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last weekend  
Offertory Collection - €980.00

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

*Special thanks to Eily Morris and her supporters  
who again collected the sum of €500  
for Church renovations.*

*Last weekend's collection for Education of  
students for Priesthood/Diaconate  
came to €515.00*

*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 11, 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. 10, November**

6pm. Martin Sexton, RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

**Sun 11.**

9am. Betty Linehan, RIP

11.30am. Pat O'Gorman, RIP.

**Mon 12.**

8am. Richard O'Donovan, RIP.

10am. Noel Barry, RIP. (9<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**Tue 13.**

8am. Matthew Daly, RIP.

10am. Dermot Foley, RIP

**Wed 14.**

8am.

10am. Martin Sexton, RIP

**Thu 15**

8am.

10am. Matthew Daly, RIP

**Fri 16.**

8am.

10am. Keith Kelleher & Robert Hayes, RIP

**Sat 17,**

10.00. Pro-Populo

***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 11, 2018.**

**32<sup>nd</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.**

### **Understanding Purgatory**

Let's use an analogy to help us understand how Purgatory works. A little boy is all dressed up in his best Sunday clothes. His parents allow him to go outside to play while they finish getting ready for church. The little boy finds a mud puddle and dances in it - soon he's covered head to toe in mud.

Needless to say, his mother is not very happy when she discovers the filthy condition of her son. She is all set to give him a good scolding when she looks closely into his sad eyes. She can see that he is truly sorry as he whimpers out a tiny, 'I'm sorry, Mommy.' Her mother's heart melts. She can't help it. She forgives him immediately, but she doesn't hug him. After all, he's still covered in mud! What he really needs is a good, solid scrubbing. So into the bathtub he goes. He doesn't like it, of course. He complains and frets, whining that his mom is going to scrub off his ears, but in the end, he comes out clean and fresh, and his mom wraps him in a huge hug.

According to Catholic doctrine, we're like that little boy. When we disobey God and sin, we get covered in spiritual mud. Because God loves us so much, He forgives us easily when we ask for His mercy, but like the little boy, we're still covered in the consequences of our sin. That spiritual mud has to come off somehow before we can enter into God's embrace in Heaven. We can either get cleaned up while we're still living on Earth through prayers, good works, and patience in trials, or we can finish getting scrubbed in Purgatory, where the fire of God's love burns away every last bit of our spiritual mud. We might not like it. We might complain and fret, but we come out clean and fresh, and God wraps us in a huge hug. This is what Catholics believe about Purgatory.

### November Mass Remembrance

The 6pm Mass this Saturday is for all who have died since November 2017. In this Mass we pray not only for those who have died - but we remember too those who grieve the loss of a loved one. Only those who have lost somebody they have really loved knows the pain of bereavement; where the heart is broken in two. We ask God, and our saints in Heaven, to comfort those who grieve to allow song, laughter and music back in their lives again. (After the homily the names of those who have died will be called out and two family members will be presented with a candle to be brought to the altar. There the candle will be left all during the month of November in memory of the dead of Gurrabraher parish).

*Let us not look for you only in memory,  
Where we would grow lonely without you.  
You would want us to find you in presence,  
Beside us when beauty brightens,  
When kindness glows  
And music echoes eternal tones.* (John O'Donoghue)

### 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. 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.

### 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 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."*

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

### Tea Dance at Hut next Sunday: 3pm – 6pm.

Cork City Partnership is holding a Tea Dance at the Hut on Sunday next, 18<sup>th</sup> November from 3pm – 6pm. Refreshments will be served. All invited; no tickets required – just turn up for music, dance, song and craic.

### Deacon Frank McKeivitt to Assist in Liturgy next weekend

For a long, long time 'deaconate' was seen as a stage a man passed through before he was ordained as priest. Yet, in the early Church permanent Deacons were very much part of the Church's Ministry, (cf Acts 6: 1-6), assisting priest and bishop in ministering to the faithful. The diaconate is an ordained ministry, but unlike the other two ministries within Holy Orders, there is no obligation to celibacy. Deacons are permitted to proclaim the Gospel, preach, baptise, preside at funerals and weddings and bring Communion to the sick: they are not permitted to celebrate the Eucharist, hear Confessions or anoint the Sick - just as a priest is not permitted to administer the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Next weekend, Rev Frank McKeivitt, a married man and father of three grown-up children, who was ordained Deacon in 2013, will assist at our Masses here in Gurrabraher - and tell us a little bit about his own faith journey to Deaconate. We welcome his presence among us.

### SMA Calendars for 2019

The SMA Fathers have asked us once again to help the missions by selling their 2019 Calendar. This Calendar is a very good quality production with Public Holidays and Holy Days of Obligation clearly marked out. It is priced at €3 each.

### 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.

### Wanted used clothing and other unwanted items for Bric-a-brac

We are still requesting for quality used clothing and other unwanted items that can be sold at a Bric-a-brac to raise funds for the Church. They can be handed into Parish Office or if necessary they can be collected.

### 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.