

Thank you for your generosity
last weekend
Offertory Collection - €1,015.

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

**Second Collection this weekend is for
Pastoral Development Office**

*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

May 13, 2018

A priest can be contacted if required
this Sunday by phoning:
Cathedral 087 2381 187

***“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. 12, May.

6pm. Michael Forde, RIP (5th Anniv)

Sun 13.

9am. David Morris, RIP (8th Anniv)

11.30am. Christina Harrington, RIP (3rd Anniv)

Mon 14.

8am. Protection of the Unborn

10am. Connie Murray & Whyan Gill, RIP

Tue 15.

8am. Novena Mass 6.

10am. Bridie & Paddy O'Neill, RIP

Wed 16.

8am. Protection of the Unborn

10am. Tom Linehan, RIP

Thu 17.

8am. Novena Mass 7.

10am. Eileen Kiely, RIP

Fri 18.

8am. Protection of the Unborn

10am. Special Intention for Denis

Sat 19.

10.30. First Holy Communion Mass

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 13, 2018.

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

The words of Jesus can't be softened or ignored

It is frightening to hear people who regard themselves as 'good Christians' express the view that they are going to vote 'Yes for Abortion' in the forthcoming referendum. Life issues - and especially a profound reverence for the human person - have been at the heart of the Gospel for two thousand years. Up to very recently no one who did not share the Church's understanding of the sacredness of human life would ever have dared to call themselves Christian let alone participate in the life of the Christian community. The prevailing schizophrenic view of life that lets us believe that we can tolerate abortion and still remain in communion with the God of Life must be challenged by religious leaders. Support in any form for abortion is a grave offence before God because it is not only a direct attack on the most vulnerable and innocent of all of human life but dehumanizes human beings in the process. If we can kill the innocent in the womb then we are capable of doing anything – and the manifest evil in our world is proof of that. Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia reminded his people in 2015 of the cost of discipleship. He wrote: "If being a Christian is simply about belonging to an organization, then membership can be as easy as we want to make it. But if being a Christian is about belonging to Jesus Christ, then the words of Jesus can't be softened or ignored, because what he demands from us is a love that embodies the same total self-gift that he makes to us. We can't negotiate for a part of Jesus. We can only have him when we give him everything. If we offer him only a part of ourselves, we get nothing – no truth, and no Jesus."

We cannot have Jesus on our own terms

As Christians the Gospel must guide our thoughts, words and actions. The central issue is, do we want Jesus Christ on His terms or on ours? If we can't in principle accept the possibility of discomfort, suffering and even martyrdom, then we're not disciples of Jesus. We can't rewrite or overlook what Jesus requires in order to follow him ... "We can choose to include or exclude ourselves on the path of following Jesus. Jesus will never stop loving us, whatever we choose. **But in all of today's hard moral issues, the terms of our relationship with Jesus are not ours to set.**" (Archbishop Chaput)

Month's Mind Mass on First Fridays.

The monthly 7pm First Friday Mass for those who have died over the month has not been supported. For some time now no family member has been present to remember and pray for their dead. First Fridays can be very tiring days for the priests of the parish due to visitation of the sick and housebound. Consequently, this First Friday Mass will be discontinued from June ending. If a family do wish to have a Month's Mind Mass for a loved one after that date they should make arrangements with the Priest and they will be facilitated.

Easter Dues Envelopes

Easter Dues envelopes are now being distributed to the homes of the parish. They were delayed from going out before Easter to enable parishioners to respond to the special Envelope Appeal for the church roof. 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.

Collection for the Diocesan Pastoral Development Office this weekend

A special collection will be taken up in all churches of the diocese this 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 everywhere 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 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 truth that can satisfy the deepest hunger of the human heart. We earnestly appeal to all Gurrabraher parishioners to be involved in this event.

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 this coming 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 @ 10.30am.

Just two days after first Holy Communion, on Monday 21st May, @ 10.30am 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**. A bus will go from Gurrabraher on that Sunday morning and return that evening after the Mass in the Phoenix Park. The cost of this journey, including breakfast one the way up and dinner on the way down) will cost the sum of €55. **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.

Bishop John Buckley has reminded us again to read his recently issues "Pastoral Letter regarding the forthcoming Abortion Referendum". This Letter is available at the church doors. This forthcoming Referendum is probably the most serious moral issue we will ever have to address in this nation. Our 'NO' in this referendum will afford the unborn child the same right to be born that mercifully our parents granted to us. If we cherish the gift of our own lives how then can we deprive that right to another.

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