

Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Keeping in Touch

ST MARY'S PARISH, BENNEKERRY

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Spring

Nothing is so beautiful as spring—

When weeds, in wheels, shoot long and lovely and lush;

Thrush's eggs look little low heavens, and thrush

Through the echoing timber does so rinse and wring

The ear, it strikes like lightnings to hear him sing;

The glassy pear tree leaves and blooms, they brush

The descending blue; that blue in all a rush

With richness; the racing lambs too have fair their fling.

What is all this juice and all this joy?

A strain of the earth's sweet being in the beginning

In Eden garden.—Have, get, before it cloy,

Before it cloud, Christ, Lord and sour with sinning,

Innocent mind and Mayday in girl and boy,

Most, O Maid's child, they choice and worthy the winning.

by [Gerard Manley Hopkins](#)

Fr. Tom Little
059 91-34992

Fr Liam Morgan
059 91-31212

Sr. Joan Pierse
059 91-42565

Emergency
Priest on Duty
087 2588118

ASKEA PARISH COLLECTIONS

Development
Fund €1,692
Offertory
€1,758

Askea Parish
Community
Centre Phone
& Fax 91-42565
087 1269709

Carlow Day Care
Centre
91-35977

Childcare Centre
9135206

Deadline for
Newsletter is 5pm
Wednesday by
phone or fax to
9142565 or email
to
office@askeaparish
.ie

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

On this day, 11th February, in 1858,
Our Lady first appeared to the fourteen
year old Bernadette Soubirous.

Later Bernadette was to learn
that the mysterious lady was the Blessed
Virgin and to hear from her lips,
"I am the Immaculate Conception".

In 1992 Pope John Paul II
instituted the World Day of the Sick to be
held on the commemoration of Our Lady of
Lourdes.

*The Blessing of the Sick will take place during
the 7pm Mass this Saturday 11th February 2012
in Holy Family Church, Askea.*

email: office@askeaparish.ie

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

Fr Tom Little PP - Phone 059 9131559 /9134992

Fr Liam Morgan CC 059 9131212. Newsletter Items - 059 9143881.

Deadline for News items: - 9pm Wednesdays

Emergency Number for the Priest on Duty 087 2588118.

Parish Office - 059 9142565

Anniversaries - Sunday 12th February at 11.30am

Seamie Harmon, 4 Kernanstown

James Hutton, Rutland Terrace

Danny Brennan, Rutland & Carlisle

<u>Bennekerry Offertory €215</u>	<u>Development €272</u>
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PALATINE G.F.C. Lotto Results: - 06/2/'12

Lotto numbers: 4, 6, 12 and 15. - Jackpot - No winner.

5 MATCH 3 WINNERS share (€200) - €40 each.

Winner

Bridie Jenkins

John Doyle

Linda & Kevin

Rian Carroll

Nancy Bible

Sellers Prize - €70 - Pat Carroll. Next Draw on Monday 13th February 2012 in Palatine Clubhouse at 10:00pm — tickets €2 each. Jackpot €11,800.

Seller

John Kelly

Jimmy O'Shea

Colette Fennelly

Pat Carroll

John Kelly

Cnoc Arda Ladies GFC Annual General meeting on Thursday 16th February 2012 at 8.30pm in Palatine Clubhouse. All welcome. Contact Carrie on 085 2723511.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY - Garden

Weather means more when you have a garden. There's nothing like listening to a shower and thinking how it is soaking in around your green beans.
Marcelene Cox

Support Group For Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families in Cathedral Parish Centre on Thursdays at 8pm. Contact Alan O'Dwyer 059 9134865/ 087 2455994.

'You Are Not Alone'

Family Support Group

For families living with drug abuse. Meetings in Askea Parish Centre Wed from 6pm until 8pm. Call Margaret on 085 7872730.

Low Cost Counselling

Service in Askea Parish Community Centre. Contact 087 6272628 or 086 4063043.

Talk It Over Bereavement

Support 086-3364961.

Moving On Overcoming

Depression (MOOD) - A group for relatives of those experiencing depression takes place on the first Wed of every month at 8pm in Cathedral Parish Centre, College Street, Carlow.

Alcoholic's Anonymous meets every Wednesday at 8.30pm and Saturday at 11am in Askea Parish Centre.

One 2 One Counselling

Psychotherapy Accredited C.B.T. Therapists. Private and Confidential therapy for Individual, Couples, Child and Adolescent Counselling. Ph: 059 91 71909 or 085 160 0999.

Al-Anon Family Groups

Carlow: Mon - St. Catherine's Social Services 8pm; Thurs - Askea Parish Centre 8pm. Sun - St Catherine's Social Services 8.15pm. (Ph: 01 8732699 www.al-anonuk.org.uk)

BODYWHYS - 2 SUPPORT

GROUPS 1st. for people with eating disorders. 2nd. for family and friends of same at 7.30 pm on Wed 1st of each month in the Cathedral Parish Centre, College St.

Aware Support Group meets in the Cathedral Parish Centre every Tuesday at 8pm. Contact Mick on 087 9498100 or email

mick@awaresoutheast.com The Helpline 1-890 303 303

Nar-Anon Family Groups are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. Meetings every Mon at 7pm in Aislinn Centre, Ballyraggett Co Kilkenny. Phone 085 2191031.

Carlow Women's Aid

7 Old Dublin Road Carlow. Freephone 1800 444944.

Carlow Dial to Stop Drug

Dealing Dial 1800 220 220
anonymous and safe. *You dial, we act.*

Co Carlow Drugs Initiative

Would you like to talk to somebody about a drug or alcohol problem? either your own or someone close to you. Contact 059 9140616 or 085 7176423.

Sunday School for children aged 4-7yrs will be held on the first Sunday of each month at 12 Noon Mass. Parents are welcome to join in if child needs a little extra support.

Meditation Experience: Meditation Group meets every Thursday from 7.30pm to 8.30pm at the Carlow Day Care Centre in Askea. Why not come along and try it out? No experience necessary. No charge. For more information, ring Noel on 087 2251183.

Eucharistic Adoration takes place in Holy Family Church, Askea every Wednesday after the 9.30am Mass and concludes at 7pm.

Kildare & Leighlin Weekly Lotto Results

For Wed 8th February 2012.

Numbers drawn were 4, 16, 23 and 31.

No Jackpot Winner.

Next Week's Jackpot €11,000

5 Match 3 share €1,000. - €200 each. There were NO Match 3s from Askea / Bennekerry.

Tickets €2 each - available from Askea Parish Centre. Please note the draw takes place on Wed at 4.30pm in Portlaoise. Tickets must be returned by 5pm each Tuesday to Askea Parish Centre.

Table Quiz A table quiz in aid of Carlow Day Care Centre will take place in Carpenter's Lounge, Carlow on Friday 2nd March 2012 at 7.30pm. €10 per person. Raffle on the night. Prizes galore. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Contact 059 91 35977 for further details.

Carlow Pioneers meet at 8pm on Friday 17th February, 2012 in Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre. All welcome.
Alcohol abuse is in the news again this week. It's a good time to think about membership of Juvenile Pioneers (8-11); Young Pioneers (over 12); Pioneer (over 16); Temporary Pioneer and Limited-Period Pledge. Pioneers promote sobriety and temperance by prayer, self sacrifice and good example. Further information from Anne on 087 7638695 and see www.pioneerassociation.ie

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Driving Lessons Approved Driving Instructor and RSA Registered. Contact Peter Walsh 087 6158431 or email peterwalsh01@eircom.net. Gift vouchers available.

Weight Watchers Meeting Carlow: Tuesdays: 9am in Askea Parish Centre, 5.30pm & 6.45pm Askea Girls' School, Wednesdays: 5.15pm & 6.30pm Seven Oaks Hotel, Thursdays: 9am, 10.15am & 12.30pm in Dr Donal O'Brien Centre.

Askea Country Market
The Market Continues in Askea Parish Centre every Friday from 10am to 12 Noon.

Ornamental gates and railings made to order. Contact 059 9134658.

Dog Obedience Puppy Training in St Fiacc's Hall, Thurs nights and agility on Sat mornings in Garryhill. Contact 059 91 37724 or 0086 3207287.

VTOS Carlow Comes of Age The Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme under the auspices of Co. Carlow VEC is celebrating twenty one years this year in providing education and training to adults in County Carlow. VTOS is organising a number of events for its 21st celebrations to take place during the National Adult Learner festival, the week of the 20- 24 February. If you are a former VTOS graduate and wish to participate, contribute to or attend any of our events, we would love to hear from you. You can contact Pauline or Caroline in the VTOS Centre, 1-3 Granby Row, Carlow. Tel: 059 9140311 or info@vtoscarlow.ie

Firewood for sale

Hardwood - Trailer 5' x 3' x 1'6".
€50 delivered. 086 1569119.

Yoga Classes available on

Tuesdays from 7.30pm to 9pm in
Tintean Community Centre,
Pollerton Road. Contact Bernie
087 1237687 for details.

Handy Man available. No job
too small. Also Bathroom
renovations. Contact 086
1599806.

Barnardos - parenting in
changing times - 'Let's focus on
teenagers'. Parenting course
Starting 22nd February in 24
Askea Lawns from 10am to
12.30pm. Contact Barnardos at
059 91 32868.

Joe's Heating & Plumbing

Services Gas and Oil boilers
serviced. Fully insured. RGI.
Contact 087 9281267.

The Budding Artists,

Askea's amateur art group meet
every Thursday in Askea
Community Centre between 10am
and 12noon. Anyone interested in
all aspects of Art are welcome to
come and experience a relaxing
morning. Further information;
Contact Mary on 087 9447044
or John on 085 7670630

Stained Glass supplied and
fitted for windows, hall door and
internal doors. Contact 087
6968900.

Medjugorjie Pilgrimage

2012 26th May S.D.Fr. Michael
Duffy O.F.M. 22nd Sept, S.D.Fr.
P.J. Madden. For bookings &
enquiries contact Noeleen 059
91 42670. Savings scheme can be
arranged.

Tube- Carlow. Learn to make
a music video with Carlow
Regional Youth Services, The
Vault, Carlow, during the half-
term break. Mon 13th - Fri 17th
Feb 10am - 3pm. 13-16 year olds.
Cost €30. To register call Paul
Almond 085 789 7279

Aspiro Choir Carlow's 15th
Anniversary Concert takes place
in Carlow Cathedral on Sunday
12th February at 8.30pm.
The Concert programme includes
an Aspiro Retrospective and the
Irish Premiere of Bernstein
Mass Concert Selections,
Conducted by Mary Amond O
Brien and Doreen Rao, U.S.A.,
accompanied by Professional
Ensemble. Ticket prices: Adult
€12, Concession €10, U12's €5
and Family (2+2) €30.

Sponsored Carlow & District Vintage Tractor, Car and Bike Run

in aid of Carlow Day Care Centre,
Brownhill Road, Askea on
Saturday 10th March at 1.30pm.
Registration at the Day Care
Centre - No registration Fee.
For Sponsor Cards or further
details contact Michael 086
1789211 or 059 91 35977.
Refreshments and Raffle at the
Day Care Centre following the
run. Prizes Galore including
Seller's Prize €50. Driver's Prize
€50.

Fire Kindling Large bags of
fire kindling for sale. Contact
059 91 32405.

Carlow Workman's Club

Dancing every Saturday night
from 9pm. Top Banks.
Members €3 and Non-
Members €4.

AGM of Co Carlow Irish Wheelchair Association.

The AGM of the County Carlow
Branch of the Irish Wheelchair
Association will be held on
Sunday 12th February, 2012 at
3p.m. at the Irish Wheelchair
Association Centre, "Teach
Failte", Kilkenny Road, Carlow.
All are welcome to attend.

Upcoming Events at

Mount St. Anne's

Retreat Centre,

Killenard, Portarlington

A Day of Meditation Sat 25th
Feb - 10am - 4pm. Facilitated by
Sr. Róisín Gannon. Cost: €25.
Tea/Coffee provided)
Calligraphy Workshop - Sat 24th
Mar - 10am - 4pm. This creative
workshop is aimed at people who
wish to develop this special skill
with confidence. Cost: €35
Facilitated by Sr. Roisin Gannon
Card Making for all Occasions -
Thurs evenings 15th, 22nd and
29th Mar - 8pm - 10pm.
Facilitated by Sr. Róisín Gannon
Make unique cards for Birthdays,
Easter, Mother's Day, Father's
Day, Wedding Anniversary, etc.
Cost: €70 (includes all materials)
Mindful Eating Workshop - Sat
28th April - 10am - 4pm. This
workshop will enable you to make
healthier food choices and to
rediscover the pleasure of eating
... without the guilt.
Mindful Eating helps us to
develop more awareness around
our negative eating patterns and
behaviours. Facilitated by
Deirdre Kavanagh - a qualified
Holistic Nutritionist.
Cost: €40. Enquiries to The
Secretary at 057-8626153 or by
email msannes@eircom.net

Askea Senior Citizens'

News Our monthly night out for February will be on Wed 29th Feb at 7pm in Askea Parish Centre. Music, Bingo and Tea. New members welcome. Membership €10.

Easter Party Our Easter Party will be on Sunday 25th March in the Seven Oaks Hotel at 3pm. bingo, music and dancing and tea at 5pm. Names must be given to Marian before 15th March.

Summer Holiday Our first holiday this year is to Derry and Donegal on Monday 14th Mary to Friday 18th May. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast and day trips. Members cost €225. Single supplement extra. Contact Marian at 059 91 43010.

Yoga & Nutrition

workshop Pam Butler & Lorraine Whelan. Sat 18th Feb in Teach Bhríde, Tullow from 10am - 1pm, Cost €30.

* Why & how to eat for energy
* Your nutrition questions answered

* Yoga poses for better digestion

Contact 086 089 1141.

Morning Social Bridge

Carlow Castle Bridge Club on Wed at 10.15am in the Seven Oaks. Partners not necessary.

Novena to Our Lady of

Perpetual Help St Andrew's Church, Bagenalstown every Tuesday at 7.30pm starting 21st February. Mass and Benediction. Speaker on 21st February Gerry Watchorn, Educating our young people - reasons to be cheerful.

Building Maintenance and

Repairs, Home Energy Assessments. Registered BER assessor, initial call out free. Contact Frank at 087 1230108.

Friends of Nano Group

Do you have a link of any kind with the Presentation Sisters? If so, you may wish to attend a meeting on Tuesday 21st February at 7.30 pm in the Day Care Centre in Askea Carlow. The purpose of the meeting is to set up a Friends of Nano Group in Carlow. Groups are being set up around the world to help people who are inspired by Nano Nagle to deepen their own inner life and to work towards building a more compassionate, just and sustainable world. Why not come along, no strings attached, to find out more?

Carlow Lions Club -

Strollers, meet every Wed evening at 7.30pm at the Seven Oaks Hotel for a 5km walk. All welcome.

Diabetes Federation of

Ireland. AGM & Information Meeting in The Boardroom, Naas Hospital, Naas, Co. Kidare. on Thursday 23rd February. Time - 7.30pm. Speakers - Patricia White (Clinical Psychologist) & Sinead Fitzpatrick (Dietitian). All Welcome.

Carlow Historical Society

lecture series. Dr. Colman Etchingham, Lecturer in History in NUI Maynooth, will give a lecture on "Haket de Ridelesford, Ballyhacket & Hacketstown: Anglo-Norman Colonists in North-East Carlow", in the Killerig Hotel Co. Carlow, on Wednesday 15th February at 8pm. Admission Free. All welcome.

Oak Tree Home Care Ltd

offers a range of home care services including: Companionship, Day Time Care, Night time Care, Week end Care, Personal Care Tasks, medication reminders etc. All our Health Care Assistants receive FETAC Level 5 training and are Garda Vetted. Contact 059 9135253.

Irish Grinds available from Primary Level to Junior Cert Higher Level. Contact 087 6183045.

Éire Óg's News - Lotto

Results. Numbers drawn 4, 5, 14 and 17. No Jackpot Winner. And no match 3s. Next week's match 3 share €450.

Tickets available from the Club, or phone 9143951, Riverside Stores Hanover, and the Flower Shop Fairgreen, Shopping Centre. Draw takes place each Monday in Teach Asca at 9.30pm.

Entertainment Saturday night dancing to 'Stardust': No Cover Charge.

Running Club: Every Sat morning at 9am, beginners welcome

Pool Tournament starting this week, €400 in prize money. Contact the Club for further details.

Awards Night Saturday 25th. Congratulations to all who are up for an award.

Teen Africa

Four Transition Year students from St Leo's College, Carlow who are travelling to South Africa with the Niall Mellon Township Trust in November, 2012 are hosting a Spring / Summer Fashion Show on Thurs 22nd March in Dinn Rí at 8.30pm. Tickets €15 available from Vera Smith 086 8317940, Catherine Nolan 086 8709846 or Margaret Nolan 085 2432207.

Irish Heart Foundation

Volunteers needed for Happy Heart Weekend. Carlow Town and County on the 10th, 11th and 12th May. Contact Anne Marie Burke 086 0870998.

Protect what's important

to you. At EBS Carlow, we are inviting you to take some time out to pop in for a cuppa and a chat about your finances. We can help you with protecting your family's income, saving for your future, retirement planning, insurance cover and daily banking. An appointment can be arranged at a time to suit your busy schedule. So, why not put a date in your diary today and call into EBS Carlow or phone us on 059 9142203.

Sr Mercedes Tullow

Group This is our first re-launch holiday departing early June 2012 and visiting the Costa del Sol for 2 weeks. Cost approx €899. Price includes flights, accommodation, 4 Star hotel B&B & Dinner, return transfers in Spain and return travel from Tullow. Travel insurance extra and compulsory. Contact Martina at Elliott Travel 059 6481722 by 20th February 2012.

Woman available for

Housekeeping or Companion to the Elderly. Contact 087 6127133.

Irish Charity Warehouse

Ltd Killeshin Road, Carlow in partnership with Holy Angels Day Care Centre - Used Goods collection. Contact 059 91 40622 or 086 400 4680.

Stirling & The Lake

District 7 day bus tour from 1st to 7th June. Visiting Stirling, Edinburgh, Lock Lomond, Gretna Green, Lake District and Blackpool. Total Cost €489 per person sharing. One twin room left. Contact Ann Dunne on 087 9018753 or 059 9134507.

Holiday to Derry Mon 29th

Oct to Fri 2nd Nov - 4 nights in the Waterfoot Hotel, Derry B&B and Evening meal. Cost €225 per person sharing. Trip includes Shopping in Derry, Halloween celebrations with fancy dress and fireworks display in Derry; Tour of Glens of Antrim; visit to Bushmills Distillery; Stormont and New Titanic Centre, Belfast. Contact Ann 059 9134507 or 087 9018753.

Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

A Place at the Table.

As part of our preparation for the 50th International Eucharistic Congress in June 2012 a Diocesan Eucharistic Congress will be held in Carlow on March 9 & 10. The theme is 'A Place at the Table'. There will be a number of keynote speakers: Baroness Nuala O'Loan, Fr Michael Drumm, and Fr Peter McVerry S.J. There will also be a wide range of workshops [32 in total], taking place in the Cathedral, Carlow College and the Cathedral Parish Centre. Booking is essential. Brochures and Booking Forms are available this weekend. You can also book online at www.kandle.ie/congress

Youth Congress

Young people aged 16 - 25yrs are invited to take part in the Diocesan Youth Congress being held in St Leo's College, Carlow on Saturday 10th March from 9.30am to 7pm. The Congress Day will include a variety of music, workshops, talks, drama, prayer and much more. If you are interested check us out on Facebook at KildareLeighlinYouthCongress or at www.kandle.ie

Brochures are available through your parish and on the Kildare and Leighlin website. Online booking is available at www.kandle.ie/congress Booking is essential and everyone is welcome.

St Pio Pilgrimage 2012

also visiting the Shrines of St Gerard Majella and St Philomena Benevento, San Giovanni. 6th August 2012 for 7 nights. Group leader Brendan Byrne. Spiritual Director Monsignor Brendan Byrne. Cost €869 pps. Saving Scheme available. Contact 059 9152666.

Turf for Sale Ten large bags delivered locally €30. Contact 085 2760229.

Run4Life is a Charity 5K and 10K event on Sunday 11th March at 2pm at St Laurence O'Toole's Track, Askea. Walk, jog or run in aid of Special Olympics, Carlow and St Laurence O'toole's Athletic Club. Full details and on line entry on www.runireland.com or registration day in Fairgreen Shopping Centre on Sat 3rd March 12 noon to 5pm. Late entries also accepted on the day. Enquiries to Bríd Long 086 7726597.

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Irish Harp, Violin & Viola Lessons now available at Carlow College of Music. Very experienced teacher and limited places. Contact 059 9140676. info@carlowcollegeofmusic.ie

HSE Well Baby Clinic is moving to 2nd Floor, Primary Care Centre, The Shamrock, Green Lane from Monday 5th March 2012. Drop in Clinic held every Wednesday from 10.30am to 12 Noon.

New Music Makers

Tuesdays 2.45pm to 3.30pm in Askea Parish Centre with Roisín King. €10 to try the first class. Starting 21st February. Full fee €150 for full term February - June. Contact us at 059 9140676.

Do you play an

Instrument? Do you want to play in an Orchestra? Join now! Carlow Junior & Youth Orchestra - Contact Majella Swan 059 9140676 email info@carlowcollegeofmusic.ie

CARLOW Local

Authorities encourage everyone with Android Smart Phones to download a free App which prevents drivers from receiving text messages while driving. from: <https://market.android.com/details?id=com.illuminate.izuplite.iZUPLite&hl=en> The advice is ON the Road - OFF the Phone .

Askea Community Games

We had a great turn out at Area Art Finals last Sunday. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed winners now go forward to the County Finals. The 1st place Girl winners were: Emer O'Hanlon (U8); Sarah Dalton (U10); Ellie Phelan (U12) and Shannon Cotter (U14) whilst runners up were: Martha Pope, Abbie Nully (U8); Ruth Phiri & Eva Kilbride (U10). The Boys winners were Thada Rammus (U8); Jack Murphy (U10); Ryan Cotter (U12) and Dillon Cotter (U16). Runners up were John Phiri, Dylan McGrath, Nurlan Kennedy, Cillian McGrath and Harry Hynes. Well done all and good luck. Congratulations to Nurlan Kennedy who came 4th in the county Handwriting Competition - that was a great achievement. We are still looking for children to take part in Basketball - Under 16 Girls / Boys please contact Ann 086 3746210 or Ita 085 1139352; Futsal Under 13; Variety / Talen competitions please contact Noreen 085 1139352.