

Thank you for your generosity  
last weekend  
Offertory Collection - €925.00

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

**Collection next weekend – Peter's Pence**

**Building Fund collection on July 1<sup>st</sup>**

*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**

**June 17, 2018**

A priest can be contacted if required  
this Sunday by phoning:  
**Gurrabraher 085 804 1951**

***“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. 16, June**

6pm. Paddy Galgey, RIP

**Sun 17.**

9am.

11.30am. Frances (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv) & William Hoare, RIP

**Mon 18.**

8am. Deceased members of Daly family/

10am. Mary Downey, RIP (25<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**Tue 19.**

8am. Novena Mass 6.

10am. Gretta Dunphy, RIP.

**Wed 20.**

8am. Amilia, Susan & Michael O'Sullivan, RIP

10am. Margaret Moynihan, RIP.

**Thu 21.**

8am. Protection of the Unborn.

10am. William (Wally) Hartnett, RIP.

**Fri 22.**

8am. Novena Mass 7.

10am. Richard Moynihan, RIP, (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

**Sat 24**

10.00. Pro-Populo

### **RECENT DEATHS**

*We pray for those recently deceased...*

*Mary Frances Murphy, Bakers Road*

*..... Requiescat in Pace.*

***We have now opened an Account at  
Gurrabraher Credit Union  
to facilitate those who may wish to leave  
some money into our account –  
it is -  
Church of the Ascension Renovation Fund -  
A/c No. 02255200.***



## **Ascension Parish**

**Gurrabraher, Cork.**

**Sunday, June 17, 2018.**

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

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Website: [www.gurrabraherparish.ie](http://www.gurrabraherparish.ie)

### **Priests of the Parish:**

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

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

### **Saint Athanasius showed what (and how) to believe**

We live in an anxious time, and while the mission of the Church finally depends on God, it also depends on us - and how courageously we live our faith; how deeply we believe; and how much apostolic zeal we show to an unbelieving world that urgently needs Jesus Christ...

Of course, the Church has seen periods of internal strife many times before. The fourth-century Council of Nicaea, so crucial to formulating the creed Christians believe, was also one of the most bitterly divided gatherings in Church history. That council, and all the long conflict over the substance of Catholic belief that followed it, could have turned out very differently. It didn't because of one man – a young deacon and scholar at Nicaea named Athanasius of Alexandria, whose feast day we celebrate each year on May 2. Athanasius fought for the true Catholic faith at Nicaea and throughout his entire career. Arian bishops excommunicated him. Arian scholars loathed him. Emperors hated him. His enemies falsely accused him of cruelty, sorcery and even murder. He was exiled five times for a total of 17 years. And in the face of it all, he became the single most articulate voice defending the orthodox Catholic faith, which is why even today we remember him as 'Athanasius contra mundum'; "Athanasius against the world." He never gave up. He never compromised on principle. He never lost his zeal for preaching the true Jesus Christ. And in the end, the truth won out. Athanasius became one of the best-loved bishops and greatest Doctors of the Church - and the faith we take for granted today, we owe largely to him. (Archbishop Charles Chaput)

### **Annual Mass of Remembrance for the Dead**

On Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> June, Mass will be celebrated at **St Michael's, Blackrock**, for all those buried at that cemetery. (Should weather become inclement Mass will be celebrated instead at Holy Cross Church, Mahon).

### **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.

### **Gurranabraher Bus to Pope Francis' Mass in Dublin**

We ask all who have registered their names to travel to the Phoenix Park, on the Gurranabraher bus, to celebrate Mass with Pope Francis on 26<sup>th</sup> August, to please pay their €20 non-refundable deposit as soon as possible.

### **Days of Recollection at St Benedict's Priory, Cobh.**

Benedictine Sisters of the Adorers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus invite lay Catholics to join them in prayer and recollection, on last Saturday of every month at St Benedict's Priory, (The Mount, Cobh, Co Cork) from 9am to 3.30pm. In our busy world - where we seldom have time to nourish our spiritual lives - this may be a wonderful way of 'unstressing' and coming into communion with God, our Creator. Donations welcome to cover costs. If interested please ring 021 481 1354. By email at [cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com](mailto:cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com)

### **Catholic Summer Youth Festival (16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> August)**

'Youth 2000', a Catholic Youth Group, are organizing again this year at Cistercian College Roscrea, Co Tipperary, a Catholic Summer Youth Festival for young people between the age of 16 – 35. This has now become an annual event and many return year after to be part of the event. Buses to and from the event as well as the accommodation are free – though all are asked to make a donation. Find out more about this event at [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

### **Mental Health and Addiction workshop**

Mental Health and Addiction workshop with Dr. Gabor Maté called: Health and Healing with Mind-Body Unity. On Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, @ UCC, Cork. Dr. Maté is a World Leading Expert on Mental Health, Addiction, Health, Parenting, ADHD, Trauma & Childhood Development. More info: [www.bookwhen.com/gabormate](http://www.bookwhen.com/gabormate) or 086 171 9311

### **Fr Mathew – Apostle of Temperance**

The Annual Commemoration in honour of Fr. Mathew will take place on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> June @ 7.30 p.m. at Fr. Mathew's grave in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Tory Top Road, Ballyphehane. Everyone is welcome to this event which is organised by Cork Pioneers to commemorate a man who left an extraordinary legacy to Cork City both spiritually and culturally.

### **Saint Thomas More, Patron Saint of Politicians – Feast Day - 22 June**

St Thomas More (1478 – 1535), was an English lawyer, author and statesman who held the second most important job in the Realm – Lord Chancellor of England. A man of brilliant intellect and deep Christian faith; Thomas More was appalled when his close friend, King Henry, declared himself Supreme Head of the Church in England after the Pope refused to annul his marriage to Catherine of Aragon. Thomas More, the father of four children, refused to take an Oath recognizing the King as the Head of the Church in England. King Henry was outraged at Thomas' disloyalty and ordered that More be savagely tortured in the Tower of London. Finally Thomas More was convicted of Treason and beheaded in 1535. His last words were: "I die the King's good servant, but God's first." Pope Pius XI canonized Thomas More in 1935 as 'a martyr of truth'. Pope John Paul II, in 2000, declared him the "heavenly Patron of Statesmen and Politicians" At a time when principle and truth means nothing to many politicians - (witness how many politicians in Dáil Eireann reneged on a promise to never lend their support for abortion) – the life and death of Thomas More stands out as the price principled men and women may sometimes have to pay for what is right and just.

**Saint John Fisher**, (1469 – 1535), a contemporary of Thomas More, was an English Catholic bishop and distinguished theologian and academic. A friend of King Henry VII - he tutored the young Henry VIII. A prominent member of the English hierarchy at the time of King Henry VIII, John Fisher resisted Henry's attempt to mutilate the Church of Christ. When most of the Catholic hierarchy shamefully complied with the King's directive and took the Oath of Allegiance, thereby breaking with Rome, St John Fisher stood out by refusing to take this Oath. For that he too was savagely tortured and beheaded in London in 1535. He shares his feast day with St Thomas More on 22 June. Fisher was a figure universally esteemed throughout Europe and notwithstanding the subsequent efforts of the English government, was to remain so long after his death. St John Fisher was canonised, on 19 May 1935, by Pope Pius XI along with Thomas More after the presentation of a petition to Rome by English Catholics.