

Thank you for your generosity  
last weekend  
Offertory Collection - €1,040.00

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

*Quarterly collection - Bishop's Office last  
weekend - €530.*

**End of Month Building Fund Collection  
for April next 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  
IE65 AIBK 934194 32642064**

### **SUNDAY DUTY ROTA**

**April 22, 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. 21, April.**

6pm. Molly & Denis O'Sullivan, RIP

**Sun 22,**

9am. Elizabeth (Betty) Power, RIP (15<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

11.30am. Kathleen Collins, RIP (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**Mon 23,**

8am. Novena Mass 7.

10am. Chrissie Kenneally & John Hegarty, RIP

**Tue 24,**

8am. John Aherne, RIP

10am. Brendan Buckley, RIP (Birthday Anniv)

**Wed 25.**

8am. Novena Mass 8.

10am. Laboure Coleman, RIP (9<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**Thu 26.**

8am. John Horgan, RIP

10am. Kitty O'Keeffe, RIP

**Fri 27.**

8am. Nora Horgan, RIP.

10am. Protection of Unborn.

**Sat 28.**

10am. Pro Populo

### **RECENT DEATHS**

*We pray for those recently deceased...*

**Sadie Ryan, Gurrabraher 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 22, 2018.**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, (B)**

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

**God is Love!**

We are known and loved - each of us - by God. We hear the words of Jesus in the Gospel today confirming these truths in the Good Shepherd discourse. To be fruitful disciples, we must first allow ourselves to be shepherded. We must allow the wounded and lost parts of our own hearts to be found and healed by love himself. This truth is radical and bold, especially in our country today. Instead of following the trends of self-dictated autonomy, we hear of a God who literally destroyed the power of death over us as a means to prove His love for us. His knowing of us is deeper and more intimate than any mother and infant bond. The love of Christ pours out with the power of a hundred Niagara Falls as He tells us that each one of us is loved, wanted, and sought after no matter how far we stray.

During this Easter season, it's a great time to pray a little more and to start to respond to the call of the Good Shepherd. I know that with my children, deep knowing comes through time. The more years we spend together, the more deeply rooted we grow as a family and the more we truly know each other. This Easter, I want to be spending even more time allowing my heart to grow with Christ - to let him parent my heart as his child - and grow in intimacy with him. "Let us be convinced of this and it will be for us a source of immense strength: God may allow me to occasionally lack money, health, abilities and virtues, but He will never leave me in want of Himself." (from "Searching for and Maintaining Peace: A Small Treatise on Peace of Heart" by Fr. Jacques Philippe). (LPI Website)

**"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you –  
It was I who knit you together in your mother's womb.**

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

Pope Francis will 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. **A bus will go from Gurrabraher on that Sunday morning and return that evening after the Mass in the Phoenix Park.** Tickets for the Mass will be available free of charge – a sum of €50 will be charged to cover the cost of transport plus a full Irish Breakfast on the journey to Dublin and a three course dinner served up on the way down. We ask parishioners to indicate immediately if they intend coming by leaving name and telephone number in Sacristy. All attending the Mass will be expected to bring their own seating for the event. It might be a good time now to buy those seats – as they will escalate in price as we get closer to the event.

### **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.

### **The Story of Little Nellie of Holy God**

The story of Little Nellie of Holy God will be told on this coming Friday morning, 27<sup>th</sup> April, @ 11.30am - at the Hut. Light refreshments will be served up on that morning. All welcome. For more information contact Mr Noel Dempsey 087 131 6639.

### **Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel – Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> April.**

A special Mass will be celebrated by Bishop John Buckley at St Augustine's Church, Washington Street, at 8pm on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April, to conclude the Novena to Our Lady of Good Counsel. In 1903 Leo X111 approved a feast and a special Mass in honour of the Mother of Good Counsel. The confusion of ideas in the world, especially in religious matters, and the widespread social and political turmoil surely emphasize the need of good counsel, which would show people the way out of the chaos of their making and lead them on the way of peace and salvation. The Mother of Good Counsel, filled with divine counsel, offers help to her helpless children.

***The Bishop's Pastoral Pro-Life Letter on forthcoming Referendum is available in the Church. We ask parishioners to please take them - and distribute them widely.***

### **Pro-Life Address in Church this morning**

Ms Ann Daly of the Pro-Life Campaign has been given permission by Bishop John Buckley to speak at all Parish Masses in Gurrabraher this weekend. We thank Ann and the Pro-Life Campaign for the huge effort they put in, in attempting to keep Ireland free of Abortion. To quote a line from Bishop Buckley's Pastoral Letter – ***“There is no cause more noble than to stand up for those who are unable stand up for themselves.”***

### **Building Fund collection next Weekend**

The second collection next weekend will be the regular monthly collection for the Building Fund. We ask all parishioners to be extra generous to this monthly collection. The work on the roof is now well underway - work that will cost almost half a million Euro to complete. It is by far the biggest work undertaken in Gurrabraher since the Church was opened in 1955. We implore God's blessings on this project that we will get the wherewithal to bring the mission to completion.

### **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 24<sup>th</sup> May, the day before the Referendum. Please see [www.rosaryforireland.com](http://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..”

### **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.

### **Man estranged from God has a propensity to Destroy – even himself**

The insertion of the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Irish Constitution was a truly prophetic event in 1983. It happened at a time when ‘rationalism’ was on a rage to destroy all that was wholesome and true in our civilization. The amendment was the result of long hard slogging by real Prophets who saw clearly that man in his estrangement from God has a propensity to destroy - even himself. This amendment has afforded protection to the unborn – and has made Ireland one of the safest places in the world both for the unborn and for mothers. This 8<sup>th</sup> amendment stands between us and hell. Let us do everything we can to retain it in our Constitution.

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