

Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Christmas Day



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Mass Times: Askea 9.30am Mon-Fri; Sat 7pm;

Sun 9am, 10.30am & 12 Noon.

Bennekerry Sun 11.30am; Tinryland Tues 9.30am,

Sunday 10am

Deadline for items for Newsletter is 5pm on Wednesday by phone to 059 9142565 or email to office@askeaparish.ie Website: www.askeaparish.ie

Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

Sunday 25th December 2020

Christmas Day



St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

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Sunday 27th December 2020

André Dooley, Johnstown, Bennekerry

Tom and Mai Sheehan, Bennekerry

Mass Schedule for Christmas

Friday 25th December – Mass at 11.30am

Broadcast Mass times:

We continue to broadcast Mass from Holy Family Church, Askea on Monday to Friday at 9.30am. Rosary is recited immediately before Mass at 9.05am.

Weekend Masses will be broadcast at 7pm on Saturdays and 9am and 10.30am on Sundays.

You can access our webcam at

<http://www.askeaparish.ie/our-parish/web-cam/>

Eucharistic Adoration takes place in Askea Church on Wednesdays from 10am to 5pm.

K & L Diocesan Lotto Results for Wednesday 23rd December 2020.

Numbers drawn were 6, 7, 12 & 18. No Jackpot winner.

28 Match 3s won €36 each. Askea/Bennekerry had 1 Match 3.

Winner

Promoter

Anna Corcoran

Marie & Jimmy Nolan

Next week's Jackpot €11,000.

Next draw takes place on Wednesday 6th January 2021.

Thanks to everyone who promotes and takes part in the Lotto each week.

Askea Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve – 4pm, 6pm and 9pm.

Friday 25th December – 9am, 10.30am & 12 Noon.

Saturday 26th December – 7pm online only

Sunday 27th December – 9am & 10.30am online only.

Samaritans - WE ARE HERE FOR YOU THIS CHRISTMAS

Every hour, every day, a Samaritan is waiting to answer your call. This Christmas our volunteers will be here to listen 24/7, allowing you to talk without judgement, to relieve distress and reach a better understanding of your situation.

We hear from men and women of all ages who feel stressed, lonely, bereaved, have family or financial worries, or are suicidal.

Please don't suffer in silence. We are here today, and all over Christmas, on freephone 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.ie

Samaritans Kilkenny/Carlow are 25 years old and we want to thank all our volunteers – past and present - and our supporters for their time and dedication

“God is With Us” –

a Christmas Message from Bishop Denis Nulty

These are the days when many people are looking for a Christmas message of hope, of reassurance, of resilience. The past ten months has shaken us to our foundation. It has rattled our economy, our parishes, our lives. And we are told that the immediate days and weeks ahead around Christmas/New Year are crucial if we want to take control of this pandemic. There can be no letting down of our guard, there can be no lessening of the standard we have lived by over the past ten months. A Christmas like it has always been will undo the great sacrifices and work of the past ten months.

Outside churches across Kildare and Leighlin you will notice a Christmas banner. Together the 56 parishes of our diocesan family are sharing the central message of Christmas – a message that speaks to us this year in a very particular way. As we come to the end of 2020 and prepare to enter 2021 may we know in the deepest recesses of our being the enduring truth of our faith – the faith we proclaim every Christmas, the faith announced in those banners across our parishes this Christmas – that **God is With Us**. May we experience His closeness this year more than ever. While we can't embrace, know that He holds us. While our mask hides our face, know that He sees our smiles. And while we keep our social distance, know that He is never distant from us, He is walking by our side. He is always with us.

+Denis

THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday 27 **The Holy Family** is seen as the model for the human family, the religious community and the Church itself. The celebration of the Incarnation has brought us to see God's closeness. In the Holy Family we see the ordinariness of the life of Jesus, the simple acceptance by Mary and Joseph of the marvels of God. In the daily life of family and community we can touch the Divine, we come close to God. But we have to learn to live centred on God, with respect and love for each other.

Monday 28th: -**The Holy Innocents**, martyrs

Tuesday 29th: -**St Thomas Becket**, 1118-1170, as Archbishop of Canterbury came in conflict with King Henry 11 over Church rights. He was killed in his cathedral on this date.

Thursday 31st: -**St Sylvester** died on 335 after being Pope for twenty one years. Being elected in the year after the Edict of Milan was free to build many churches in Rome.

Friday 1st: -**Mary, The Holy Mother of God.**

Saturday 2nd: **St Basil**, 330-'79, Bishop of Caesarea, lived an ascetic life establishing norms for monastic life. He was a theologian of distinction.

St Gregory 329- '89 a friend Basil was bishop of Sasima and later of Constantinople. He retired to live a monastic life

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The New Year is set before us like an unwritten volume – all pages blank. Let us write upon each day's page things that at the end of the year we will look upon with rejoicing rather than regret.