

Thank you for your generosity
last weekend
Offertory Collection - €890.00

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

*Second Collection last Weekend
Church Building Fund - €880.*

**Second Collection next weekend –
Lourdes Invalid 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
IE65 AIBK 934194 32642064**

SUNDAY DUTY ROTA

February 4, 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. 3, February

6pm. Michael Keating, RIP

Sun 4,

9am. Julia Collins, RIP

11.30am. Ellen, Jeremiah & Eleanor Kenefick, RIP

Mon 5,

8am. Elizabeth, Michael & Arthur Murphy RIP

10am. May & Con Twomey, RIP.

Tue 6,

8am. Novena Mass 3.

10am. John & Julia McGrath 7 family members

Wed 7,

8am. Amelia, Michael & Susan Sheehan, RIP

10am. Mass for Holy Souls

Thu 8,

8am.

10am. Pauline Twomey, RIP

Fri 9,

8am. Novena Mass 4,

10am. Eileen Green, RIP. (3rd Anniv)

Sat 10,

10am. Pro-Populo.

RECENT DEATHS

We pray for those recently deceased...

Jean Forde, Orrery Road.

Michael John O’Leary, Bakers’ 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. TK23 HK31
Sunday, February 4,, 2018.
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, (B)

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

When the Church speaks we are obliged to Listen and Obey

The Catholic Church makes an amazing claim: that it teaches, governs, and sanctifies with the authority of Christ himself. The purpose of this authority is to give the Church the ability to teach without error about **what is essential for our salvation**. Jesus said "On this rock, I will build My Church, and the powers of hell shall not prevail against it" (cf. Mt 16:18).

We believe then that, because of Christ's continued presence and guarantee, when his Church issues an official statement concerning faith, worship and morals we are obliged to treat it very seriously indeed. For when the Church speaks it is not an opinion that is being expressed but a teaching that concerns our very salvation.

For as long as the Church has been around it has consistently spoken on behalf of those who have no one to speak for them – the unborn. It has equally described “abortion as an abominable crime that cries to God for vengeance” Up to very recently, no politician, or any other person for that matter, would have dared claim to be Catholic and yet defy clear, consistent Church teaching. We are witnessing today an extraordinary denial and disobedience that is diabolical in its origins. Our country certainly needs prayer.

Please take my Hand – Not my Life

Clogheen/Kerry Pike National School

Clogheen/Kerry Pike National School are holding an 'Open Evening' on Wednesday 7th February from 7pm – 8-30pm. It's a small school but has big opportunities. Parents and children welcome.

Garda Pancake Morning – 13th February

Gurrabraher Gardaí are organising their Annual Charity Pancake morning at the Rock Steps Community Centre, on Blarney Street, on Tuesday, 13th February from 9.30pm to 12.30pm. Proceeds this year go to Cork City Hospitals' Children's Club. Pancake and a drink cost €3.

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.

Calling Young people

We invite young people who may wish to know more about the Christian faith to make contact with one of the priests of the parish. They will be directed to where they can, along with people of their own age, delve into the mystery and encounter Jesus, the Risen Lord.

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.

Next Pre-Baptism Instruction for those living outside the parish is on

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

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

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.

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.**

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.

Without God, the Creator, the creature would disappear

"When the sense of God is lost, the sense of man is also threatened and poisoned, as the Second Vatican Council concisely states: "Without the Creator the creature would disappear ... Man then is no longer capable to seeing himself as 'mysteriously different' from other earthly creatures; he regards himself merely as one more living being, as an organism which, at most, has reached a very high stage of perfection. Enclosed in the narrow horizon of his physical nature, he is somehow reduced to being 'a thing', and no longer grasps the 'transcendent' character of his 'existence as man'. He no longer considers life as a splendid gift of God, something 'sacred' entrusted to his responsibility and thus also to his loving care and 'veneration'. Life itself becomes a mere 'thing', which man claims as his exclusive property, completely subject to his control and manipulation."
(Evangelium Vitae. No. 22. Pope John Paul II).