

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 last weekend amounted
to €455.00*

Building Fund Collection 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
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SUNDAY DUTY ROTA

May 20, 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. 19, May.

6pm. Shaunagh O’Riordan-Long, RIP. (2nd Anniv)

Sun 20.

9am. For Protection of the Unborn

11.30am. Keith Kelleher, RIP (1st Anniv)

Mon 21.

8am. Kathleen Carroll, RIP. (Died recently)

10.30am. Confirmation Mass – Scoil Padre Pio

Tue 22.

8am. Novena Mass 8.

10am. James Stout & Marie Dennehy RIP

Wed 23.

8am. For the Protection of the Unborn

10am. Mary Yelverton, RIP (1st Anniv)

Thu 24.

8am. Novena Mass 9.

10am. Andrew & Catherine Collins, RIP

Fri 25.

8am. Chrissie Lee, RIP (20th Anniv)

10am. Maura O’Driscoll, RIP

Sat 26.

10.00. Pro-Populo

RECENT DEATHS

We pray for those recently deceased...

..... Requiescat in Pace.



Ascension Parish

Gurrabraher, Cork.

Sunday, May 20, 2018.

Feast of Pentecost, (B)

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

We should know deep in our Hearts that Abortion is wrong.

With only days to go to the Referendum where the Irish people will decide on whether or not to permit abortion in Ireland – (the deliberate termination of the life of the unborn) – Christians are being called in a special way to stand up for life: And to come to the aid of those who have no voice to speak for themselves.

This Referendum on Abortion is itself an immoral event; for the ‘right to life’ is the due of every human being - even of those yet hidden deep in the womb of the mother. No group, no matter how significant the majority, has the right to deny another human being from being born - and contributing his/her own genius and talents towards shaping our world. Any law permitting abortion is an act of brazen defiance of God - and the moral law that supercedes and is antecedent to all man-made law.

The God of love and justice, revealed to us, first at Sinai, and in a magnificent way at Bethlehem, cannot, and will not, allow go unpunished this crime of abortion that snuffs out the lives of over fifty million unborn infants every year.

May Padre Pio, born on 25th May, 1887, (Referendum day) intercede for us in Ireland in this moment of huge importance for the Irish people.

Special Holy Hour next Thursday Evening at Ascension Church (7pm – 8pm) imploring Divine intervention that all Christians will see the gravity of this moment in history - and do what Christians have done in every age – work to build up a Civilization of Love in a world that is increasingly becoming a Culture of Death

First Holy Communion on Saturday – 19th May

On Saturday morning around 40 Pupils from Second Class, (Rang II), at Scoil Padre Pio received the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time. Each came to the Lord Jesus in all their innocence to receive the Bread of Life. We pray that, supported by the faith of parents and the believing community they will always hunger for friendship with Jesus – and have long, happy and contented lives. We are grateful to Mr Ken Foley, School Principal, to the class teachers, SNAs and others who have prepared them over the past year – and all who were involved in Saturday morning's Liturgy. The children were a great credit to their school.

Sacrament of Confirmation Administered on Monday, 21st May @ 10.30am.

On Monday 21st May, @ 10.30am boys and girls from Rang V and Rang VI at Scoil Padre Pio will gather to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. These young adults desperately need the protection of the Holy Spirit to direct their young lives in these times of great confusion. Let us pray for them in a very earnest way that they will discover Jesus as a friend at this time.

Please Note - Masses on Monday morning at 8am and at 10.30am.

Easter Dues Envelopes

Easter Dues envelopes are now being distributed to the homes of the parish. 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.

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 calls for a 'No' vote in Referendum

"The question before the electorate is quiet clear: "Do we want abortion on demand for any reason up to twelve weeks where the unborn baby will be left with no protection whatsoever? It is remarkable that the State, which, under the Wildlife Act, has so many legal protections for non-human life, is trying to remove the most basic right of the child in the womb... I am encouraging you again to speak to your families and friends about this referendum, but do so with respect and courtesy. In the light of what I have said in my Pastoral Letter, it is essential that we vote 'No' if we are to build a truly compassionate society that values life."

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.

Appeal for Volunteers

Gurrabraher parish needs more parishioners to volunteer for different tasks both in the Church and in the Parochial Hall. There is something everyone could do no matter how small – and it would fill in some of the day for those who are retired and still active. Already a small number give incredible service – cleaning, delivering envelopes, involved in different groups, etc. Also, we need suggestions/ideas as to how we will be able to clear our very large debt in the years ahead. Please contact Fr Aidan or Fr Tomás.

Pentecost - Holy Spirit Rebuilds the Bridge between Earth And Heaven

Today we celebrate the great Feast of Pentecost – the day the Church was born – when the Holy Spirit descended powerfully upon the Apostles; and thus the Church's mission in the world began. Today is the birthday of the Church.

Pentecost is the new Sinai, it is the feast of the new pact, in which the Covenant with Israel is extended to all the people of the earth. For this reason, the Church was Catholic and missionary from her inception. The universality of salvation is significantly highlighted in the list of ethnic groups who listened to the first announcement of the Apostles. The People of God ... was enlarged ... until it no longer knew frontiers of race, culture, space or time. Unlike what happened in the Tower of Babel - when men, intent on building a way to heaven with their own hands, ended up by destroying their capacity to understand one another - in the Pentecost event the Spirit, with the gift of tongues, shows how His presence unites and transforms confusion into communion. ... The Holy Spirit ... rebuilds the bridge of true communication between earth and heaven. The Holy Spirit is Love.

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