

Thank you for your generosity
last weekend
Offertory Collection - €1,035.00

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

*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

September 16, 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. 15, September

6pm. Maura O'Driscoll, RIP

Sun 16.

9am.

11.30am. Rachel O'Leary, RIP. (6th Anniv)

Mon 17.

8am. Novena Mass 5.

10am. Mary Daly, RIP (5th Anniv)

Tue 18.

8am.

10am. Ellen & Jeremiah Kenefick, RIP

Wed 19.

8am.

10am. John O'Driscoll, RIP

Thu 20.

8am. Novena Mass 6.

10am. Daniel Swaine, RIP

Fri 21.

8am.

10am. Elizabeth & David Babbington & family

Sat 22,

10.00. Pro-Populo

We pray for those recently deceased...

Robert Barrett, Churchfield Place 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, September 22, 2018.

25th 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.

There is a Judgement that no one can avoid

In 2008, Pope Benedict XVI, (considered one of the great intellectuals of the 20th Century) published his Encyclical titled "Spe Salvi" calling on people to work for salvation – eternal life with God our Creator. The Encyclical emphasises the importance of salvation. Benedict wrote: "When one is not aware of the judgment of God, when one does not recognize the possibility of hell, of the radical and definitive failure of life, then one does not recognize the possibility and necessity for purification." Pope Benedict summarized a modern approach to sin that denies its importance – even its existence. "Today we are used to thinking: What is sin? God is great, he understands us, so sin does not count, in the end God will be good toward all... It's a nice hope. But there is justice, and there is real blame. Those who have destroyed man and the earth cannot sit immediately at the table of God, together with their victims." Pope Benedict speculated that those condemned to Hell might not be numerous, describing how thoroughly they would have to have destroyed themselves: "Perhaps there are not so many who have destroyed themselves so completely, who are irreparable forever, who no longer have any element upon which the love of God can rest, who no longer have the slightest capacity to love within themselves. This would truly be hell."

Purgatory offers hope to men with a "final willingness" to live according to God, the Pope said. "We need to be prepared, to be purified. This is our hope: even with so much filth in our soul, in the end the Lord gives us the possibility, He washes us finally with his goodness that comes from his cross. He thus makes us capable of living for Him forever."

Cork Autism Conference 2018 – September 30th

Re-Thinking Autism - A Positive and Integrative Approach, Sunday September 30th, (9.30am – 5pm) @ Rochestown Park Hotel, Douglas, Cork. Conference provides a unique forum for Parents, Families, Caregivers, Adults with ASD, Employers, Educators, Professionals, Agencies, Advocates and anyone with an interest in autism and aspergers syndrome. All are welcome. More info here: www.bookwhen.com/corkautism or call 089 239 8900.

Energy Saving in your Home

Northside Community Enterprise & Blackpool Credit Union are joining up to provide lower interest rate loans to members of our community interested in improving the energy performance of their property. A *Public Meeting will be held at Blackpool Community Centre*, on Thursday, 20th September 2018 @ 7.30pm. Find out how to apply for Government Grants to carry out Energy Retrofits in your Home or Business. Reduce your Energy Bills & Reduce your Environmental impact.

For further details contact 021-4228101. 021-4501757

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.

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.

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.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration

At weekend Masses on 6th/7th October, the Diocesan Committee who promotes Eucharistic Adoration in our parish churches; will speak on the great need for parishioners to adore the Sacred Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. They will also request for volunteers to commit to spend at least one hour before the Blessed Sacrament each Friday. We ask parishioners to volunteer their names and the hour they will give the Lord.

Pope Benedict, in 2005, spoke about the importance of rediscovering the practice of Eucharistic adoration **in order to help the world rediscover the face and love of God**. He wrote: "In our new context in which divine 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, he stresses, 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 meal.