

Thank you for your generosity  
last weekend  
Offertory Collection - €845.00

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

Building Fund Collection  
last weekend - €910.00

Thanks to Eily Morris and her supporters  
for another donation of €500.00

*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**

**April 1, 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. 31, March. (Holy Saturday)**

7pm. Easter Triduum Mass

**Sun 1, April. (Easter Sunday)**

9am. Easter Triduum Mass

11.30am. Easter Triduum Mass

**Mon 2, (Easter Monday)**

10am. Easter Triduum Mass

**Tue 3,**

8am. Elizabeth, Aurthur & Michael Murphy, RIP

10am. Protection of the Unborn

**Wed 4.**

8am. Denis, Bridget & John McCarthy, RIP

10am. Breda, Mossie, Eleanor & Christy Crean, RIP

**Thu 5.**

8am. Protection of the Unborn

10am. Michael Keohane, RIP. (13<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**Fri 6.**

8am. Marian Healy, RIP (Died Recently)

10am. Mass for the Holy Souls

**Sat 7.**

10am. Pro Populo

### **RECENT DEATHS**

*We pray for those recently deceased...*

**Michael Hogan, Churchfield Road  
David Mulcahy, Churchfield 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.**

**Sunday, April 1, 2018.**

**Easter Sunday, (B)**

**Parish Office – 021-4303655 (If Urgent: 085-8041951)**

email: [ascensionparish123@gmail.com](mailto:ascensionparish123@gmail.com)

[www.gurrabraherparish.ie](http://www.gurrabraherparish.ie)

### **Priests of the Parish:**

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Fr. Aidan Vaughan, OFM, Cap. Tel: 021-4397472. ([aidan1302@gmail.com](mailto:aidan1302@gmail.com))

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

### **The Lord is truly risen, Alleluia**

Easter is the oldest of all the Christian holidays and the most important feast of the ecclesiastical year. In fact, most of the important celebrations of the liturgical year are arranged around the central Christian feast of Easter. The Roman Catholic Church always marks Easter on the first Sunday that follows the first full moon of the Spring Equinox. The date therefore changes each year and can fall on any Sunday between March 22 and April 25.

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the central truth of the Christian faith – that there is life beyond death. His appearance to his disciples after his resurrection showed that Christ was able to deliver on his own promise – and, therefore, is able to deliver on the promise made to all those who accept him as Lord and Saviour. An empty tomb would not have been enough to convince disciples deeply traumatized by Christ's brutal execution that Christ was in fact alive. But now that they had seen Him alive; they go out to the world and proclaim that Jesus is the Way to the Father and to future glory. Indeed, the early Christians staked their lives on this central truth that life does not end at death – that there awaits each man and woman the reward of his/her life's work.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen and Christ will come again. Alleluia!**

### **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, 8<sup>th</sup> April due to Easter Sunday. SVP asks you to be generous in the collection on that day.

### **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.

### **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.

### **New Gurrabraher Website – [gurrabraherparish.ie](http://gurrabraherparish.ie)**

The parish now has a new live website [gurrabraherparish.ie](http://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?

### **Divine Mercy at St Augustine's @ 2.00pm.**

Next Sunday, the first Sunday after Easter, is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. The feast highlights the fact that an ocean of mercy flows from the heart of the Risen Christ. Jesus had said before he died: "When I am lifted up from the earth I shall draw all people to myself." Jesus' death on the Cross shows the length that God is prepared to go to bring us back to Him. The celebration will be celebrated at St Augustine's, Washington Street beginning at 2.00pm. A number of priests will be there for Confessions before the Mass at around 4pm.

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

### **March for Life in Cork next Saturday**

Following the mass turn-out of over 100,000 people in Dublin on March 10<sup>th</sup> in support of the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Irish Constitution – people from around Munster will gather next Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm at the Grand Parade to show Munster's support for retaining the 8<sup>th</sup> amendment which guarantees the protection of the right to life of the unborn child. We appeal to all our parishioners to show your support for this march. Support for the unborn, at a time when the womb has become the most dangerous place in the world for the developing child, is surely the biggest human rights issue of this generation. The most altruistic act we can perform at the present time is to work to protect the unborn.

### **Papal Mass at Phoenix Park, Dublin, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August**

As you all know Pope Francis is coming to Ireland to celebrate Mass for the World Meeting of Families on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2018. This Mass will bring to a close a week of activities centered around the family – an event that will bring families from all over the world to Dublin. If we can get enough people from Gurrabraher parish to fill a bus we will go from here that Sunday morning and return that evening after the Mass in the Phoenix Park. Tickets for the Mass will be available free of charge – the only expense will be the cost of transport. Many of us remember Pope John Paul's visit to Ireland in 1989 and the memories it left ever afterwards. We hope Catholic families of this generation will give the same great experience to their own children. Please leave your name and phone number in Sacristy as soon as possible.

### **Cork ARC need volunteers**

Cork ARC Cancer Support House is looking for Volunteers to help with their Annual Flag Day at Singleton's SuperValu, Hollyhill on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2017. This Volunteer Fundraising will help Cork ARC to continue to offer their vital cancer support services free of charge to cancer patients and their families. Please contact Rachel on (021) 4275050 or e-mail [fundraising@corkcancer.org](mailto:fundraising@corkcancer.org) support.ie. For more information about the work we do please visit [www.corkcancersupport.ie](http://www.corkcancersupport.ie)

### **Easter Collection for Priests of the Parish**

The collection taken up at all Masses this weekend along with the Easter dues is what goes towards supporting the priests of the parish, Fr Aidan and Fr Tomás. We ask you to please be generous to your priests.

### **Easter Blessings to all**

A special Easter Blessing to all our Parishioners. We are deeply grateful to all involved in the Easter Ceremonies - our Choir, Readers, Communion Ministers, Collectors, Sacristan, and to Ed Connolly and Tom for their work on the Easter Garden - and to all whose presence each week ensures that our Church is kept open for future generations. Happy Easter to all in Gurrabraher.