

# Holy Family Parish, Askea

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# Keeping in Touch

ST MARY'S PARISH, BENNEKERRY

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## ASKEA PARISH COLLECTIONS

Development  
Fund €2,105  
Offertory  
€1,847  
Askea Parish  
Community  
Centre Phone  
& Fax 91-42565  
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087 1269709  
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Carlow Day Care  
Centre  
91-35977  
Childcare Centre  
9135206  
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Deadline for items  
for Newsletter if  
5pm on Wednesday  
by phone or fax to  
9142565 or email  
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Holy Family Parish,  
Askea  
celebrating



years as a Parish.

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The Advent Wreath is a circular garland of evergreen branches representing eternity. On the wreath, five candles are typically arranged. During the season of Advent one candle on the wreath is lit each Sunday as a part of the Advent services. Each candle represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Advent Wreath Candles Set on the branches of the wreath are four candles: three purple candles and one pink candle. In the centre of the wreath sits a white candle. As a whole, these candles represent the coming of the light of Christ into the world.

On the first Sunday of Advent, the first purple candle is lit. This candle is typically called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, primarily Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. This candle represents hope or expectation in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

On the second Sunday of Advent, the second purple candle is lit. Some traditions call this the "Bethlehem Candle," symbolising Christ's manger. This candle typically represents love. Each week on Sunday, an additional candle is lit.

On the third Sunday of Advent the pink or rose-colored candle is lit. This pink candle is customarily called the "Shepherds Candle" and it represents joy.

The fourth and last purple candle, oftentimes called the "Angels Candle," represents peace and is lit on the fourth Sunday of Advent.

On Christmas Eve, the white centre candle is traditionally lit. This candle is called the "Christ Candle" and represents the life of Christ that has come into the world. The colour white represents purity.

Celebrating with an Advent wreath during the weeks prior to Christmas is a great way for Christian families to keep Christ at the centre of Christmas, and for parents to teach their children the true meaning of Christmas.

# St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

Fr Tom Little PP - Phone 059 9131559 /9134992

Fr Liam Morgan CC 059 9143260. 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 27<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at 11.30am

Jim and Delia Lynch, Bennekerry

Sean Kehoe, Ardnahue

Jim, Mary & Jimmy Fox, Ballinakillbeg

**Bennekerry Offertory €286**

**Development €197**

**PALATINE G.F.C. Lotto Results: - 21/11/'11**

Lotto numbers: -02, 06, 26, & 29

**Jackpot no winner. 2 MATCH 3 WINNERS share (€200): €100 each**

**Winner**

Odhlan Duff

Jackie Hande

**Seller**

John Browne

Aoife /Top Oil

**Sellers Prize John O'Gorman.** Next Draw on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2011 in Palatine Clubhouse at 10:00pm — tickets €2 each. Jackpot €9,800

## **Choir Practice**

Choir practice will be held in Bennekerry Church on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>

December at 7.45pm. All choir members are requested to attend.



Bennekerry Parish are hosting a

# **Goose Club** on

Sunday 11th December in

Palatine GAA Club House, Bennekerry

starting at 3 pm.

Proceeds are towards the Cemetery Extension and School Field.

The Parish Development Committee would welcome any donations for this event, from Christmas Cakes, Puddings, Biscuits, Sweets, and Non-Perishable Groceries, Wines, Spirits, Soft Drinks, Turkeys, Hams, tins of fruit etc, also very welcome is any kind of Fuel, Hampers, Potatoes and so on.

Any donations will be gratefully appreciated. The committee members and their helpers will be calling to your door soon with the relevant information. We would welcome anyone who can give an hour or two to lend a helping hand. Please contact any of the committee members or phone 086 8764938.

Please come along on the day and support the Goose Club and you could win your Christmas Turkey, Ham, Hampers or even the live Goose. Tickets will be 50c,

**Hope to see you all there!!!!!!**

### **Support Group**

For Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families in Cathedral Parish Centre on Thursdays at 8pm. Details from Alan O'Dwyer MIACP 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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:mick@awaresoutheast.com) The Helpline 1-890 303 303

### **Nar-Anon**

The Nar-Anon Family Groups are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. Meetings every Mon at 7pm in Saol Nua Building, 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.*

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

**Carlow Gospel Choir** sing every second Sunday at the 12 noon Mass in Askea Parish Church. We practice beforehand from 10:15am in Askea Parish Community Centre. Our Director is Mary Amond O'Brien. New members always welcome, especially men! Contact Noel on 0872251183.

**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 concluding at 7pm. Volunteers especially need from 11am to 12 Noon and 12 Noon to 1pm.

### **Calendar**

**Wed 30th:-St Andrew** from Bethsaida was a disciple of St John the Baptist when he was called by Jesus. He in turn brought his brother Peter to Jesus. Tradition has it that he preached the Gospel in many places and finally suffered martyrdom on this date by crucifixion. Patron saint of Scotland, Russia and fishermen

**Saturday 3rd:-St Francis Xavier**, 1506-1552, one of the first seven Jesuits, was sent to India by St Ignatius. He converted many in Goa and later in Japan. He died as he attempted to enter China. A patron of the missions.

**Thought For Today** Quotes about life  
"Sometimes our light goes out, but is blown again into instant flame by an encounter with another human being."

- Albert Schweitzer

## Kildare & Leighlin Weekly Lotto Results

For Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011.

Numbers drawn were 12, 17, 23 and 28.

**No Jackpot winner.** Next Week's Jackpot €16,000.

7 Match 3 share €1,000. - €143 each. There were 2 Match 3s from Askea / Bennekerry.

Winner	Promoter
Billy Leigh	Joe Matthews
"Kilkenny Cats"	Michael Shannon

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.

## Come And See - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

Are you interested or curious about the priesthood in Kildare & Leighlin? An afternoon of prayer and information will take place in The Holy Family Convent, Newbridge, (beside St. Conleth's Church) from 2.30pm til 5.30pm for anyone who would like to explore the question of a call to priesthood. More information available from Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill 045 434069. ruairiodomhnaill@gmail.com

## Askea Senior Citizens'

November Night Out Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 7pm to 10pm. Bingo, Refreshments and Dancing. All welcome. Contact Marian Heary 059 91 43010.

Christmas Party takes place on 8<sup>th</sup> December in Seven Oaks Hotel. Members must put down their names before 30<sup>th</sup> November. Contact 059 91 43010.

## Guitar / Drum Lessons

(Michael Hennessy) Christmas Gift voucher. Still thinking of what to give some special this Christmas? How about a "Music Gift Voucher" for Guitar or Drum lessons. Contact Michael on 087 2783125 for details.

## Just Four Weeks 'Best of Health' Weight Management

Class takes place in Askea Parish Community Centre every Friday from - 10.30am - 11.30am and from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Contact 087 6757493.

Glór Tire Search for a country star. Every Wed night on TG4. Please vote for Nicky Kealy and Trudi Lalor. Phone 1513 415 107 or Text 'Glor 7' to 53307. Vote lines open now. Each vote costs 60c.

## Donohoe School of Irish

Dancing - Classes take place every Monday from 3pm - 4.15pm and from 4.15pm to 5.30pm in Askea Parish Community Centre and every Saturday from 1pm to 2pm in Éire Óg. Contact Mary 087 2434717.

## Emmaus Prayer Group

Meeting every Wed at 7.30pm in Cathedral Parish Centre, College Street.

## New brass programme for Carlow.

Lessons will start on week of 7<sup>th</sup> Nov. If interested in learning the Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone and Tuba, book now before Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov. Instruments provided and reasonable rates. Hurry now. Contact Carlow College of Music 059 9140676.

[info@carlowcollegeofmusic.ie](mailto:info@carlowcollegeofmusic.ie)

For Sale Large bags of fire kindlers. Contact 059 9132405.

## Saorview...Ireland's free Digital television service

RTE 1, RTE 2 HD, TV3, TG4, RTE News Now, 3E, RTE Junior, RTE 1 Plus 1. Contact Pdraig for any installation queries. 087 2727317 or [www.tvireland.ie](http://www.tvireland.ie)

Painter available Great prices, 085 1235606.

## C-clear Window Cleaning

All frames included. Telescopic poles. Hote Pure Water. Contact Jason 086 8397998. Don't risk a fall - give us a call.. (10 windows - €20).

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

### **Carlow Home Care**

**Services** Private Home Care for your loved ones. Leave your elderly loved ones with peace of mind. I will come to your aid, day or night. Professional carer with twelve years experience caring for the elderly. Contact Caroline on 085 2439933.

**Grinds** Maths and Physics Grinds for Junior and Leaving Certification. Contact:- 086 6036418

**St Pio Pilgrimage 2012** also visiting the Shrine of St Philomena Benevento San Giovanni from 6<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> August - 7 nights. Saving Scheme available. Group Leader - Brendan Byrne. Spiritual Director Monsignor Brendan Byrne. Special Group Price €869 per person sharing. Please contact Brendan Byrne 059 91 52666.

**Maths & Physics Grinds** Grinds for Junior and Leaving Certification. Contact:-085 1011412

**Irish Heart Foundation Courses** ALD/CPR Family & Friends. Community First responder. Occupational first Aid. Call Tony 083 1076239 or visit [www.emergencyrescuecare.com](http://www.emergencyrescuecare.com) for advice and training

**Handy Man** available. No job too small. Contact 086 1599806.

**Carlow Breast Cancer Support Group** have their annual Christmas Cards for sale from at various venues in Carlow town including Askea Parish Community Centre. Your continued support would be greatly appreciated.

**Saplings School** Christmas Cards, Candles, and Calendars for sale. Available in Askea Parish Community Centre. Please support this worthy cause.

**Clonfert** There will be a bus going to the Emmanuelle House of Providence, Clonfert on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov for a Day of Prayer & Healing. Contact Ila 9151120 or Lily 9151245.

### **Chess**

**Adult Chess** has returned on Wednesdays from 8pm to 10pm to Askea Parish Community Centre.

**Children's Chess** continues every Tues evening at 6.45pm in the same venue. Beginners welcome in both groups.

### **Driving Lessons**

Approved Driving Instructor and RSA Registered. Contact Peter Walsh 087 6158431 or email [peterwalsh01@eircom.net](mailto:peterwalsh01@eircom.net). Gift vouchers available.

### **Wedding Singer -**

Professional Female Vocalist for Church Weddings. Carlow based. Contact Emor on 086 8547610 or 059 9143974. Organist (Solo Act) available.

### **Dog Obedience Puppy**

**Training** in St Fiacc's Hall, Thurs nights and agility on Sat mornings in Garryhill. Contact 059 91 37724 or 086 3207287.

### **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.

### **Cormiosa Choir Concerts**

A concert featuring the Cormiosa Choir with special guests will be held in **St. Joseph's Church, Tinryland** on Sat 3rd Dec at 8pm. Tickets are €10 and are available from any of the following: Jim Deane's Shop, Tinryland, Ned Deane's Shop, Barrack St, Peenie Whelan 086-2374297, Maureen Byrne 087-6815268, Josie Kelly 087-8324656, Rita Whelan 087-7537371 and Caoimhe Whelan 085-8214535. This should be a great night out and an occasion not to be missed. Proceeds will go towards Tinryland Senior Citizens and Tinryland GFC.

On Sunday, December 4th, in **St Mary's Church, Carlow** at 6.30 pm, St Mary's Church of Ireland presents Córmiósia Choir and special guest Yvette Connor in 'Like Winter Waiting'. Tickets €10, are on sale at Green Road National School, 9am to 1pm or contact 059 9143773 or on the door that evening.

### **Carlow Active**

**Retirement** will hold Christmas Party in the Workman's Club on 14<sup>th</sup> December starting with Mass at 2.30pm, followed by tea and entertainment finish at 6.30pm.

## St. Vincent De Paul

### Christmas Appeal.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul thanks everyone who over the years have supported its annual Christmas Appeal. This year the Society will hold its special Christmas collection on the weekend of the 10th and 11th of December. Calls for help to the Society have almost doubled over recent years so the Society urgently needs donations to adequately provide the help needed by so many people in severe financial difficulties.

### Shall We Dance! Salsa,

Latino, Foxtrot, Waltz, Jive. Learn to dance with a qualified instructor. Get fit, have fun! €10 per night. Friday's from 9pm. Group Discount Rates Available. Contact 085 196 9616

### Open Meeting An Open

Meeting for those caring for someone with a Brain Injury (i.e. through Stroke, Brain Infection, Accident, Fall etc) will be held in the Cathedral Parish Centre, College Street, Carlow on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 7.30pm to 9pm. All welcome.

More information contact Catherine O Hare at 056 7786240 or [oharec@headway.ie](mailto:oharec@headway.ie).

## Mount St Anne's

### Retreat Centre,

### Killenard, Co Laois

#### Christmas Carol Service -

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 at 7pm. Enjoy an evening of music and song in preparation for the Christmas Season.

There is no charge - all are welcome.

#### Advent Reflection Afternoon

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, 3pm to 6pm. Join us for an afternoon of prayer and reflection in preparation for Advent. No Charge -

Donations welcome.

Contact 057 8626153.

### Carlow Flower Club

Christmas flower arranging hosted by the Carlow Flower Club on Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Nov at 8pm in the Dolmen Hotel. The demonstrator is Sandra Finnegan from Dublin. Come along and join us for the night. There will be a raffle and a door prize, tea/coffee, admission for members €7, non-members €10.

## Lunchtime Theatre

Natives, neighbours, relatives and friends, are invited to the December Lunchtime Theatre show at 1pm on Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Dec, 2011 in George Bernard Shaw Theatre, Carlow. Tickets are €7 and include tea/coffee.

Featured artists will include recently honoured in Carlow Persons of Year and Patchwork Theatre Director, Mary Austin, Carlow Strawboys, Jim Nolan, Tony Dooley, Paddy Behan, John Hickey, Margaret McKenna, Marie Moore, John Shortall, Michael Somers, Lilly Morrissey and more. Book today at the Theatre Box Office 059 9172400. Shows are planned for the first Thursday of each month. Further Info: Seamus O'Rourke 059 9131563

### Christmas Sale of Work & Coffee Morning.

The Irish Wheelchair Association are holding a Christmas Sale of Work & Coffee Morning at the Resource & Outreach Centre, "Teach Failte", Kilkenny Road on Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Nov from 11.00a.m to 3.00pm. A wide range of pottery and crafts will be on sale with plenty of ideas for Christmas gifts. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

## St Catherine's

### Community Services

#### Centre A fundraiser lunch for

St. Catherine's Community Services Centre, St. Joseph's Road, Carlow will take place in Bombay Diner, Indian restaurant, on Barrack Street Carlow on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December. Tickets can be purchased for three time slots, 12pm-1pm, 1pm-2pm or 2pm-3pm at a cost of €10 from St. Catherine's. All support is greatly appreciated.

### Graiguicullen Monster

Bingo Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Dec in St Fiacc's Hall, Graiguicullen. All line checks €50; All doubles lines €60; Full houses from €150 / €200. This week's jackpot €2,130 in 50 numbers. And €530 on the double number on the white sheet (full house). So come along and bring a friend!

### "Carloviana 2011" Journal

of Carlow Historical & Archaeological Society will be launched by Monsignor Kevin O'Neill in the Seven Oaks Hotel on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm. Admission Free. All Welcome.

Fun Table Quiz Palatine G.A.A. will hold a Fun Table Quiz in the Clubhouse, Bennekerry, on Fri 2nd Dec, assembling at 8.30pm. Team of four €40. An enjoyable night is assured so come and enjoy the craic. Fáilte roimh chách.

A.G.M. of Palatine G.A.A  
On Tues 13th Dec, the Annual General Meeting of Palatine G.A.A .Club will be held in the Clubhouse, Bennekerry at 8.30p.m. This is a very important meeting for the Club. All members and intending members will be welcome.

Éire Óg News  
Lotto: Winning no's 13,20,26,29. No winner and no match 3's. Next week's match 3 share €300. Next week's Jackpot €6,350. Draw takes place each Monday night in the Club @ 9.30pm. For Ticket sales, please contact the club, Flower Shop Fairgreen or Hanover Stores Riverside. Entertainment Cabaret this Thursday in aid of the Rape Crisis Centre. Saturday Dancing to 'Bandit' No Cover Charge. Also Saturday nights 'Happy Hour' from 9.30pm-11.30pm. Take Your Pick continues. Draw takes place on Saturday nights, contact the Club for tickets.

"Sing, Sing a Song"  
Tinryland, Bennekerry & Askea This is a group singing initiative bringing together persons from 50 years upwards and teenagers for a joyful, mutual understanding experience through song. It consists of both groups coming together for a 2 hour singing session on Fridays from 2pm to 4pm for 15 weeks in the Gaelcholáiste, Askea beginning on 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2012. While this is happening locally, it will be happening also in three other venues in the County. All four groups will then come together for public performances in each of the areas, with final performance in George Bernard Shaw Theatre, Carlow to share their new-found joy with the wider Community. This initiative is grant-aided by the Arts Council of Ireland and supported locally by Co Carlow VEC. The sessions will be conducted by Mary Amond-O'Brien and Marian Gaynor. If you would like to take part in our Sing, Sing a Song, you don't have to be a great singer. If you feel good when you are singing and would like to support this initiative, then please contact Sr Joan Pierse at Askea Parish Centre 059 91 42565.

Stirling & The Lake District 7 day bus tour from 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> June. Visiting Stirling, Edinburgh, Lock Lomond, Gretna Green, Lake District and Blackpool. Total Cost €489 per person sharing. €50 deposit required and balance due by 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2012. Contact Ann Dunne on 087 9018753 or 059 9134507.

Gilbert Family Orchards, Quinagh Farm Shop & Orchards - now open to the public. Explore our orchards and woodland - dogs welcome. The best apples are Irish apples. We sell: Irish Applies, Farmhouse jams, marmalades & Chutneys, Traditional Home Baking, Free Range Eggs, Irish Farmhouse Cheese. Farm shop open Thurs, Fri & Sat from 10am to 7pm. Contact 086 8598940 or [info@applebarrel.ie](mailto:info@applebarrel.ie)

Jumble Sale & Christmas Gifts Sale on Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Dec in Askea Parish Community Centre from 9am - 2pm in aid of Bone Marrow & Leukaemia National Transplant Unit in St Jame's Hospital.

Gates and Railings made to order. Contact 059 91 34658.

Signposts to Congress  
Bringing the Congress theme to our parish. As the Irish Church gets ready for the International Eucharistic Congress next June the Kildare and Leighlin Diocesan Interim Liturgy Commission has prepared a series of talks to help parish communities to link in with the Congress theme. These sessions will take place locally between Autumn 2011 and June 2012. The sessions follow the four stages of preparation for the Congress, which focus on the four stages of the mass. While linking into the Congress, the sessions will be firmly grounded in our own local experience. If you would like to join with others to explore the theme of the Congress, why not come along to all or some of these sessions. All are welcome! The next session is "Christ gathers us to listen, to hear, to be nourished and to formed into community by God's Word in Askea Parish Community Centre on Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Dec at 8pm. The night will be presented by Julie Kavanagh and Margaret Farrell.





