

The Offertory collection last weekend
amounted to €915.00

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

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

Second collection last weekend for
Bishop's Office - €525.00

*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. 26, January

6pm. Holy Souls.

Sun 27.

9am. Jimmy & Annie Russell, RIP (Anniv)

11.30am. Gavin Lawless, RIP (8th Anniv)

Mon 28.

8am. Special Intention.

10am. Special Intention

Tue 29.

8am. Novena Mass 9.

10am. Michael O'Driscoll, RIP

Wed 30.

8am. Thomas Crean, RIP (1st Anniv)

10am. Gene Ford, RIP (1st Anniv)

Thu 31.

8am. Edward (Ned) Kenny, RIP.

10am. Norman Calnan, RIP

Fri 1, February.

8am. Novena Mass 1.

10am. Mattie Daly, RIP.

Sat 2.

10am. Pro Populo.

We pray for those recently deceased...

Tony Mahon, St Enda's Road,

Joan Stanton, (Mt Nebo Road)

Philomena Murphy, (Orrery Road).

Michael Murphy, Mt Eden 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 27th, 2019.

3rd Sunday - Ordinary Time (C)

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

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Priests of the Parish:

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

Saint Brigid of Kildare, (Naomh Bríd). (Friday 1st February)

On February 1st we celebrate the feast of St Bridget of Kildare. Bridget, after St Patrick, is the second patron saint of Ireland. Each year the Church in Ireland reminds us of the nobility of her heroic deeds - and of the assistance she continues to bring us from her heavenly home. Bríd, (c. 451–525), is one of Ireland's best known saints, along with Patrick and Columba.

Irish hagiography makes her an early Irish Christian nun, an Abbess, and founder of several monasteries of nuns, including that of Kildare, which became famous as a place of learning. Her feast day is 1st February, which was originally a pagan festival called Imbolc, marking the beginning of spring.

Almost from the very beginnings of Christianity in Ireland we see those imbued with the Christian faith, (men and women), bringing enlightenment and hope to the Irish people. Make no mistake about it – an Ireland without her Christian faith – and where all traces of her Christian roots are erased from public consciousness - will not be a more enlightened, tolerant society. It will revert again to a savage state where we will be monsters to each other. May Naomh Bríd help us rediscover what it is to be Christian – indeed, what it is to be truly human.

Pilgrimage to Fatima on 28th Sept to 4th Oct.

A pilgrimage is being organised to Fatima for 6 nights from September 28th to October 4th, 2019. Flights from Cork. Price €609 – (€560 if booked before Feb 1st) Price includes trips to place of Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem, St Anthony's birth place in Lisbon, and Blessed Alexandrina Da Costa in Balasar. The Spiritual Director will be Fr Marius O'Reilly. Limited places! Contact Damien on 087 204 9048.

'Samuel Programme'

Are you 18-35? Are you like the boy Samuel in the Gospel – not knowing what to do with your life? Do you wish you could trust more when making life decisions? We will be starting a Samuel Programme for young adults on Sunday 17th Feb in Clonakilty Parish Centre and a group in Cork city! There will be a gathering once a month for 6 months. For more details or to book a place contact eavopost@gmail.com or call 0872209994

'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.

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."*

Gala Race Night – 15th March

A Gala Race night is being organized on Friday, 15th March at St Vincent's H & F Club to raise fund for the Church roof. It will be a night of great fun and excitement. We appeal to parishioners to take a Card and get your friends to buy a horse to run on that night. Each horse costs €10. In the race on that night only nominal prizes are won. We also appeal for advertisers for the booklet that will be printed on the night with the names of horses, jockeys, etc. To advertise – a full page cost €100; a half page €50. If we all participate in the event it can bring in substantial funds for the church roof. Once again we appeal to your generosity.

Special Mass for the Sick – February 11th at 2.30pm

On February 11th, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, there will be a special Mass for the sick and housebound at Gurrabraher parish church, starting at 2.30pm. Light refreshments will be provided afterwards. We invite the sick and the housebound to come to the Mass on that afternoon and receive the Anointing for the Sick/Aged. Transport will be provided for those who have no way of getting to the Mass. This is a regular event in many parishes - and it brings people out on that day who have lost contact with fellow parishioners. We hope that many of our elderly/sick will be present on this special day – designated as World Day of the Sick. If you are coming – and if you need transport – please let us know by ringing 021 - 430 3655 or 085 804 1951

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord – Saturday 2nd February

This feast recalls Mary and Joseph bringing the infant Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem to dedicate their child to God in keeping with Jewish tradition. There they meet the old man Simeon who refers to the child as 'the light of the nations'. He also looks ahead to Jesus' adult life and foretells his death. (Luke 2:22-40). In Luke's scripture passage, Simeon predicts that a sword would pierce Mary's heart too: *"... Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'Look, he is destined for the fall and for the rise of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is opposed – and a sword will pierce your soul too so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare'".*

Traditionally, on this day all candles to be used for Christian worship are brought to church and are blessed. (Bring your own candles on that day for blessing).

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.