

Thank you for your generosity
last weekend
Offertory Collection - €1,010.

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

**Building Fund Collection for April last
weekend - €1,150.**

*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

May 6, 2018

A priest can be contacted if required
this Sunday by phoning:
Clogheen 087 150 7486

*"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. 5, May.

6pm. Paul Wall, RIP (19th Anniv)

Sun 6.

9am. John Brown, RIP

11.30am. William Wilkinson, RIP (2nd Anniv)

Mon 7.

No 8am Mass today.

10am.

Tue 8.

8am. For the Unborn

10am. John O'Driscoll, RIP. (9th Anniv)

Wed 9.

8am. Novena Mass 3.

10am. John O'Brien, RIP.

Thu 10.

8am. Novena Mass 4.

10am. Richard Harris, RIP. (Died recently)

Fri 11.

8am. Novena Mass 5.

10am. Hughie Russell, RIP, (1st Anniv)

Sat 12.

10am. Pro Populo

RECENT DEATHS

We pray for those recently deceased...

..... 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, May 6, 2018.

6th Sunday of Easter, (B)

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

The Womb has become the most dangerous place in the world for a child

In the last fifty years abortion has snuffed out the lives of 1.5 billion infant human beings worldwide – and the horror continues with over fifty million aborted throughout the world every year. Today, the womb has become a battlefield – one of the most dangerous places in the world for a child: and in the vast, vast majority of cases for no other reason than it interferes with lifestyle. How can reasonable people - other human beings – permit this holocaust? How can the heart be so numbed – the conscience so silenced? How can politicians assert on one hand the nobility of Human Rights law and on the other enact legislation for the deliberating killing of the most defenseless of all of the human community? How can medical professionals whose Hippocratic Oath warns them to 'Do no harm' participate in this killing spree?

Ireland voting 'Yes' to repeal the 8th amendment to the Constitution will not be voting for progress. There is nothing progressive about permitting abortion! Abortion will bring Ireland back to the 'Dark Ages' as it has other nations who have permitted it. Respect and reverence for human life, from its very beginning to its natural end, has distinguished the Jewish/Christian culture from anything else that has ever existed in the world – and given the western world its freedom, its values, its laws and cultural expression. When many countries today are trying to row back from its liberal abortion régimes that has dehumanized their societies will Ireland blindly follow this path – thereby separating itself from its Christian past? May God enlighten us?

Easter Dues Envelopes

This week we distribute the Easter Dues Envelopes to the houses of the parish. They were delayed in going out before Easter to enable parishioners to respond to the Special Envelope Appeal for the roof. (That appeal so far has brought in the magnificent sum of over €11,000.00). The 'dues envelopes' is your personal support for the priests of the parish – Fr Tomás and Fr Aidan. We ask all parishioners to continue to be generous to the support of their priests.

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.

Collection for the Diocesan Pastoral Development Office next weekend

A special collection will be taken up in all churches of the diocese next weekend for the diocesan Pastoral Development Office. Your generosity to this collection enables the office to continue to offer training and formation for pastoral groups and parish ministries, adult faith development opportunities, and the preparatory programme towards the World Meeting of Families.

Cork Eucharistic Procession – June 3, 2018.

On the Feast of Corpus Christi each year Catholics around the world go out on to the streets of cities and towns bringing Jesus Christ into the 'public square'. Here in Cork, since 1926, parish congregations have walked in large numbers in a great public display of faith – an affirmation that Jesus Christ is Lord and King. At a time when gospel values are marginalised, when evil is so clearly manifest, when moral confusion abounds, and when so many young people appear to live life without meaning and commitment, there is a greater need than ever before for Jesus Christ to be brought into the public square: Jesus continues to be "the Way the Truth and the Life. There is no other way nor no other truth that can satisfy the deepest hunger of the human heart. We earnestly appeal to all Gurrabraher parishioners to be involved in this event - either by walking in the procession or by being present at Daunt's Square for the ceremony. Programme details later.

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.

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

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. Bus departs from outside Cork University Hospital at 6.15am. If interested in going please see Fr Tomás as soon as possible; Cost of transport only is €25 return.

First Holy Communion on Saturday – 19th May

Pupils from Second Class, (Rang II), at Scoil Padre Pio will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time on Saturday 19th May. The Mass on that morning will be at 10.30am. *(On-going roof works will restrict parking in the Church compound – therefore, parents will be asked to park their vehicles at Scoil Padre Pio and walk across).* We ask parishioners to pray for these children who will receive this Sacrament on that day. They grow up in a world that has largely forgotten Jesus Christ - and do not worship Him. We ask the intercession of Little Nellie of Holy God to watch over and protect these children.

Sacrament of Confirmation Administered on Monday, 21st May

Just two days after first Holy Communion, on Monday 21st May, boys and girls from Rang V and Rang VI at Scoil Padre Pio will gather at Gurrabraher Church to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. (See above regarding car parking on that morning). These young adults desperately need the protection of the Holy Spirit to direct their young lives. Let us pray for them in a very earnest way that they will discover Jesus as a friend at this time.

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. ***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 €55 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. Only a few seats are now left on the Gurrabraher Bus. Those who have already enlisted are now asked to make a non-refundable deposit of €20 to secure their place on the bus. 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.

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.