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**Ascension Church Building Fund A/c at  
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### **SUNDAY DUTY ROTA**

**September 2, 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. 1, September**

6pm. John Sutton, RIP. (35<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**Sun 2,**

9am. Fe & Pio Carreon & Basilo Albino, RIP

11.30am. Maura O'Driscoll, RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv) & Christy

**Mon 3.**

8am. Novena Mass 1.

10am. Maura O'Driscoll, RIP.

**Tue 4.**

8am. Bertie Walsh, RIP.

10am. Humphrey O'Callaghan, RIP (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**Wed 5.**

8am. Jeremiah Lynch, RIP.

10am. John & Denis McGrath & family.

**Thu 6.**

8am. Novena Mass 2.

10am. Paul Anderson, RIP (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**Fri 7.**

8am.

10am. Mass for Holy Souls.

**Sat 8,**

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, September 2, 2018.**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time (B)**

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

email: [ascensionparish123@gmail.com](mailto:ascensionparish123@gmail.com)

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.**

### **Pope Francis in Ireland**

Last weekend about 45 of us, (adults and children) from Gurrabraher Parish left at dawn for the Phoenix Park; and despite a very long trek from bus park to the Papal Mass site – and despite the cold and sometimes rain of that day – we arrived back in Cork at midnight exhausted but gloriously happy that we had witnessed something very special; the presence of the Bishop of Rome amongst us. We pray that our faith is strengthened by this rare event – and that each of us now would assume a greater role in making Christ known in our neighbourhoods – the survival of the world and the happiness of each individual depends on it.

The two great mission statements of Jesus Christ are: *“I have come to bring you the truth and the truth will set you free”* and *“I have come that you may have life and have it to the full”*. When we exclude Jesus from our lives life no longer has meaning - and existence becomes unbearably burdensome. Fitted into our very DNA is that unquenchable longing for meaning, for truth, for liberation – for God! The English poet, Francis Thompson, (1859 -1907), whose early life was marred by turbulence and despair discovers Christ and knows for the first time what it is to acquire truth and what it is to be free. In his greatest poem; ‘The Hound of Heaven’, he describes God as the chasing hound who never gives up until we are in his embrace. He begins his long poem: *“I fled Him, down the nights and down the days; I fled him down the arches of the years; I fled Him, down the labyrinthine ways of my own mind; and in the midst of tears I hid from Him, and under running laughter.”* He concludes his poem stating: *“Halts by me that footfall: Is my gloom, after all shade of His hand, outstretched caressingly? ‘Ah, fondest, blindest, weakest, I am He whom thou seekest!”*

May Pope Francis' visit to Ireland ignite again the faith in Jesus Christ that once sustained and inspired the Irish people to be saints and scholars.

### **Cork Over 60s winner native of Gurranabraher**

This Saturday evening, Mr Donal O'Connell, formerly of Mount Nebo Avenue, (now living in Frankfield), (and recent winner of the 2018 Over-Sixties singing competition), has returned to Gurranabraher parish to sing for us at our vigil Mass. Donal was married in this Church at the age of 19, on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 1971. He is very involved in his Frankfield parish community. We thank him for his return to Gurranabraher parish to being with us for this Mass. We ask God to bless him with health and joy.

### **Six Mile Sponsored Walk for Church Roof**

A sponsored walk is being organized for Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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.

### **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

### **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 16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **Catechism for Adults**

Beginning on this Monday evening at Brú Columbanus @ 7.30pm is a course on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. This study lasting until December attempts to give adult Catholics an adult understanding of the Catholic faith. We strongly encourage parishioners to please avail of this opportunity to learn more about their Catholic faith. Contact: Maureen O'Sullivan at 087 795 0325 for further details. (Brú Columbanus is situated near the Wilton Restaurant and SMA Church Wilton).

### **Weekday Morning Mass resumes tomorrow after summer break**

The daily Mass at 8am, suspended during July and August, will resume again on this Monday at 8am. We encourage all Catholics to attend daily Mass either at 8am or at 10am daily. Allow Mass transform your day.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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](mailto:gurranabrahermealsonwheels@gmail.com) We also look for volunteers to help us run this service – particularly drivers to deliver meal.

### **Lourdes Pilgrimage – June 2019**

A pilgrimage to Lourdes is being organized from Knocknaheeny from 11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 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).

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