

Thank you for your generosity
last weekend
Offertory Collection - €945.00

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

*Special thanks to **Con's Shop** and customers
for raising the sum of €445.00 for Church roof.*

Building Fund Collection this weekend

Diocesan quarterly 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 30, 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. 29, September

6pm. Jerry O'Callaghan, RIP.

Sun 30.

9am. Pádraig & Peter Coughlan, RIP (Month's Mind)

11.30am. Jenny Kelleher, RIP (3rd Anniv)

Mon 1, October.

8am. God's protection on Sheehan family.

10am. Special Birthday Intentions.

Tue 2.

8am. Novena Mass 9.

10am.

Wed 3.

8am.

10am.

Thu 4.

8am.

10am. Nell, Con & Mary Hosford, RIP

Fri 5.

8am. Michael & Noreen Fitzmaurice, RIP

10am. Mass for Holy Souls.

Sat 6,

10.00. Pro-Populo

We pray for those recently deceased...

James Barry Higgins, Orrery 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 30, 2018.

26th 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.

Miraculous intervention saved western civilization

On October 7th, 1571, a fleet of ships assembled under the patronage of Pope Pius V for an intense battle with the fleet of the Ottoman (Islamic) Empire. The battle took place in the Gulf of Patras off the coast of western Greece known as Lapanto. Though hugely outnumbered by the Ottoman forces, the so-called "Holy League" was able to defeat the Ottomans and prevented Islam from having an invincible foothold on western Europe. Had they succeeded they would have gained control of the Mediterranean and imposed the Islamic faith on the conquered peoples - creating a culture profoundly different from what we know today. In the days leading up to the battle - and during the battle itself - Pope Pius V ordered the churches of Rome to remain open night and day and beseeched the faithful to petition the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary through the recitation of the Rosary to halt further Ottoman conquest.

When word reached the Pope Pius of the victory of the Holy League over the Ottomans, he was convinced of divine intervention and added a new feast day to the Roman Liturgical Calendar - October 7th would henceforth be the feast of Our Lady of Victory. Pope Pius' successor, Gregory XIII changed the name of this day to the Feast of the Holy Rosary and that feast is celebrated each year ever since.

Today Europe is threatened by different forces neo-Marxism, cultural suicide, Islamic immigration and a flagrant disregard for God law. We need again divine intervention to awake us from our slumber and rise up to protect what is dear to us.

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.

Funerals Return to Gurrabraher

As and from tomorrow Monday, 1st October, our parish church will be open again for funeral Masses. Over the past few months, while renovations were going on in the church, funeral Masses had to be transferred to neighboring parishes. We are sorry for the inconvenience this caused parishioners – though thankfully, with the fine summer, not too many died in the parish. We are very grateful to the neighbouring parishes, Cathedral, Farranree and Knocknaheeny for facilitating us with our funeral Masses.

Rosary for Faith and Life at Gurrabraher Church next Sunday

Next 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.

SMA Novena to St Therese – Blackrock Road

The annual SMA Novena in honour of St Therese will conclude on this Monday evening with Mass beginning at 7.30pm. More details available 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.

Six Mile Sponsored Walk for Church Roof this Sunday at 2pm.

A sponsored walk is being organized for this Sunday 30th September, 2018 @ 2pm. We ask walkers to keep together at all times and look out for each other. 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.

Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays

At weekend Masses next weekend, 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.

Bingo and Parochial Hall Renovations

Rumours abound that Bingo is about to cease in the Parochial Hall. There is no foundation for those rumours at all. Indeed, the only thing that will close bingo in the parochial hall is the same thing that will close the hall itself - and that is the degeneration of the building. Our immediate efforts now are directed towards carrying out the necessary and urgent repairs - and bringing the hall up to a decent spec. To that end the bingo, (the longest going in Cork), will play a large role. Already this week brand new LED lighting has been installed in the hall which will benefit greatly bingo players and basketball players. We ask for your support and cooperation in our efforts.

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.

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.

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.