

Thank you for your generosity
last weekend

Offertory Collection - €960.00

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

Collection this weekend – 3rd Quarterly
collection for Bishop's Office.

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

July 15, 2018

A priest can be contacted if required
this Sunday by phoning:
Cathedral 087 238 1187

***"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. 14, July

6pm. Thomas Crean, RIP (Birthday anniv)

Sun 15,

9am. Jim & Nan Bullman, RIP

11.30am. Christy O'Connell, RIP (21st Anniv)

Mon 16.

10am. Thomas & Ellen Creagh, RIP.

Tue 17.

10am. Maureen Moore & Stewart & Barry family.

Wed 18.

10am. Elizabeth (Lil) Harrington, RIP. (1st Anniv)

Thu 19.

10am. Martina Joyce, RIP

Fri 20.

10am. Francis White, RIP

Sat 21.

10.00. Pro-Populo

RECENT DEATHS

We pray for those recently deceased...

Martin Collins, Orrery 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, July 15, 2018.

15th Sunday - Ordinary Time (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.

Monotheism and Sexuality

In his Essay, titled: 'Why Judaism (and then Christianity) rejected Homosexuality', Dennis Prager argues that the Judeo/Christian culture that provided the west with illumination and human flourishing for millennia was due more than anything else to Judaism and later Christianity's ability to channel human sexuality into monogamous marriage.

Prager wrote: "When Judaism demanded that all sexual activity be channelled into marriage, it changed the world. The Torah's prohibition of non-marital sex quite simply made the creation of Western civilization possible... It ensured that sex no longer was the dominant preoccupation of society, permitting a heightened male-female love and sexuality (and, thereby, almost alone created the possibility of love and eroticism within marriage), and began the arduous task of elevating the status of women."

"Among the consequences of the unchannelled sex drive is the sexualization of everything - including religion. Unless the sex drive is appropriately harnessed (not squelched - which leads to its own destructive consequences), higher religion could not have developed. Thus, the first thing Judaism did was to de-sexualize God: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" by his will, not through any sexual behaviour. This was an utterly radical break with all other religions, and it alone changed human history. The gods of virtually all ancient civilizations engaged in all kinds of sexual relations - And the cultic practises used to worship these gods were replete with all forms of deviant sexual activity."

(To be continued next week)

Second Collection for Papal Visit – 4th & 5th August

A Second collection will be taken up on the weekend after next to raise funds to defray expenditure incurred for the Pope's visit to Ireland. Already three collections have been taken up over the last three years raising the sum of €150,000.00 from parishioners of the Diocese of Cork and Ross. Bishop Buckley acknowledges this huge contribution from parishioners. In a letter, he outlines why there needs to be another appeal for funds. He states: "The projected cost of the Papal visit for the World Meeting of Families will be in excess of €20 million. This cost includes the site preparations at each of the locations, insurance, flights and accommodation costs – and large security costs, etc."

Bishop Buckley appeals to parishioners of Cork and Ross to respond once more to this appeal in view of the huge significance a Papal visit by Pope Francis is for the Catholic Church in Ireland.

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

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.

Gurranabraher Bus to Pope Francis' Mass in Dublin

1. We ask all who have registered - and already paid the €20 deposit - to now begin paying the €35 for breakfast on journey up and dinner on journey down.
2. Please note that our Bus for the Papal Mass will depart from Gurranabraher at 6am.

Meals on Wheels

Gurranabraher Meals on Wheels delivers hot, nutritious meals daily to many of our senior neighbours in the Churchfield/Gurranabraher/Blarney Street area. If you or someone you know would like to avail of this service please contact us at 087 267 5476 or 021 430 1037. We can also be contacted at gurranabrahermealsonwheels@gmail.com We also look for volunteers to help us run this service – particularly drivers to deliver meals.

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. Card cost €3.

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.

CORK MARRIAGE & FAMILY COUNSELLING CENTRE FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY COUNSELLING

**CALL 021-4275678 TO SIMPLY SET UP A PRELIMINARY APPOINTMENT TO SEE IF
COUNSELLING MAY HELP.
PROFESSIONAL, CONFIDENTIAL, AND EXPERIENCED CLINICIANS.**

Calling Young People to a deeper knowledge of their Faith

We invite young people who wish to have a more adult understanding of the faith to make contact with one of the priests of the parish. They will be directed to where they can, along with people of their own age, delve into the mystery - and encounter Jesus, the Risen Lord. Only some kind of encounter with Jesus will sustain us in the years ahead as Ireland turns its back on Christ and believes more and more that it is sufficient on its own.

The human being is essentially a religious being made for God

The institutions and laws in what we call the "Western world" presume a Christian anthropology; a Christian definition of the meaning of life. In this definition or understanding - the human person is not a product of nature or evolution. He is not a creature of the state or the economy. Nor, for that matter, is he the slave of an impersonal heaven. Man is first and fundamentally a religious being with intrinsic worth, a free will and with inalienable rights. He is created in the image of God, by God and for God. Because we are born for God, we belong to God. And any claims that Caesar (human authority) may make on us, while important, are secondary. (**Archbishop Charles Chaput – 2014**)

***Next Pre-Baptism Instruction for those parents living outside the
parish on Thursday August 2, @ 7pm in Parish Office***