

The Offertory collection last weekend
amounted to €1,045.00

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

**End of month Building Fund collection
next weekend.**

**Second collection this week for
Bishop's Office**

*Donations for Church Renovations
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

January 20, 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. 19, January

6pm. Edward (Ned) Kenny, RIP (Anniv)

Sun 20.

9am. Special Intention

11.30am. Keith Kelleher, RIP.

Mon 21.

8am. Novena Mass 5.

10am. Catherine O'Callaghan, RIP (3rd Anniv)

Tue 22.

8am. Special Intention.

10am. John O'Brien, RIP (2nd Anniv)

Wed 23.

8am. Novena Mass 6.

10am. Special Intention.

Thu 24.

8am. Novena Mass 7.

10am. Mossy Twomey, RIP (13th Anniv)

Fri 25.

8am. Michelle Swaine, RIP.

10am. Norman Calnan, RIP.

Sat 26.

10am. Pro Populo.

We pray for those recently deceased...

Philomena Ryan, (Orrery Road).

Michael Murphy, Mt Eden Road

Tony Leahy, Orrery Road.

... Requiescat in Pace.

***There is now an Account at Gurrabraher
Credit Union
to facilitate those who may wish to leave
some money into our account –
Church of the Ascension Renovation Fund -
A/c No. 02255200.***



Ascension Parish

Gurrabraher, Cork.

Sunday, January 20, 2019.

2nd Sunday - Ordinary Time (C)

Parish Office – 021-4303655 (If Urgent: 085-8041951)

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Priests of the Parish:

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Fr. Aidan Vaughan, OFM, Cap. Tel: 021-4397472. (aidan1302@gmail.com)

Weekend Masses – Saturday 6pm (Vigil) & Sundays – 9am & 11.30am.

God's Mercy is what drives the Pro-Life Movement

As Christians who describe ourselves as 'Pro-Life' we must be concerned about the life and dignity of the human person wherever it is threatened or diminished – and in whatever form. "Anyone whose life is threatened and anyone whose human dignity is disrespected have a claim on our love and mercy... Mercy is the force that permeates the entirety of the pro-life movement. Pro-lifers must have mercy not only for an unborn child or for a frightened expectant mother, but also for post-abortive parents who deeply regret authorizing the killing of their own child, for abortion advocates who verbally [and physically] attack 'pro-lifers' and label us extremists, and for those who work in the abortion industry. It was this mercy that led to amazing Paul-like conversions of abortion advocates, who have gone on to 'become powerful pro-life apologists.'"

Archbishop Joseph Naumann highlighted the examples of Norma McCorvey, Dr. Bernard Nathanson, and Abby Johnson. All three had been staunch defenders of abortion until they experienced a change of heart, discovered Jesus' love, and re-dedicated their lives to ending abortion. "Pray that through God's grace there will be many more like them who will come to know they are made in the Divine Image and that they are of such worth that Jesus died for them... May our advocacy awaken the hearts of others to know Jesus' desire for them to experience abundant life in this world and to share with him eternal life in paradise."

Archbishop Joseph Naumann of Kansas City – January, 2019.

'Over 60s Singing competition' at St Vincent's

An 'over 60s' singing competition will take place at St Vincent's Hurling & Football Club, on Blarney Road, on Wednesday, 30th January. The winner has the opportunity to go on to win the final. If you have a good singing voice why not display your talents on that night. St Vincent's Hurling and Football Club are hosting the occasion and invite everyone to the event. There is no entrance fee – and refreshments will be provided on the night.

Tuesday Prayer Group

The Tuesday Prayer Group that meet at the Parish Office will resume praying on this Tuesday, 22nd January, 2019 @ 7.30pm.

First Friday Calls to the Sick and Housebound

Each month the priests of the parish visit the elderly and housebound. Many of them were once strong, active members of this parish community but can no longer attend weekly Mass – and would dearly love a visit of the priest. We remind those who have loved ones unable to attend Mass to please bring it to the attention of the priests. See front page for telephone numbers.

Eucharistic Adoration each Friday

There will be 'Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament' at the Fatima 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. Jesus says: *"Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened – come and find rest for your souls."*

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.

Next Pre-Baptism Instruction for those parents who live outside the parish will take place on Thursday, February 7, 2019 @ 7pm in Parish Office.

Volunteers Needed

The Church needs volunteers to assume duties that can no longer be paid for by the parish. If you have free time on your hands and would like to do something for the Church please see any one of the priests. At present we require somebody i) who is computer literate (with knowledge of Excel and Excess) and has time to contribute in bringing parish records up to date; ii) people able to assist in cleaning of Church or parish sacristy. *We appeal especially to younger people to take up the baton and come to the assistance of older members of the community.*



We are indeed grateful to the many who already give of their time to ensure the smooth running of the church. They provide a magnificent service to Gurrabraher parish.

Mikhail Gorbachev haunted by Abortion

In Russia there are more abortions than live births every year. In the former Soviet Union, abortion was widely promoted as a form of birth control. Among the many millions who suffered the pain of post-abortion syndrome was Raisa Gorbachev, the wife of the last president of the USSR, Mikhail Gorbachev. Reflecting on his wife, who passed away 15 years ago, the 83-year-old Mikhail Gorbachev remembered one of the most painful moments of their life: when they aborted their first child. "Raisa had suffered from rheumatic fever that had a negative effect on her heart. Shortly after their wedding at the end of the Stalinist era, in 1953, she became pregnant with their first child. "The doctors warned that while the baby can be born alive you will lose your wife. Her heart may not cope with it," To save her life, he made the choice to abort their child – but the decision haunted both of them forever. "Raisa suffered so much," he said. "We were told it was a boy." "I tried to calm her as much as I could. But we had already chosen a name - Sergei, after my father." *The Express* reported that Gorbachev was still "emotional" about the abortion 51 years later. The Gorbachevs went on to have one daughter, Irina - but they never forgot her older brother, Sergei.

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 We also look for volunteers to help us run this service – particularly drivers to deliver meal.