

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 Collection next weekend

*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 23, 2018

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

Farranree 087 096 7177

***"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. 22, September

6pm. Chrissie Cronin, RIP (1st Anniv)

Sun 23.

9am.

11.30am. Peggy Guiney, RIP (5th Anniv)

Mon 24.

8am.

10am. Josphine O'Donovan, RIP

Tue 25.

8am. Novena Mass 7.

10am. Timothy Power, RIP

Wed 26.

8am.

10am. Hannah Daly, RIP

Thu 27.

8am. Novena Mass 8.

10am.

Fri 28.

8am.

10am. Madge & Jerry Keane, RIP

Sat 29,

10.00. Pro-Populo

We pray for those recently deceased...

... 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 23, 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.

Poor Catechesis left us no longer able to admit that we are Sinners

Cardinal Donald Wuerl of Washington issued a pastoral letter, in 2015, on “why it is so crucial that we rediscover again what it is to encounter Jesus Christ and live by his Law. He also called for a greater Catholic identity.

Cardinal Wuerl recalled: “When I was a young priest in the late 1960s and 1970s, there was much experimentation and confusion in the Church... Teachers and clergy were encouraged by some to communicate an experience of God’s love, but to do it without reference to the Creed, the sacraments, or Church tradition. It did not work very well. Catholics grew up with the impression that their heritage was little more than warm, vaguely positive feelings about God” and over time the faith became eroded. “Those years of experimentation left many Catholics weak, spiritually and intellectually, and unable to withstand the tsunami of secularism that came in recent decades,” he continued. “We lost many people because we failed to teach them about right and wrong, about the common good, about the nature of the human person. This left many no longer able to admit that they are sinners who need Jesus because many no longer know what sin is. This lived experience of people not being fully or correctly presented the truth of the faith illustrates why we are called to the New Evangelization.” Catholic must again be taught the truths of the Catholic faith and shown how only in following God’s law are the longings of the human heart truly satisfied beyond measure. Only in Jesus Christ do we reach the full measure of ourselves.

Rosary for Faith and Life at Gurrabraher Church

On Sunday 7th October, 2018, @ 2.30pm; (Feast of Most Holy Rosary), Catholics from across Europe will gather along the borders of their nations to seek Our Lady's intercession that the Christian culture that has sustained and provided illumination for the peoples of Europe for millennia will once again provide illumination for us in our time. Only a revival of Christian faith - and a restoration of human values - is capable of keeping Europe united, safe and free. ***Gurrabraher parish, because of its strategic location overlooking Cork city, has been asked to be one of the prayer locations on that day. Consequently, we invite parishioners to assemble at the front door of the Church on that day to seek Our Lady's intercessions for our city and our nation.*** Once before when Islamic forces reached the gates of Vienna, (12th September 1683), and threatened to overwhelm Europe – it was the praying of the Rosary that saw a miraculous intervention that preserved Europe as a Christian continent. Please be present on that day.

Longs Newspaper Round

Recently the Long family from Cathedral Road ceased Newspaper deliveries to the homes of the parish – something they had been doing for almost 65 years. Eugene, Anne and Michael (and their parents before them) provided a great service to Gurrabraher parish. All have now reached the age where it was burdensome to continue the service. We thank the Long family for the service they provided and wish them health and every blessings in the years ahead.

St Vincent's Secondary School Open Night

St Vincent's Girls Secondary School will host an 'Open Night' for parents on this Monday, September 24th from 6.15 – 7.30pm. The School is located on St Mary's Road, near North Cathedral. It has a long tradition of service and excellence to the children of these parishes.

SMA Novena to St Therese – Blackrock Road

The annual SMA Novena in honour of St Therese will begin on this Sunday 23rd of September, 2018 @ 7.30pm at the African Missions Church, Blackrock Road – and will continue each evening until the Feast of the Little Flower on Monday, October 1st. The Mass each evening is at 7.30pm. More details at 021 429 2871.

Catechism for Children

Would you like your child to have a real knowledge of the Catholic faith. A programme for children 3 – 7 years and another one for 8 – 12 years will soon begin at St Mary's Priory Pope's Quay. For further details ring 021 – 450 2267 or go to www.dominicanscork.ie

Looking for a New Career Opportunity?

CityNorth College of Further Education, Hollyhill, is offering level 5 courses in Community Healthcare, Warehousing IT systems, Sports & Recreation instruction, Hairdressing and more. Apply online - info@citynorthcollege.ie or call in for immediate interview.

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.

Office Skills Course at Farranferris

Work Initiative Northside are currently recruiting for their QQI level 4 Office Skills course here at the NC, St Finbarr's College, Farranferris. Anyone over the age of 18 that is in receipt of a social welfare payment can qualify. For more information phone 021 422 8146.

Cork Autism Conference 2018 – next weekend, 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.

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

Gurrabraher 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 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. Admission will be €20. Tickets will soon be available.