

Thank you for your generosity
last weekend
Offertory Collection - €890.00

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

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

SUNDAY DUTY ROTA

April 29, 2018

A priest can be contacted if required
this Sunday by phoning:
Knocknaheeny 087 654 4836

*"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. 28, April.

6pm. Keith Kelleher, RIP

Sun 29,

9am. Cor Karel, RIP, (2nd Anniv)

11.30am. Mossie Crowley, RIP.

Mon 30,

8am. Novena Mass 3.

10am. Protection of the Unborn.

Tue 1 May,

8am. Peter Rennie, RIP

10am. Chrissie & John & Connie Hegarty, RIP.

Wed 2.

8am. Novena Mass 1.

10am. Paddy & Mary O'Brien, Brien, RIP.

Thu 3.

8am. Dan Cronin, RIP

10am. Jerry Guiney, RIP (25th Anniv)

Fri 4.

8am. Novena Mass 2.

10am. Mass for Holy Souls.

Sat 5.

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 29, 2018.

5th Sunday of Easter, (B)

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

Not a single thought given for the unborn child

The different political parties – and other groups – are presently in the process of displaying posters appealing for a 'Yes' or 'No' Vote in the forthcoming referendum. On the 'Yes' side - those who wish to repeal the 8th amendment and allow abortion on demand – tell us that the referendum is about compassion for the woman; it is recognizing her right to choose; it is about taking away the burden of her having to make the long journey to England for her abortion. Notice there is not a single thought given for the unborn child; not a hint that what is at stake is the extinguishing of created human life – 1.5 billion in the last fifty years. Not a whisper of any type of reflection on the morality and consequences of good and bad actions.

Incredibly, we are witnessing today the eclipse of faith and reason, those gentle guides that steered western civilization towards the uplifting vision that every human life is profoundly meaningful, infinitely mysterious and inextricably linked to every other human being that has ever existed. With this eclipse of faith and reason we can no longer see beyond what is perceptible or what can be verified in a lab and so are excluded from partaking in the mystery of life. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, prophetically warned in 1994, that abortion blinds us to all that is true and noble in our world. She said: **"Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion... The child is God's gift to the family. Each child is created in the special image and likeness of God for greater things — to love and to be loved. In this year of the family we must bring the child back to the center of our care and concern. This is the only way that our world can survive because our children are the only hope for the future.**

(Mother Teresa at National Prayer Breakfast, Washington 1994)

Building Fund collection this Weekend

The second collection this weekend is 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.

Without the Creator the creature would disappear

"When the sense of God is lost, the sense of man is also threatened and poisoned, as the Second Vatican Council concisely states: "Without the Creator the creature would disappear ... Man then is no longer capable to seeing himself as 'mysteriously different' from all other earthly creatures; he regards himself merely as one more living being, as an organism which, at most, has reached a very high stage of perfection. Enclosed in the narrow horizon of his physical nature, he is somehow reduced to being 'a thing', and no longer grasps the 'transcendent' character of his 'existence as man'. He no longer considers life as a splendid gift of God, something 'sacred' entrusted to his responsibility and thus also to his loving care and 'veneration'. Life itself becomes a mere 'thing', which man claims as his exclusive property, completely subject to his control and manipulation."
(Evangelium Vitae. No. 22. Pope John Paul II).

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje – May, 2018.

A pilgrimage to Medjugorje will leave Cork on 31st May, 2018. It is 7 nights half board in Pansion Darko, close to St James' Church. Flight is from Cork and all transfers included in price. Total cost is €719.00. There are still some places available on that Pilgrimage. Group Leader is Roger Power. See Roger Power if interested.

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. 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.

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

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

Pope Francis' Mass in the Phoenix Park

Pope Francis will celebrate Mass in the Phoenix Park, Dublin, 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 **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. Thus, it might be a good time now to buy those seats – as they will escalate in price as we get closer to the event.

First Friday Calls to Housebound in Parish

Fr Tomás & Fr Aidan will visit the homes of the housebound of the parish during the coming week. We ask parishioners to bring to our notice those who would like the Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion each month.

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 appeal to as many as possible to pray the Rosary at this time that Ireland might be spared the scourge of abortion.

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 8th 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 8th amendment stands between us and hell. Let us do everything we can to retain it in our Constitution.