

Thank you for your generosity
last weekend

Offertory Collection - €1,125.00

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

Special Thanks to
Eily Morris and Supporters
for raising the sum of €500.00.

Thanks to Con's Shop for raising
the sum of €236.00

Building Fund Collection 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

May 27, 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. 26, May.

6pm. Michael John O'Leary, RIP

Sun 27.

9am. Hannah Daly. (Birthday

11.30am. Michael White, RIP

Mon 28.

8am. For the protection of the unborn.

10am. William & Eileen Healy, RIP.

Tue 29.

8am. For the protection of the Unborn.

10am. James & Nora Noonan, RIP.

Wed 30.

8am. Margaret Barry, RIP (20th Anniv)

10am. Gretta Dunphy, RIP (4th Anniv)

Thu 31.

8am. Eliz & Denis and Ellen and Christopher.

10am. Betty Deveraux, RIP.

Fri 1, June.

8am. Protection of the Unborn

10am. Mass for the Holy Souls

Sat 2..

10.00. Pro-Populo

RECENT DEATHS

We pray for those recently deceased...

..... Requiescat in Pace.



Ascension Parish

Gurrabraher, Cork.

Sunday, May 27, 2018.

Most Holy Trinity, (B).

Parish Office – 021-4303655 (If Urgent: 085-8041951)

email: ascensionparish123@gmail.com

Website: www.gurrabraherparish.ie

Priests of the Parish:

Fr. Tomás Walsh, SMA. Tel: 021-4303658. (tomas.walsh@sma.ie)

Fr. Aidan Vaughan, OFM, Cap. Tel: 021-4397472. (aidan1302@gmail.com)

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

Feast of Holy Trinity – A Community of Persons

The concept that there are three 'ever existing' distinct and separate persons, Father, Son and Spirit, equal in nature, substance and essence that together makes up the Godhead is truly a mind boggling concept, beyond the comprehension of our puny minds. How did we come to this truth? Certainly not by the normal ways of acquiring knowledge, i.e. the senses or the intellect - we come to it through 'divine revelation' alone. God has revealed through his prophets and finally through his Son, Jesus Christ, something of his own being which is trinitarian. A community of persons inextricably bound together in some kind of magnetic field of unfathomable love. The inter-relatedness and inter-activity, (dynamic), between these three persons, generates into existence every created thing - and floods the world with life, love, beauty and freedom.

At life's end we will be drawn back into this 'magnetic field' of the Trinity from whence we came and be absorbed forever in the mystery that God is. There we will spend our eternity in love, communion and dialogue with God, our Creator.

That we can't understand the mystery of the Trinity should not disturb us. Someone once said that: "A God that would be small enough for us to understand would not be big enough for us to worship."

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

Cork Eucharistic Procession – June 3, 2018.

Next Sunday, June 3rd, the Church celebrates the feast of Corpus Christi. It is an occasion each year when 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.

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.

Coffee Morning at the Hut for Scoil Padre Pio

This Monday, 28th May, between 10am and 12noon; the Parents' Association at Scoil Padre Pio are holding a Coffee Morning at the Hut to raise funds to develop a Sensory Room at Scoil Padre Pio for children with special needs. The invite parishioners to support them in this worthy project.

Annual Cemetery Masses for Dead

On Wednesday, 30th May at 7.30pm Mass will be celebrated at **Kilcully** Cemetery for all buried at Kilcully Cemetery.

On Monday, 11th June at 7.30pm Mass will be celebrated at **Curraghkippane** for all those buried in that Cemetery. (Should weather become inclement the Mass will be transferred to Clogheen Church.

Second Collection next Weekend for Papal visit of Pope Francis to Ireland

Next weekend, 2nd/3rd June, a special collection will be taken up in all churches in our Diocese towards defraying the cost of hosting the World Meeting of Families in Dublin in August 2018. The 'World Meeting of Families' is an international gathering of Christian families to share faith and celebrate the blessings of family life. This event is going to bring Pope Francis to Ireland in what will be a very memorable event for Irish Catholics. The bishop of Ireland asks all Catholics to be generous in this collection.

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. Cards cost €3. We ask your support for the parish.

2017 Financial Report (Building Fund Account)

Income (Jan – Dec)

Building Fund Collections	€ 9,715.00
Seat Plaques	€ 2,200.00
Donations from other Parishes:	€26,700.00
Donations raised in parish	€30,269.00
On-Line Donations	€ 550.00
Eily Morris & Supporters	€ 6,000.00
Old Coins	€ 1,618.00
Christmas Raffle	€ 900.00
Commons Social	€ 4,270.00
Hut Fund-Raising Event	€ 1,450.00

Total: €83,672.00

Expenditure (Jan - Dec)

Work on Presbytery	€23,500.00
Cameras around Church compound	€10,232.00
Work in Church compound	€ 5,095.00
Fund-Raising	€ 291.00
Bank Fees	€ 212.00

Total: €39,330.00

Parish Finance Committee

Fr Tomás Walsh
Fr Aidan Voughan
Mr Phelim Collins (Sec)
Mr Roger Power
Mr Richard Price

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)

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.