

Thank you for your generosity
last weekend
Offertory Collection - €985.00

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

**Special thanks to Eily Morris and her
supporters for again raising the sum of
€500 for roof repairs.**

**Quarterly collection towards the running
of Bishop's Office this weekend.**

*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 15, 2018

A priest can be contacted if required
this Sunday by phoning:
Gurrabraher 085 804 1951

*"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. 14, April.

6pm. Carmel Healy, RIP. (1st Anniv)

Sun 15,

9am. Finbarr Kingston, RIP.

11.30am. Pat O'Gorman, RIP

Mon 16,

8am. For protection of the Unborn

10am. Novena Mass 3.

Tue 17,

8am. Novena Mass 4.

10am. For Crowley family – Living and dead.

Wed 18.

8am. Novena Mass 5.

10am. Dommie Myers, RIP, (4th Anniv)

Thu 19.

8am. Novena Mass 6.

10am. Mary Ann O'Mahony, RIP

Fri 20.

8am. For Protection of the Unborn.

10am. Denis O'Brien, RIP.

Sat 21.

10am. Pro Populo

RECENT DEATHS

We pray for those recently deceased...

**Sadie Ryan, Gurrabraher Avenue,
Eddie Waters, Churchfield Green,
Betty Deveraux, Churchfield Avenue,
Rita Looney, Cathedral 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, April 15, 2018.

3rd Sunday of Easter, (B)

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

Human Life is Sacred and Precious – Bishop Buckley

In a Pastoral Letter to all Catholics in the Diocese of Cork and Ross, Bishop Buckley, this weekend, appeals to all Catholics to speak up for the unborn. He says: **“There is no cause more noble than to stand up for those who can never stand up for themselves.”** He writes: “Once again, after thirty years, we are facing a referendum on abortion. Irish people are again being asked to speak up for the infants in the womb who have no voice to beg for protection for their lives which are just beginning. This will be a very important moment in Irish history. Ireland will be the first country in the world to hold a referendum to introduce abortion by popular vote. Will the people of Ireland decide that there no safe place for the unborn?”

“We can choose to retain the 8th Amendment, under which doctors and hospitals will protect the lives of both baby and mother to a standard of care that is considered the highest in the world or we can repeal the 8th Amendment and leave babies with no protection whatsoever.

“The legislators will then be able to propose laws for abortion right up to birth - with no restrictions - and over which the people of Ireland will have no control. We will never again have a more important vote. There is no cause more noble than to stand up for those who can never stand up for themselves. Never before in history have we had so much scientific proof that the unborn baby, is in fact, a living, breathing human being.”

Bishop Buckley concluded his Pastoral Letter by calling on “Our Blessed Lady to protect all mothers, all unborn babies, all medical and nursing staff and all who make the laws of our land.”

The Bishop's Letter is available in the Church this morning.

Please give to your friends and family members.

Parish Office Hours – (Mon – Fri: 10.30am – 12.30am)

The Parish Office times will be limited to two hours daily - from 10.30am – 12.30am; Mon – Fri. We ask Church goers who will read this notice to make it know to other parishioners. We apologise for this inconvenience.

Papal Mass at Phoenix Park, Dublin, Sunday 26th August

Pope Francis will celebrate Mass for the World Meeting of Families on Sunday 26th 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. It is planned to have a bus go from Gurrabraher 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 great memories it left ever afterwards. Please leave your name and phone number in Sacristy as soon as possible.

The Greatest Danger to Europe is Tiredness

The rise of National Socialism and Nazism in Germany was seen as alarming by many German intellectuals in the 1930s but most thought (wished) it would simply go-away. In a prophetic Conference held in Vienna on May 7, 1935, the German philosopher Edmund Husserl warned, "The greatest danger to Europe is weariness". He wrote: "There is a danger of despair, a loss of a sense of values, leading to estrangement, collapse and ultimately to barbarism". Eighty years later, the same fatigue and passivity still dominate Western European societies. This exhaustion is seen in Europe's falling birth rates, the mushrooming public debt, chaos in the streets, and Europe's refusal to invest resources in its security and military might.

An Islamist challenge to this tired and decaying society could be a decisive one. Only Europe's Christian population is barren and aging. The Muslim population is fertile and young. "In most European countries - including England, Germany, Italy and Russia the Christian death rates outnumbered Christian birth rates from 2010 to 2015".

It seems that Europe's societies consider themselves so strong and their ability to absorb mass immigration so extensive, that nothing will prevent them from believing they can assimilate and manage terrorist acts just as they do automobile fatalities or natural disasters. A tiredness also seems to be why these countries do not take meaningful measures to defeat jihadism, such as closing Salafist mosques or expelling radical imams." ... The most likely scenario is that everything will continue: the internal fracture of Europe, two parallel societies and the debasement of Western culture. Piece by piece, European society seems to be coming irreparably apart.

Giulio Meotti, Cultural Editor for Il Foglio, is an Italian journalist and author.

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

EWTN 54-Day Rosary Crusade

EWTN has organized a 54 Day Rosary Crusade to protect Ireland from the evil of abortion. It will end on Thursday 24th May, the day before the Referendum. Please see www.rosaryforireland.com for more information.

"We want to inspire as many people as possible to pray the Rosary at this time. We, therefore, ask that you tell as many people as possible about this Novena, eg. family, friends and other email contacts who you think might join with us to pray the Rosary for Ireland and for the unborn.."

Those who tune in to EWTN will have noticed that EWTN has already started broadcasting this Rosary for Ireland across all of the English-speaking countries: Ireland, Britain, Europe, USA, Canada, Asia, Africa, Pacific, including Australia & New Zealand. It is also being translated into Spanish for broadcast across south America.

SMA Pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday, 26th May

The Society of African Missions (SMA Fathers) are holding their annual pilgrimage to Knock, on Saturday 26th 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.

Mass Cards available for all occasions

Mass Cards are available at the Parish Office for all occasion, RIP, Get Well, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Exams, etc. – the intentions are included in Nine Masses (Novena) celebrated each month in the parish. Card cost €3.

Holy Hour of Adoration – Each Thursday from 7pm to 8pm.

We invite parishioners to join us each Thursday evening for a quiet hour with the Lord. This hour is a powerful escape from the busy world and for coming into communion with Jesus, Our Lord. During this Holy Hour, (mostly in silence), we pray especially for vocations to the Priesthood and religious life. We bring before the Lord the names of those who are sick and in need of healing. We pray too for stable and happy marriages.