

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.*

**Building Fund collection last weekend  
amounted to €1,110.00.**

**Collection this 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  
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### **SUNDAY DUTY ROTA**

**November 4, 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. 3, November**

6pm. Novena Dead

**Sun 4.**

9am. Novena Dead

11.30am. Novena Dead

**Mon 5.**

8am. Novena Dead

10am. Novena Dead

**Tue 6.**

8am. Novena Dead

10am. Novena Dead

**Wed 7.**

8am. Novena Dead

10am. Novena Dead

**Thu 8**

8am. Novena Dead

10am. Novena Dead

**Fri 9.**

8am. Novena Dead

10am. Novena Dead

**Sat 10,**

10.00. Pro-Populo

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

*Kathleen Allen, St Anthony's 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, November 4, 2018.**

**31<sup>st</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.**

### **Praying for the Dead is a constant in Christianity**

Christians have prayed for their departed sisters and brothers since the earliest days of Christianity. Early liturgies and inscriptions on catacomb walls attest to the ancientness of prayers for the dead, even if the Church needed more time to develop a substantial theology behind the practice. Praying for the dead was also a custom among different sects in Judaism as indicated in [2 Maccabees](#) 12:41-42. In the New Testament, St Paul prays for mercy for his departed friend Onesiphorus ([2 Timothy](#) 1:18). Early Christian writers Tertullian and St. Cyprian testify to the regular practice of praying for the souls of the departed.... This demonstrates that Christians believed that their prayers could somehow have a positive effect on the souls of departed believers. Closely connected to the ancient practice of praying for the dead is the belief in an explicit state called purgatory. The New Testament hints at a purification of believers after death. For example, Saint Paul speaks of being saved, "but only as through fire" ([1 Corinthians](#) 3:15). Over time, many Church Fathers, including St. Augustine... further developed the concept of a purgation of sins through fire after death.

*“All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.” (CCC 1030)*

### **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.*

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

### **November Mass of Remembrance**

A special Mass for all who have died since November 2017 to now will be celebrated on **Saturday next, 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.

### **Eucharistic Adoration each Friday**

There will be 'Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament' in the side Chapel each Friday beginning after the 10am Mass - and concluding at 6pm. Pope Benedict spoke of the necessity of Eucharistic Adoration ***"in order to help the world rediscover again the face and love of God."*** We are grateful to the parishioners who have committed to attend at a specific time each week in order that the Blessed Sacrament is not left alone at any time in the side Chapel. We invite all parishioners to come at any time during these hours of adoration and spend some time with the Lord. Remember the words of Jesus: *"Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened – come and find rest for your souls."*

### **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 Mellerey 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: 021 453 7474, or at [pdo@corkandross.org](mailto:pdo@corkandross.org)

### **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.

### **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 will be €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.

### **November Blessing of Graves**

St James, Chetwynd – this Sunday, 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 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.

### **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.

### **Meals on Wheels**

Gurrabraher Meals on Wheels delivers hot, nutritious meals daily to many of our senior neighbours in the Churchfield/Gurrabraher/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 [gurrabrahermealsonwheels@gmail.com](mailto:gurrabrahermealsonwheels@gmail.com) We also look for volunteers to help us run this service – particularly drivers to deliver meal.

***Next Pre-Baptism Instruction for those parents living outside the parish on Thursday December 6, 2018 @ 7pm in Parish Office***