

Thank you for your generosity
last weekend
Offertory Collection - €975.00

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

Collection this weekend – Peter's Pence

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

June 24, 2018

A priest can be contacted if required
this Sunday by phoning:
Knocknaheeney 087 654 4836

***“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. 23, June

6pm. Paddy Cooke, RIP (7th Anniv)

Sun 24.

9am. John & Margaret Linehan

11.30am. John Coleman, RIP (1st Anniv)

Mon 25.

8am. Protection of the Unborn

10am. Josephine Meehan, RIP.

Tue 26.

8am. Novena Mass 8.

10am. For all who lost their lives through suicide.

Wed 27.

8am. Special Intention

10am. Nora & William Kenny, RIP.

Thu 28.

8am. Special Intention

10am. Rachel O'Leary, RIP (5th Anniv)

Fri 29.

8am. Novena Mass 9.

10am. Noreen, Sheila & Seán Kenny, RIP

Sat 30

10.00. Pro-Populo

RECENT DEATHS

We pray for those recently deceased...

..... 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 24, 2018.

Birth of St John the Baptist

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

Birth of St. John the Baptist

The importance of John in the divine scheme of things is summed up best in the testimony of Jesus himself who said: “Among those born of women there has not arisen a greater than John the Baptist” (Mt. 11:11). John was born to aged Jewish parents, Zacharias and Elizabeth, who were of a priestly family (Lk. 1:5). This devout couple lived in the “hill country” of Judea (Lk. 1:39). Luke has a wonderful summary statement of the character of this Hebrew couple. “And they were both righteous before God, walking blameless in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord” (Lk. 1:6).

It was foretold that this child born of Elizabeth and Zacharias would be filled with the Spirit of God, even from his mother's womb, and that he would be reared under the strict code of the Nazirite (cf. Num. 6:1-21), an indication of the solemnity of his role in preparing the way for the world's Redeemer. Any Hebrew familiar with his Old Testament could have expected the ministry of John as a preliminary measure in the divine plan, paving the way for the appearance of the Messiah. Seven centuries before the birth of Jesus, the prophet Isaiah spoke of “the voice of one that crieth,” indeed, of him who would “prepare in the wilderness the way of the Lord,” and “make level in the desert a highway for our God” (Is. 40:3). In the concluding book of the Old Testament, Malachi, on behalf of God, declared: “Behold, I send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to his temple; and the Messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, behold, he comes, says the Lord” (Mal. 3:1). In the New Testament we have the testimony of the angel Gabriel (Lk. 1:16), and that of Christ himself (Mt. 11:12-15), that this “Elijah” to come was none other than John. Truly: “There came a man, sent from God, whose name was John” (Jn. 1:6).

Annual Mass of Remembrance for the Dead

On Wednesday, 27th 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).

Fr Mathew – Apostle of Temperance

The Annual Commemoration in honour of Fr. Mathew, known as the Apostle of temperance' will take place on Wednesday, 27th June @ 7.30pm. 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 Pioneer Association to commemorate a man who left an extraordinary legacy to Cork City both spiritually and culturally.

No 8am Mass during July and August

The 8am Mass celebrated throughout the year will cease during the months of July and August. We thank all who support this Mass and hope you will re-join us in September.

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 26th August, to please pay their €20 non-refundable deposit as soon as possible.

Catholic Summer Youth Festival (16th – 19th 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

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 30th to Sunday, July 1st, 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 or 086 171 9311

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 also bring before the Lord the names of those who are sick and in need of healing.

Envelopes for Church roof

We appeal to all parishioners to keep distributing the '**Roof Appeal Envelopes**', which are available at church doors, to relatives – and indeed to anyone who may be in a position to help us. We desperately need to keep up the momentum of raising funds so that we can meet our debt repayment each month to the bank.

Again we remind you that we have opened an account at Gurranabraher Credit Union – **Ascension Church Renovation Fund – A/c No 02255200** – to facilitate parishioners who may wish to drop a few euro into the account when they go to the Credit Union. We ask God to reward greatly all who are involved in keeping our church open here in Gurranabraher.

Feast of Ss Peter & Paul – 29th June

On Friday, June 29, the Church celebrates the feast day of Ss. Peter & Paul. As early as the year 258, there is evidence of an already lengthy tradition of celebrating the solemnities of both Saint Peter and Saint Paul on the same day. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there.

Peter, who was named Simon, was a fisherman of Galilee and was introduced to the Lord Jesus by his brother Andrew, also a fisherman. Jesus gave him the name Cephas (Petrus in Latin), which means 'Rock,' because he was to become the rock upon which Christ would build His Church.

St. Peter spent his last years in Rome, leading the Church through persecution and eventually being martyred in the year 64. He was crucified upside-down at his own request, because he claimed he was not worthy to die the same manner of death as his Lord. He was buried on Vatican hill, and St. Peter's Basilica is built over his tomb.

St. Paul was the Apostle of the Gentiles. His letters are included in the writings of the New Testament, and through them we learn much about his life and the faith of the early Church.

Before receiving the name Paul, he was Saul, a Jewish Pharisee who zealously persecuted Christians in Jerusalem. He took the name Paul after his conversion and spent the remainder of his life preaching the Gospel tirelessly to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world. Paul was imprisoned and taken to Rome, where he was beheaded in the year 67. He is buried in Rome in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

In a sermon in the year 395, St. Augustine of Hippo said of Sts. Peter and Paul: "Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith."

Peter's Pence Collection this weekend

The second collection this weekend, is our personal gift to the one who sits on the Chair of St Peter. This collection is traditionally used by the reigning Pontiff to respond to humanitarian needs around the world. Please be generous to this appeal.