimmy & James O'Keeffe, RIP

10am. For the Protection of the Unborn

Fri 23,

8am. Novena Mass 9

10am. Paddy & Nora Cotter & Family

Sat 24,

10am. Pro-Populo

RECENT DEATHS

We pray for those recently deceased...

***Eugene Bermingham, Mt Eden Road
Ellen Shinkwin, Churchfield Square***

..... 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 18, 2018.

5th Sunday of Lent, (B)

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

St Patrick, Patron of Ireland - and one of the world's most popular Saints.

Patrick, Apostle of Ireland, was born in 387 probably in Wales and died in Downpatrick, Co Down in March, 461. As a boy of fourteen or so, he was captured by a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. Ireland at this time was a land of druids and pagans. He learned the language and practices of the people who held him. During his captivity, he turned to God in prayer. He wrote: "The love of God grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was elevated, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same." "I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain." Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain, where he was reunited with his family.

Some years later he had another dream in which the people of Ireland were calling out to him "We beg you, holy youth, to come and walk among us once more." He began his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years. Later, Patrick was ordained a bishop, and was sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. He arrived in Ireland March 25, 433.

Patrick and his disciples preached the Good News of Jesus Christ which deeply touched the hearts of the pagan Irish - and many converted to the faith that brought liberation from superstition, fear and the powers of darkness. Even Kings, their families, and entire kingdoms converted to Christianity when hearing Patrick's message. Patrick was a humble man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us. He feared nothing, not even death, so complete was his trust in God, and of the importance of his mission.

Church Building Work - Disruption

The work on the Church roof will begin in earnest on Tuesday, 20th. This will cause some disruption especially during weekdays when work will be in progress. While things will continue as usual we ask all parishioners to obey 'Health and Safety signs' around the Church compound. Unfortunately, what will be disrupted will be Funerals at Ascension Church. ***For the duration of the works all Funerals will be diverted to neighbouring churches of choice.*** The priests of the parish will of course assist at these Funerals.

Office Hours – (Mon – Fri: 10.30 – 12.30)

For the foreseeable future the Office times will be limited to two hours daily - from 10.30 – 12.30am daily – Mon – Fri. That means that the Office will not be open in the afternoons or the evenings. We ask Church goers who will read this notice to make it know to other parishioners. We apologise for this inconvenience.

Rosary at Mass Rocks and Holy Places this Sunday.

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 today Sunday March 18th at 2.30pm at our Mass Rocks and other Holy Sites across Ireland***, 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 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.

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.

Envelopes for Donations to Parish Roof

Presently, an 'envelope and letter of appeal' is being dropped into all homes in the parish soliciting for funds for the church roof. We ask you to encourage parishioners who only occasionally use the church to be generous to this appeal. It is only right that this huge debt is shared by all parishioners – and not only the regular church-goers who week after week keep the church open and beautiful.

Also, there are plenty of envelopes and 'appeal letters' – if you would like to collect some for your friends outside the parish – and for your employers please collect same in Sacristy.

The human being is essentially a religious being made for God

The institutions and laws in what we call the "Western world" presume a Christian anthropology; a Christian definition of the meaning of life. In this definition or understanding - the human person is not a product of nature or evolution. He is not a creature of the state or the economy. Nor, for that matter, is he the slave of an impersonal heaven. Man is first and fundamentally a religious being with intrinsic worth, a free will and with inalienable rights. He is created in the image of God, by God and for God. Because we are born for God, we belong to God. And any claims that Caesar (human authority) may make on us, while important, are secondary. **(Archbishop Charles Chaput – 2014)**

John Bruton - Ireland should be Proud to Defend the Unborn

Former Taoiseach, John Bruton, has spoken strongly against repeal of the Eighth Amendment and said that Ireland should be "proud" of having protection of the unborn child enshrined in its constitution. He confirmed that he will be voting 'No' to change. "I think if you accept that a child, before birth, is human then you have to ask yourself as a human being, does it have human rights? If it is to have human rights, then surely the first right it must have is the right to life."

Palm (Passion Sunday) next week.

We are now entering the final weeks of Lent – our preparation period for Easter. Next Sunday we celebrate the Lord's entry into Jerusalem (Passion Sunday) where Jesus will be betrayed, tortured and put to death. Passion Sunday helps us to enter the holiest week of the Church's year. We appeal to all parishioners to avail of the time left in Lent to purify themselves and walk with Jesus along the Via Delorosa, (the Way of Sorrow). May we arrive at Easter with minds and hearts renewed.

Next Pre-Baptism Instruction on Thurs day, April 5th, at 7pm in Parish Office