

Thank you for your generosity  
last weekend  
Offertory Collection - €960.00

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

**Mission Sunday Collection last weekend**  
€810.00

**Collection next weekend for Education of  
students for Priesthood/Diaconate.**

*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 28, 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. 27, October**

6pm. Eddie Kelly, RIP. (11<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**Sun 28.**

9am. Paul Whooley, RIP, (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv)

11.30am. Graham O'Connell, RIP (21<sup>st</sup> Birthday)

**Mon 29, (Public Holiday)**

**No Mass at 8am.**

10am. Swaine & O'Brien families, RIP.

**Tue 30.**

8am. Novena Mass 9.

10am. Barry Higgins, RIP. (Month's Mind)

**Wed 31.**

8am. Philomena O'Sullivan, RIP (14<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

10am. John Bruton, RIP, (24<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

6pm. Sheila Collins, RIP, (32<sup>nd</sup> Anniv)

**Thu 1, November.**

8am. For the Novena Dead

10am. For the Novena Dead.

**Fri 2.**

8am. For the Novena Dead.

10am. For the Novena Dead.

**Sat 3,**

10.00. Pro-Populo

***We pray for those recently deceased...***

*Richard O'Donovan, Churchfield Hill.*

***... 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 28, 2018.**

**30<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.**

### **November - A Month when we Remember our dead**



Praying for the dead is one of the great ancient customs of the Catholic Church. It is the faith of the Church that those who have lived exemplary, altruistic lives lived out in God's service and who have been purified by trials and tribulations go straight to Heaven, (Heaven is where God is). These Saints no longer need our prayer.

On the other hand, those who have died obstinately rejecting God's friendship will have that desire respected in death – they will be consigned for all eternity to that place or state that we call Hell. (Hell is where God isn't). Our prayers are no longer of any help to these lost souls.

There is another group - those who have died, who, while not out-rightly rejecting God's friendship, yet lived lives that left much to be desired. These 'holy souls' as they are known go through a kind of purgatorial cleansing before they are permitted communion with God, their Creator – and before they are permitted to feast with their victims at the banquet of life.

Each November the Church around the world engages in a great crusade of prayer for these holy souls. We believe that our prayers and sacrifices can speed up the purgatorial process and help these holy souls to find eternal peace and rest in God's presence. Hence, the setting aside of the month of November each year to remember in a special way – and to pray for our dead.

### **November Novena Mass Schedule**

*We invite all parishioners to join us in the novena (nine) Masses which will be celebrated for our dead this November. Names of those we wish to particularly remember are placed before the Altar during these Masses.*

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> - All Saints** (A Holy Day of Obligation).

Masses - Vigil Mass on Wednesday at 6pm, and on Thursday at 8am, 10am and 7pm.

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> – All Souls.** Masses at 8am, 10am and 7pm.

**Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Masses at 10am and 6pm. (Vigil Mass for Sunday)

**Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup>** - Masses at 9am, 11.30am

**Monday to Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>:** Masses at 8am, 10am and 7pm.

### **Handel's Messiah at Gurrabraher Church - December 2, 2018**

The East Cork Choral Society will perform Handel's Messiah at Ascension Church, Gurrabraher on Sunday, December 2, 2018 @ 8pm. This performance of the Messiah by East Cork Choral Society will be a truly professional event that will be in huge demand. The soloists will be: Mary Hegarty – Soprano; Sarah-Ellen Murphy – Alto; Peter Stobart – Tenor; Timothy Emberson – Bass. East Cork Orchestra – Eithne Willis, Leader. The Conductor of East Cork Choral Society is Colin Nicholls. Admission - €20. The East Cork Choral Society has kindly agreed to stage this performance at Gurrabraher to coincide with the completion of work on the roof – and have also agreed to give all proceeds from the event towards clearing our Church debt. Tickets are now available at Parish Office, Pro Musica in Oliver Plunkett St. and from Society members.

### **Fr Aidan Vaughan's Golden Jubilee**

We thank sincerely all those who rejoiced with us last Sunday as we joined Fr Aidan Vaughan in celebrating fifty years of priesthood – twelve of them here in Gurrabraher. The Mass of Thanksgiving was well attended - and a good number came to the basement afterwards to further celebrate the event. It was a really great occasion with Gurrabraher parishioners excelling as usual.

### **November Mass of Remembrance**

A special Mass for all who have died since November 2017 to now will be celebrated on **Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 at 6pm.** A lighted candle will be carried to the altar on that night by representatives of families who have lost loved ones over the past year. We ask parishioners to please inform these families of the date and time of the Mass. We hope that all families will be present to remember loved ones on that night.

### **Building Fund collection this weekend**

Work is now nearing completion of the Church roof – and already it is looking well from all over the city. Also, all electrical fittings have been replaced giving brilliant new lighting to both inside and outside the Church. All of this is costing big money. Very shortly we will give a full breakdown of total costs for roof and for electrical fittings – and will also show the amount that must still be raised to complete the project. Please be generous with the Building Fund Collection this morning.

### **November Novena Envelopes**

The November Novena Envelopes are ready in the Sacristy for distribution to houses of the parish. We ask our usual volunteers to please help us deliver them urgently so that they can be returned in time for the 1<sup>st</sup> November. See on this Newsletter the schedule of Masses for the Nine days of Masses for the dead.

### **Workshop of Church Choirs**

A workshop for all members of Parish Choirs, (Directors, singers, musicians) to learn new music by a variety of composers – Irish and international. It will be led by Dom Richard Purcell, Abbot of Mount Melleray and Liturgical musician/choir director. It will take place at Blackrock Parish Centre on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> November from 10am – 1.15pm. Contribution €10 per person – to include full music edition book. Places are limited – booking essential. Contact: 021 4537474 or [pdo@corkandross.org](mailto:pdo@corkandross.org)

### **Triduum for Healing and Peace**

St Martin's Triduum. Three nights of intercession for healing and peace. Starts Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov with Mass @ 6pm. St Mary's, at Pope's Quay.

### **November Blessing of Graves**

St James, Chetwynd – 4<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2018 @ 3pm. & St Catherine's, Kilcully – 11<sup>th</sup> Nov @ 3pm.

### **Mass Cards available for all occasions**

Mass Cards are available at the Parish Office for all occasions, RIP, Get Well, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Exams, etc. – the intentions are included in Nine Masses (Novena) celebrated each month in the parish. Card cost €3.

### **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.