

Thank you for your generosity  
last weekend  
Offertory Collection - €1035.00

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

**Building Fund collection last weekend -  
€1,110.00.**

**Special thanks again this month to  
Eily Morris and her supporters for  
raising the sum of €500.00..**

**Diocesan quarterly collection this 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**

**October 07, 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. 6, October**

6pm. Donal & Julia Buckley, RIP

**Sun 7.**

9am.

11.30am.

**Mon 8,**

8am. Novena Mass 1.

10am. David & Elizabeth Babbington & family

**Tue 9.**

8am. Dan & Elizabeth Horgan, RIP

10am. Paul & Mary Horgan, RIP.

**Wed 10.**

8am. Novena Mass 2.

10am. Samuel cooke, RIP (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv).

**Thu 11.**

8am. God's blessings on O'Herlihy family

10am.

**Fri 12.**

8am.

10am.

**Sat 13,**

10.00. Pro-Populo

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***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, October 7, 2018.**

**27<sup>th</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.**

### **Christians need to make a greater impact on the world**

Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia told the Bishops gathered in Rome this week for the 'Synod on the Young' that Christians from the developed world need to grow up and free themselves from their adolescent mind-set - and make a greater impact on the world. He said presenting Jesus as eternally youthful was a powerful image but: "The Jesus who came into the world as an infant ... matured into an adult man of courage, self-mastery, and mercy guided by justice and truth. He was a teacher both tender and forceful; understanding and patient - but also very clear about the kind of human choices and actions that would lead to God, and the kind that would lead away from God.

The wealthy societies of today's world that style themselves as "developed" – including most notably my own [America] - are in fact *underdeveloped* in their humanity. They're frozen in a kind of moral adolescence; an adolescence which they've chosen for themselves and now seek to impose upon others." He told the assembled bishops that they need to be more confident in presenting God's Word and the person of Jesus Christ as the only path to a full and joyful humanity."  
(Archbishop Charles J. Chaput – 4.10.2018)

***Next Pre-Baptism Instruction for those parents living outside the  
parish on Thursday November 1, 2018 @ 7pm in Parish Office***

### **Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays**

At weekend Masses this weekend, 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> 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 tell too of the great blessings bestowed on parish communities that have regular adoration to Jesus. 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 on the card provided this morning. ***A special meeting will take place on this Monday evening at 7pm of all those who will commit to spending time with the Lord on Fridays.***

### **Rosary for Faith and Life at Gurrabraher Church this Sunday**

***This Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 chosen to be one of the prayer locations on this day. Consequently, we invite parishioners to assemble at the front door of the Church on today to seek Our Lady's intercessions for our city and our nation.***

### **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](http://www.dominicanscork.ie)

### **Fund-raising walk for Church roof**

Up to sixty people walked last Sunday from Gurrabraher Church to St Vincent's Hurling Club via Blackstone Bridge, Old Blarney Road and Faggot Hill. People of all ages from infants to OAPs walked merrily along the way. We were indeed blessed with the weather – just ideal conditions for walking. We thank sincerely St Vincent's Club for hosting us on that afternoon and for the refreshments provided. We are also very grateful to Seamus O'Brien and Michael Walsh for organizing the event. They had everything prepared to perfection well in advance. The event raised substantial funds, (figures will be published very soon) - but even more importantly it was a powerful community building exercise. We ask God's blessings on all who participated in the event.

### **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 a Necessity for Human Progress**

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.

### **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.

### **Calling Young People to a deeper knowledge of their Faith**

We invite young people who wish to have a more adult understanding of the faith to make contact with one of the priests of the parish. They will be directed to where they can, along with people of their own age, delve into the mystery - and encounter Jesus, the Risen Lord. Only some kind of encounter with Jesus will sustain us in the years ahead as Ireland turns its back on Christ and believes more and more that it is sufficient on its own.

### **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.