

**Thank you for your generosity
last weekend**

Offertory Collection - €795.00

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

*Building Fund Collection last weekend -
€975.00*

*2nd Collection this weekend for Pope
Francis' visit to Ireland.*

*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

August 5, 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. 4, August

6pm. Maurice O'Callaghan & Alatu Dornan, RIP

Sun 5,

9am. Mrs Troy, RIP

11.30am. Mary Rennie, RIP

Mon 6.

10am. Special Intention.

Tue 7.

10am. Kevin Swaine, RIP.

Wed 8.

10am. Mary Bridget Joyce, RIP

Thu 9.

10am. Maura Moynihan, RIP.

Fri 10.

10am. Christy Quilligan, RIP. (Anniv)

Sat 11.

10.00. Pro-Populo

RECENT DEATHS

We pray for those recently deceased...

Eleanor O'Mahony, Templeacre Avenue

Helen O'Connor, Churchfield Tce, East

... 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, August 5, 2018.

18th 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.

Edith Stein, (Sr Teresa Benedicta of the Cross), Patron of Europe

On Thursday August 9th the Church in Europe celebrates the Feast of Sr Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. Known more generally by her Jewish name, Edith Stein, Sr Teresa Benedicta was martyred at Auschwitz Concentration Camp on August 9, 1942 at the age of 50 years. A brilliant philosopher who stopped believing in God when she was 14, Edith Stein was so captivated after reading the autobiography of Saint Teresa of Avila that she began a spiritual journey that led to her Baptism in 1922. Twelve years later she imitated St Teresa by becoming a Carmelite Nun, taking the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

Born into a prominent and observant Jewish family in Breslau (now Wroclaw, Poland), Edith rejected God and abandoned Judaism in her teens. As a student at the University of Göttingen, she became fascinated by phenomenology, a new approach to philosophy, and earned a doctorate in philosophy in 1916. Her appointment as lecturer at the Educational Institute of Munich ended under pressure from the Nazis.

After living in the Cologne Carmel Monastery (1934-38), she moved to the Carmelite monastery in Echt, Netherlands. The Nazis occupied that country in 1940. In retaliation for being denounced by the Dutch bishops, the Nazis arrested all Dutch Jews who had become Christians. Teresa Benedicta and her sister, Rosa, also a Catholic, were rounded up and sent to Auschwitz Concentration Camp where seven days later they were despatched to the Gas Chambers.

Saint John Paul II beatified Teresa Benedicta in 1987 and canonized her 12 years later – and named her as one of the Patron Saints of Europe. At the ceremony Pope John Paul II prayed that through the intercession of St Benedicta of the Cross Europe would never again witness the horrors and inhumanity of WWII - or the evil of Nazism.

Second Collection for Papal Visit – this Weekend - 4th & 5th August

A Second collection will be taken up this weekend 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.

Wanted Used Clothing

Ascension Parish is looking for used clothing to raise funds for Church roof. The clothing must be of good enough quality that they can be sold onwards. We ask families in the parish to leave-in their used clothing to the Parochial Hall or the Church Parish Office. If you are not in position to drop them at either location we can make provision to have them collected. Substantial money can be made via this venture. Let's all work together to repay our Bank loan.

Handel's Messiah at Gurrabraher Church in December 2, 2018

The East Cork Choral Society will perform *Handel's Messiah* at Ascension Church, Gurrabraher on Sunday, December 2, 2018 @ 8pm. This performance of the Messiah by East Cork Choral Society will be a truly professional event that will be in huge demand. The soloists will be: Mary Hegarty – Soprano; Sarah-Ellen Murphy – Alto; Peter Stobart – Tenor; Timothy Emberson – Bass. East Cork Orchestra – Eithne Willis, Leader. The Conductor of East Cork Choral Society is Colin Nicholls. Admission will be €20.

The East Cork Choral Society has kindly agreed to stage this performance at Gurrabraher to coincide with the completion of work on the roof – and have also agreed to give all proceeds from the event towards clearing our Church debt. Tickets will soon be available at Parish Office, Pro Musica in Oliver Plunkett St. and from Society members.

Go to the Heart of things

"Your life is not an endless series of open doors! Listen to your heart! Do not stay on the surface but go to the heart of things! And when the time is right, have the courage to decide! The Lord is waiting for you to put your freedom in his good hands." (Pope John Paul II – 1999)

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

Lourdes Pilgrimage – June 2019

A pilgrimage to Lourdes is being organized from Knocknaheeny from 11th – 16th June, 2019 - it will coincide with the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes by the Diocese of Cork & Ross. If interested please contact Seamus O'Brien, (087 663 8615) or Michael Walsh (085 724 3175).

Mass at Marian Shrine, Lee Road, on August 15th

The annual Mass on the Feast of Our Lady of Assumption will take place on Wednesday, 15th at the Marian Shrine on the Lee Road at 7.30pm. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop John Buckley. We are invited to show our devotion to Our Lady by being present on that night.

CORK MARRIAGE & FAMILY COUNSELLING CENTRE FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY COUNSELLING

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COUNSELLING MAY HELP.
PROFESSIONAL, CONFIDENTIAL, AND EXPERIENCED CLINICIANS.**

Meals on Wheels

Gurrabraher Meals on Wheels delivers hot, nutritious meals daily to many of our senior neighbours in the Churchfield/Gurrabraher/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 gurrabrahermealsonwheels@gmail.com We also look for volunteers to help us run this service – particularly drivers to deliver meals.

Gurrabraher 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 Gurrabraher at 6am.