

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.*

Building Fund this Weekend.
Please be generous.

*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 26, 2018

A priest can be contacted if required
this Sunday by phoning:

Clogheen 087 150 7486

***“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. 25, August

6pm. Bridget & John Walsh, RIP.

Sun 26,

9am. Danny O’Keeffe, RIP.

11.30am. Graham O’Connell, RIP.

Mon 27.

10am. Paddy & Kathleen O’Leary (62nd Wedding Anniv)

Tue 28.

10am. Harry Goulding, RIP.

Wed 29.

10am. Jean Forde, (Birthday Intention)

Thu 30.

10am. Special Intention

Fri 32.

10am. Helen O’Connor, RIP.

Sat 1, September.

10.00. Pro-Populo

RECENT DEATHS

We pray for those recently deceased...

Ann Marie Carroll, Spriggs 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, August 26, 2018.

21th Sunday - Ordinary Time (B)

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

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Priests of the Parish:

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

Pope Francis in Ireland

Pope Francis (Jorge Mario Bergoglio) was born in **Argentina** on 17 December 1936. He is the 266th Pope of the Catholic Church. He is the first Jesuit pope, the first from the Americas and the first pope from outside Europe since the Syrian Gregory III, who reigned in the 8th century.

Jorge Bergoglio worked briefly as a chemical technologist before beginning his seminary studies. He was ordained a Catholic priest in 1969, and from 1973 to 1979 was Argentina's provincial superior of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). He became the Archbishop of Buenos Aires in 1998 and was created a cardinal in 2001 by Pope John Paul II. Bergoglio was elected pope at the Papal conclave in March, 2013, following the unexpected resignation of Pope Benedict XVI. He chose the name ‘Francis’ as his papal name in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi. Throughout his public life, Pope Francis has been noted for his humility, emphasis on God's mercy, concern for the poor and commitment to interfaith dialogue. He is a strong opponent of unbridled consumerism and overdevelopment. He is also a strong supporter of the need to protect the universe from manmade destruction - and his encyclical ‘*Laudato si’* commits the Catholic Church to work for a more sustainable and cleaner environment for all of the inhabitants of our universe. Pope Francis comes to Ireland to address the huge gathering of families from around the world – to support them and state clearly that strong family bonds is the only antidote to the confusion, and individualism that threatens our world.

Building Fund collection this weekend

Work is now nearing completion of the Church roof – and already it is looking well. We expect that the compound will be available to us again for parking from September ending. We ask our parishioners to again be generous to this collection. We now have huge loan repayment to the bank each month.

Gurranabraher Bus to Phoenix Park

The Gurranabraher bus will leave at 6am for the long trip to the Phoenix Park for the Papal Mass celebrated by Pope Francis along with hundreds of Cardinals, Bishops and Priests. Over 40 parishioners from Gurranabraher will be present for the Mass. For those who are not able to travel we ask you to view the Mass on television at 3pm. It should be a moment of great spiritual renewal for the people of Ireland. We ask God to guide and guard all who will travel for the event – over twelve hundred coaches alone will be converging from all over Ireland for the Mass.

Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi & San Giovanni Rotondo in September 2019

Gurranabraher Parish hopes to organize a parish pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi & San Giovanni Rotondo for 16th – 23rd September 2019. The cost is expected to be €1,129.00 per person sharing. Money can be paid in instalments each Saturday evening after 6pm Mass - and after 11.30am Mass on Sunday mornings. For further details see Roger Power.

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.

Cork Over 60s winner native of Gurranabraher

Mr Donal O'Connell, formerly of Mount Nebo Avenue, and now living in Douglas, was the recent winner of Cork over 60's Singing competition. Donal was married in Gurranabraher Church at the age of 19 years on 3rd December, 1971. A man hugely involved in his parish community he has kindly agreed to lead us in singing at the 6pm Mass on Saturday 1st September. We thank him for his return to Gurranabraher to be with us for Mass. We ask God to bless him with health always.

8am Mass will resume in Gurranabraher on Monday 2nd, September

Thursday - Holy Hour, will resume on Thursday, 6th September.

Six Mile Sponsored Walk for Church Roof

A sponsored walk is being organized for Sunday 30th September, 2018 @ 2pm. The proposed walk is up Churchfield Estate, along the avenue, down Fairhill, turning left at Blackstone Bridge and along old Blarney Road; up Faggot Hill and down Clogheen – finishing at St Vincent's Hurling and Football Club. (A circle that takes about two hours)

There at St Vincent's refreshments will be provided plus music and song by Walter O'Leary. (Spot prizes will also be provided). All are invited to the after-event at St Vincent's for craic and support. Sponsorship Cards (containing 10 lines) will be available from the end of August. We thank sincerely Mr Seamus O'Brien and Mr Michael Walsh, parishioners of Knocknaheeny, for organizing this event. We ask parishioners to support this event.

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.

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.

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

The East Cork Choral Society will perform *Handel's Messiah* at Ascension Church, Gurranabraher on Sunday, December 2, 2018 @ 8pm. Admission will be €20. Tickets will soon be available.

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).

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.

Next Pre-Baptism Instruction for those parents living outside the parish on Thursday September 6, @ 7pm in Parish Office