

Thank you for your generosity  
last weekend  
Offertory Collection - €960.00

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

**Second Collection this 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  
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**SUNDAY DUTY ROTA**

**February 11, 2018**

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

**Farranree: 087 096 7177**

*“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, February**

6pm. Eily and Donie Walsh, RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

**Sun 11,**

9am. Personal Intentions

11.30am. Kathleen Murphy, RIP

**Mon 12,**

8am. Mary White, RIP

10am. Murray & Curtin Families - RIP

**Tue 13,**

8am. Novena Mass 5.

10am. Margaret Cashman-O'Brien, RIP

**Wed 14, (Ash Wednesday)**

8am. Denis, Bridget & John McCarthy, RIP

10am. Margaret O'Callaghan, RIP

**Thu 15,**

8am. Novena Mass 6.

10am. Kathleen Nagle, RIP (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**Fri 16,**

8am.

10am.

**Sat 17,**

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 11, 2018.  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, (B)**

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

**LENT SHOULD 'SHAKE US FROM OUR TORPOR'**

Observing that “we live in an increasingly artificial world” in which “we exclude God from our horizon without even realizing it,” Pope Francis said that the season of Lent calls us back into a right relationship with God - “to remember that we are God’s creatures, and will only find fulfilment and happiness when we live our creaturely status - we are not God.”

Pope Francis emphasized prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. “All three involve the need not to be dominated by the appearance of things.” He said; “the appearance of things does not matter - nor does the value of life depend on the approval of others or on success, but from what we are inside.”

“Lent comes providentially each year to rouse us, to shake us from our torpor, from the risk of moving forward by inertia,” he added. “The exhortation that the Lord speaks to us through the prophet Joel is loud and clear: ‘Return to me with all your heart’ (Joel 2:12). Why must return to God? Because something is wrong in us, in society, in the Church - and we need to change, to turn things around, to repent!”

**ASH WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> February - Day of Fasting and Abstinence**

Blessing & distribution of Ashes will take place after the **8am & 10am** Masses celebrated at Ascension parish. The wearing of ashes on the forehead on that day is a sign - and an indication - that the person wearing the Ashes wants to turn away from sin and live according to Gospel values.

### **Encountering Family in the Gospel:**

A special talk exploring the meaning of family as portrayed in the Gospels will take place at North Cathedral on Monday 19<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 10:30am to 11:45am. This is in preparation for the Icon pilgrimage which will come to Cork on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. These sessions will be facilitated by Fr Charlie Kiely and Sr Karen Kent. All are welcome.

### **Icon of Holy Family visits North Cathedral**

The Icon of the Holy Family which will be used at the "World Gathering of Families" in Dublin in August 2018, will be on display at the Cathedral for a number of days starting on Thursday, 22 February, 2018 and continuing until Monday 26, February. Catholics are asked to visit the Icon and pray for God's blessings on their families. The programme is as follows:

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - 7:30pm. Welcome celebration for Icon in the Cathedral

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February - 3:00pm. to 4:00pm. Special Prayers for Vocations in families.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February - 3:00pm. Ecumenical Service – North Cathedral

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February - Departure of Icon to Skibbereen.

### **Fresh Perspective on Faith for Young People**

An eight week film series for those aged between 20y-35y who want to explore questions of faith and doubt - who want to discuss their world view or wrestle with things that don't make sense. It begins on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm at Scala (Redemptorist Community) directly across the road from Blackrock Castle. For more information visit [www.scala.ie](http://www.scala.ie) or on Facebook at Scala Cork.

### **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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

***Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7pm in Parish Office.***

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

### **Garda Pancake Morning – 13<sup>th</sup> February**

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

### **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.

### **Monster Dublin Rally to save the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment**

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2018, thousands of Pro-Life supporters from all over Ireland will gather in Dublin to show the Irish government the resolve of those 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 other 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.

### **Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes – February 11<sup>th</sup> – World Day of the Sick**

On this Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes the Church asks Christians to intensify their commitment to the sick and the aged. In Pope Francis' Message for World Day of the Sick he asks us to show our love for God by taking the sick into our special care. He wrote: "The Church's special mission is to bring to the sick the Lord's own gaze, full of tenderness and compassion." Pope Francis said: "Caring for the sick will always be a necessary and fundamental task of the believing community." He singled out for special mention families who care for loved ones in their own home. He said: "We cannot forget the tender love and perseverance of many families in caring for their chronically sick or severely disabled children, parents and relatives. The care given within families is an extraordinary witness of love for the human person; it needs to be fittingly acknowledged and supported by suitable policies." He entrusted all who are sick and all who are engaged in this special ministry to Our Blessed Mother that she may sustain them in hope.