

Thank you for your generosity  
last weekend  
Priests' Easter Collection - €1,690.00  
Fr Aidan and Fr Tomás  
deeply appreciate your generosity.

**Amount collected on Good Friday for  
Holy Places in the Middle East - €700.00**

*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

**April 8, 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. 7 April,**  
6pm. Patrick Cummins, RIP  
**Sun 8,**  
9am. Christy & Catherine Gregory and Christopher, RIP  
11.30am. Donal Hanover, RIP  
**Mon 9,**  
8am. For protection of the Unborn  
10am. Pauline Waters, RIP (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv)  
**Tue 10,**  
8am. For protection of the Unborn  
10am. O'Mahony family – (Living and dead)  
**Wed 11,**  
8am. Nora Hegarty, RIP (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv)  
10am. For protection of the Unborn  
**Thu 12,**  
8am. Novena Mass 1.  
10am. Mary Hogan, RIP  
**Fri 13,**  
8am. Novena Mass 2.  
10am. May Ricken, RIP. (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv)  
**Sat 14,**  
10am. Pro Populo

### RECENT DEATHS

*We pray for those recently deceased...*

**Betty Deveraux, Churchfield Avenue,  
Rita Looney, Cathedral Road,  
Maria Connolly, Churchfield Hill,  
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 8, 2018.

## Divine Mercy Sunday, (B)

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

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

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

Fr. Tomás Walsh, SMA. Tel: 021-4303658. (tomas.walsh@sma.ie)

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

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

### Divine Mercy Sunday



This, the Second Sunday of Easter, is designated as Divine Mercy Sunday. From the diary of a young Polish nun, a special devotion began spreading throughout the world in the 1930s. The message is nothing new, but is a reminder of what the Church has always taught through scripture and tradition: that God is merciful and forgiving and that we, too, must show mercy and forgiveness. But in the Divine Mercy devotion, the message takes on a powerful new focus, calling people to a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available to everyone — even the greatest of sinners.

The message and devotion to Jesus, **The Divine Mercy**, is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread around Europe.

The message of mercy is that God loves us no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

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

A number of priests will be there for Confessions before the Mass beginning at 4pm.

### **The Resurrection - a historical reality**

The message of Easter is that death does not have the last word, because Life will be victorious at the end... This certainty of ours is based not on simple human reasoning but on a historical fact of faith: Jesus Christ, crucified and buried, is risen in a glorified body. The Resurrection "is not a theory, but a historical reality": "It is not a myth nor a dream, it is not a vision or a utopia, it is not a fairy tale, but it is a singular and unrepeatable event: Jesus of Nazareth, son of Mary, who at dusk on Friday was taken down from the Cross and buried, has victoriously left the tomb and is alive." And so ever since the dawn of that first Easter, a new Spring of hope has filled the world; from that day forward our resurrection has begun, because Easter does not simply signal a moment in history, but the beginning of a new condition. "Jesus is risen not because his memory remains alive in the hearts of his disciples, but because he himself is alive and lives in us, and in him we can already savour the joy of eternal life." (Pope Benedict, Easter 2009.)

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

### **St Vincent de Paul's Monthly Collection – This Weekend**

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 this Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> April. SVP asks you to be generous to this collection today. **SVP are also looking for volunteers for their shop in Gerald Griffin Street beside North Pres Convant. For further information contact Mark Hussey at 086 0495712.**

### **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.

### **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?

### **Envelopes for Donations to Parish Roof**

An envelope and letter of appeal for Church roof has now been dropped into all homes in the parish soliciting for funds for the church roof. We appeal to all parishioners to be generous with this appeal. We ask especially 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 in the parish. **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.**

### **SMA Pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> May**

The Society of African Missions (SMA Fathers) are holding their annual pilgrimage to Knock, on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May. It is an occasion each year when the SMA celebrates the missionaries who have gone out from Ireland to bring the Good News to people the world over. A number of buses are going from Cork on that morning and will return that evening. If anyone is interested in going please see Fr Tomás as soon as possible.

### **Polio Survivors Ireland**

'Polio Survivors Ireland' (previously called Post-Polio Support Group Ireland), are looking to compile a Register of all burdened by Polio disability in Cork. The group is committed to working to improve the quality of life for those with Polio. For further information visit the website [www.polio.ie](http://www.polio.ie) or talk to Niamh Murphy at 086 3188 727

### **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.support.ie](mailto:fundraising@corkcancer.support.ie). For more information about the work we do please visit [www.corkcancersupport.ie](http://www.corkcancersupport.ie)

**Next Pre-Baptism Instruction for those living outside the parish is on  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May @ 7pm in Parish Office**

**CORK MARRIAGE & FAMILY COUNSELLING CENTRE**  
FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY COUNSELLING

**CALL 021-4275678 TO SIMPLY SET UP A PRELIMINARY APPOINTMENT TO SEE IF  
COUNSELLING MAY HELP.  
PROFESSIONAL, CONFIDENTIAL, AND EXPERIENCED CLINICIANS.**