

Thank you for your generosity  
last weekend

**Offertory Collection - €860.00**

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

**Building Fund Collection last weekend -  
€1,125.00**

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

*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**

**June 3, 2018**

A priest can be contacted if required  
this Sunday by phoning:  
**Farranree 087 096 7177**

***“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. 2, June**

6pm. Joseph Twomey, RIP, (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

**Sun 3.**

9am. For all who have lost their lives via Suicide

11.30am. Hannah Lynch, RIP (12<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**Mon 4.**

8am. **(No 8am Mass this morning)**

10am.

**Tue 5.**

8am. Novena Mass 1.

10am. John, Rita & Joseph Twomey, RIP

**Wed 6.**

8am. Novena Mass 2.

10am. Deceased members of Sheehan family.

**Thu 7.**

8am. For protection of the Unborn

10am. Paddy & Julia Forde, RIP

**Fri 8.**

8am. Novena Mass 3.

10am. Seán Burns, RIP

**Sat 9**

10.00. Pro-Populo

### **RECENT DEATHS**

*We pray for those recently deceased...*

*Agnes Murphy, St Anthony's Road*

*..... Requiescat in Pace.*

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## **Ascension Parish**

**Gurrabraher, Cork.**

**Sunday, June 3rd, 2018.**

## **Feast of Corpus Christi, (B).**

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Feast of Corpus Christi**

Corpus Christi is the first feast celebrated whose object is not an event of the life of Christ, but a truth of faith - His real presence in the Eucharist. It is needed to remind us of this miraculous event where the bread and wine, at the consecration of the Mass, is truly turned into the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ. It is an awesome truth that we today in 2018 can share in the flesh and blood of the Calvary sacrifice where Christ's death took away the sins of the world. Yet, how much indifference, apathy and profanity there is around the Eucharist. The casual way we approach the altar to receive – often in great sin – is a barometer of how we have grown away from the Catholic faith and communion with the Risen Lord. The Catholic Church insists that only those who are baptized into the Catholic faith, who truly believe that Jesus is present in the Eucharist and who are free from serious sins are permitted to receive this sacrament. All others who receive the Sacrament unworthily, St Paul reminds us, brings condemnation on themselves. This Feast of Corpus Christi with its extraordinary solemnity and visibility is a call to wake from our slumber and see what Jesus has given us.

***The Corpus Christi Procession - Gurrabraher @ 3.30pm***

***The Annual Corpus Christi procession to Daunt's Square leaves from Gurrabraher this year at 3.30pm joining up with the Cathedral at 4pm to go in Solemn Procession to Daunt's Square. We ask all our parishioners to give public witness to their Catholic faith at this time.***

## Church need to Recover again the Practice of Eucharistic Devotion.

Pope Benedict addressing over one million young people in Cologne in 2005 for World Youth Day, spoke about how important it is for the Church to recover the practice of adoration in order to help the world rediscover **the face and love of God**.

“In our new context in which worship, and thus also the face of human dignity, has been lost, it is once again up to us to understand the priority of worship. Whenever worship is no longer done, wherever it is not a priority to pay honour to God, human realities can make no headway... Adoration is not a luxury but a necessity, because when people cease to adore God, they begin to worship themselves through exalting pleasure, power, and material goods. Failing to adore God, they begin to serve mammon (Mt 6:24) — and once they begin to serve mammon, they forget who they are. Without the Creator, the creature disappears, ...” **(Pope Benedict XVI - 2008)**

### Annual Masses of Remembrance for the Dead

On Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, Mass will be celebrated at **St James's, Maher's Lane, The Viaduct**, for all those buried in that cemetery.

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).

### Second Collection this Weekend for Papal visit of Pope Francis to Ireland

This weekend, 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> 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 will 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 today.

### 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.

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

## Financial Report - (Ascension Church No 1 Account)

### Income (Jan – Dec. 2017).

Offertory Collections:	€53,671.00
Shrines:	€13,794.00
Masses:	€ 8,555.00
Christmas Cards:	€ 2,195.00
Rent/Donations:	€ 3,275.00
Crib Income:	€ 325.00
Hall Income:	€ 7,000.00
<b>Loan from Diocese:</b>	<b>€41,208.00</b>
Insurance Claim, (Roof):	€11,524.00
B4Five Re-Imbursement, (Insurance)	€ 1,993.00
Social Welfare Re-Imbursement:	€ 1,316.00
Priests' Re-Imbursement, (Heat):	€ 1,000.00
Irish Water Re-Imbursement:	€ 560.00
Trócaire Collection:	€ 2,225.00
St Peter Claver's Collection:	€ 970.00

**Total: €149,611.00.**

### Expenditure (Jan - Dec)

Church related	€ 5,056.00
Choir related	€ 2,800.00
Office/printing/Mass Cards	€ 8,284.00
Wages/PAYE/USC/PRSI/P45/etc	€69,012.00
Phone/Alarm/Utilities	€ 5,143.00
Repairs/Labour	€11,261.00
Road sign	€ 1,280.00
Light/heat	€14,664.00
Insurance	€10,451.00
LP Tax	€ 270.00
Messenger/Irish Catholic	€ 384.00
Transfer to B/F Account	€ 500.00
Eucharistic Procession	€ 250.00
Equipment replaced	€ 234.00
Diocesan levies	€ 8,640.00
Professional fees	€ 3,000.00
Bank Fees	€ 820.00
Trócaire	€ 2,225.00
St Peter Claver's Collection	€ 970.00

**Total: €145,244.00**

### Parish Finance Committee

Fr Tomás Walsh (Chair)  
Fr Aidan Vaughan  
Mr Phelim Collins (Secretary)  
Mr Roger Power  
Mr Richard Price

We are deeply grateful to our Parish community for their unstinting support throughout 2017 – and for rising to the huge challenge of repairing our church building.

The task of repaying the Loan, (almost €.5 million) will be a burden we will have to face over the coming years.

With God's help and the generosity of many this project will be completed.