

Thank you for your generosity
last weekend
Offertory Collection - €987.00

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

Collection for Irish Emigrants Overseas
last weekend - €505.00

Building Fund Collection to day
for Roof Repairs

*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

March 25, 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. 24, March

6pm. Chrissie Kenneally, RIP

Sun 25,

9am. Tony Downey, RIP (7th Anniv)

11.30am. Tony Dalton, RIP (40th Anniv)

Mon 26,

8am. For the Protection of the Unborn.

10am. Robert Hayes, RIP

Tue 27,

8am. For the Protection of the Unborn.

10am. John Bruton, RIP (24th Anniv)

Wed 28.

8am. Hannah & Patrick O'Callaghan & Lily O'Neill, RIP

10am. Mark Hogan, RIP (21st Anniv)

Thu 29, (Holy Thursday)

Mass of Chrism in **Cathedral @10am.**

Mass of Lord's Supper @ 7pm.

Fri 30, (Good Friday)

Stations of the Cross @ 12 midday

Celebration of Passion @ 3pm.

Sat 31, (Holy Saturday)

Vigil Mass of the Resurrection @ 7pm.

RECENT DEATHS

We pray for those recently deceased...

**Corneilus O'Callaghan, Formerly Bakers Road
Robbie O'Driscoll, Churchfield Avenue.
Corneilus McSweeney, Cathedral Road
Eugene Bermingham, Mt Eden 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.

Sunday, March 25, 2018.

Passion Sunday, (Palm), (B)

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Priests of the Parish:

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

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Today, Palm Sunday, Christians enter the holiest week in the Church's calendar culminating with His resurrection on Easter Sunday morning. Palm Sunday marks the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, the week before his death and resurrection. The Bible reveals that when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds greeted him by waving palm branches and covering his path with palm. Immediately following this great time of celebration in the ministry of Jesus, he begins his journey to the cross. No one who really calls himself/herself Christian should need reminding of the sacredness of this Season - and of their solemn duty to journey with the Lord over these days.

Good Friday Collection for Holy Places

The Archbishop who looks after the Eastern Churches has urged all Catholics around the world to contribute generously to the annual Good Friday collections, which supports the struggling Churches in the Holy Land and throughout the Middle East. Against enormous odds these Christians continue to bear witness to their faith in Christ Jesus. Cardinal Leonardo Sandri said that the funds donated on Good Friday help Christians who face "war, poverty, terrorism, violence, division." He remarked that the collection is one way to help assure the continued presence of Christianity in the Holy Land - and thus to form "a strong bond between all Christians across the world and the holy places." Please be generous to this collection.

Please take home the Schedule of Ceremonies over the Easter Period

The Mass of the Chrism celebrated in the Cathedral

Bishop Buckley invites parishioners to attend the **Mass of the Chrism at the Cathedral on Holy Thursday @ 10am**. The Chrism Mass is celebrated each Holy Thursday morning, when the Bishop of a diocese along with all his priests gather in his Cathedral church to fulfill two sacred duties, i) to consecrate and bless the three holy oils used in the Church's ministry throughout the year, and ii) to renew and rededicate themselves to the ministerial priesthood to which they have been called.

The Holy Oil of Chrism is used for the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Ordination; ii) the Oil of Catechumens is used for anointing those preparing for baptism and the Oil of the Sick is used to bring healing in the Sacrament of Anointing. These holy oils, flowing from the Body of Christ on the Cross, are channels of grace to eternal life - gateways to heaven. They are the sacred means by which the Holy Spirit, poured out afresh, heals, animates and strengthens God's people, for service and mission, bringing new life and energy to Christ's Church.

St Vincent de Paul's Monthly Collection – Sunday, April 8.

The monthly collection for St Vincent de Paul, usually taken up at Church-doors on the first Sunday of each month, has been postponed in the month of April to the second Sunday, 8th April due to Easter Sunday. It asks you to be generous in the collection on that day.

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, celebrated on Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday and on Easter Monday 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.

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 extra envelopes and 'appeal letters' – we ask that you would collect some for your friends outside the parish – and for your employers.

New Gurrabraher Website – gurrabraherparish.ie

The parish now has a new live website gurrabraherparish.ie We invite parishioners to visit the site - and to inform others of this new development. We hope that it will keep you informed and up-to-date on parish activities. Visit the Gallery page and see plenty of photos of parish events. Find the daily readings and visit the links provided for sound Catholic faith. Let us know what you think?

Experience True Liberation through the Sacrament of Confession

In 2016, Pope Francis appealed to all Priests to restore the Sacrament of Confession to the very centre of liturgical life. He pleaded that Confession, the great treasure of the Church, be made more readily available in the lives of Christians.

The mystery of God's involvement in the world can to be summed up in the word 'mercy', which reached its culmination in Jesus of Nazareth. "Mercy... is God's definitive choice in favour of every human being for eternal salvation".

This divine mercy can freely reach all those who invoke it. "This way is Jesus, who has 'the authority on earth to forgive sins', and has transmitted this mission to the Church. The Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation is the special place to experience God's mercy and to celebrate the encounter with the Father".

"Every repentant faithful, after the priest's absolution, has the certainty, through faith, that his sins no longer exist, that they have been cancelled by divine mercy. Every absolution is, in a certain sense, a jubilee of the heart that brings joy not only to the faithful and the Church, but above all to God Himself" ... "It is important, therefore, that the confessor also be a 'channel of joy', and that the faithful, after receiving forgiveness, no longer feel oppressed by guilt but may instead savour the work of God Who has liberated him, live in gratitude, be ready to make amends for the evil committed, and reach out to his brothers with a good and willing heart".

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 – 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.

Politicians who publicly support abortion and euthanasia are not fully Christian

Politicians who publicly support abortion and euthanasia do not "share fully in the faith of Christ," ... "Every Catholic is a missionary of the good news of the dignity and sanctity of the human person made in the image of God and redeemed through the human body of Jesus Christ His Son on the Cross." ... "No one, least of all those who exercise leadership in society can claim to share fully and practically in the faith of Christ who at the same time publicly support practices of abortion and euthanasia."

"If to be truly Catholic and truly Christian is to be pro-life than any person who embraces an ideology or political stance which does not by law protect the most innocent among us, including the unborn, then they've renounced the very heart of Catholic Social Teaching, which has as its foundation the word of God and the very design of human nature."

(Bishop Daniel Thomas of the Catholic Diocese of Toledo, March 2018)

***Next Pre-Baptism Instruction for those living outside the parish is on
Thursday 5th April @ 7pm in Parish Office***