

# Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Easter Sunday

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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  
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Deadline for items for  
Newsletter is 5pm on  
Wednesday by phone to 059  
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Easter Sunday is the 'Feast of feasts', a day of joy and happiness as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Light a candle and pause for a few moments to become aware of God's presence. Make the Sign of the Cross, as you pray:

Lord of all life,

You are our hope and our joy, our source of true happiness.

We have journeyed to Easter and in the most difficult of trials

we have renewed our baptism and proclaimed your resurrection.

We embrace with gladness the new life to which you call each one of us.

Bless us, our families and all the world, with your constant presence and protection.

May we give you thanks every day and share the good news of our faith with all we meet.

And may the light of our Easter faith guide our footsteps in your ways of love, peace and truth.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

In Easter joy we proclaim, Christ is risen!  
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# Keeping in Touch

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## **Anniversaries**

### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Kathleen Hastings (née Sullivan), Bennekerry and England

Jim Cranny, Link Road, Chaplestown

### **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/webcam/>

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

## **K & L Diocesan Lotto Results** **for Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

Numbers drawn were 4, 12, 14 & 26. NO Jackpot winner.  
15 Match 3s winners get €67 each. Askea/Bennekerry had  
one Match 3s

Winner

Promoter

Leoni O'Brien

Margaret Kelly

Next week's Jackpot €11,000.

**Jackpot winner William McNamee Rhodes Parish**

### **Tickets for the Lotto**

The Lotto draw continues in Portlaoise. We will continue to  
enter pre-paid tickets in the draw.

There is a link to all three church webcams on the Home Page of Askea  
Parish. You can also access Tinryland and Bennekerry webcam was  
logging on to [www.livecamireland.ie](http://www.livecamireland.ie) and searching for the church by  
name.

OR you can log into YouTube.com and search for Bennekerry Webcam  
or Tinryland Webcam.

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

or

<https://mcnmedia.tv/iframe/d47935f3857a992c399ab5bd0f9e9a293f5bc9c7>

St Mary's Church, Bennekerry - Webcam can be accessed at:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZyK61r70\\_2E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZyK61r70_2E)

or

<https://livecamireland.ie/religious-services/st-marys-church-bennekerry/>

St Joseph's Church, Tinryland - Webcam can be accessed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8iE-R4oXRIk>

or

<https://livecamireland.ie/religious-services/st-josephs-church-tinryland/>

## Easter Message 2021

The card read “*This is the night in which Christ has destroyed death and from the dead He rises victorious! Happy Easter*”. The Easter card tradition is a much quieter one than what we all experience at Christmas. There isn't as large of a number of cards arriving at Easter and yet when we think about it, the celebration is even more profound than what we celebrate at Christmas.

We have just celebrated the Easter Triduum behind closed doors for the second year in succession. The most sacred season of the year once again without any physical congregation. This is very hard on people of faith. Once again I thank our priests and parish teams for their creativity and ingenuity in making great use of the webcam, FaceBook live, parish radio etc. to livestream ceremonies into the homes of parishioners. By doing so, the kitchen table in your home has become an extension of the altar in your local church. I thank all of you who have been leading prayer in your homes this past while. The domestic Church has come into its own during this pandemic. While the virtual will remain with us whenever this pandemic passes, we all long for the gathering, we all wish to be back with one another. We can really understand and empathise with the need the disciples had for gathering two thousand years ago.

It's interesting in the gospel, resurrection encounters take place not only behind closed doors, but in spite of

them “*in the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were*” (Jn.20:19), and despite the closed doors Jesus walks among them. His message then and His message to us this Easter is no different “*Peace be with you*” (Jn.20:19). A tiny, invisible virus, thousands of times smaller than the head of a pin has tested our resilience, has torn apart our economies and has very much tweaked our priorities. Yet in all of this the Risen One walks among us, carrying us, comforting us, consoling us.

Just over a year ago Pope Francis spoke in a deserted St. Peter’s Square and reflected on the text from St. Mark about the storm at sea and how Jesus was asleep at the stern. His message in that rain swept square was and remains that Jesus is very much with us. The Risen One walks by our side. As we celebrate Easter once more in the midst of the suffering the world is enduring because of this pandemic may you experience the new life of resurrection, and from another Easter card I read:

*May the Lord bless you this Easter time:  
Bless you with faith, guard you in doubt;  
Bless you with hope, uplift you in despair;  
Bless you with love, keep you from fear;  
Bless you with peace, calm you in trouble;  
Bless you with mercy, help you to forgive;  
Bless you with joy, comfort you in sorrow;  
So your heart may rejoice in Him who is Risen.  
Amen.*

**Bishop Denis Nulty  
Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin**

**Lost keys** A bunch of keys was lost between 10am and 12 noon on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March in the area between Ballinacarrig Roundabout and the junction for Church Lane in Tinryland. There were 3 to 4 keys on the bunch including a key of a Ford Fiesta car. If anyone finds these keys can you please contact Askea Parish Centre at 059 91 42565 or 087 1269709 so that we can reunite them with their owner.

### **Webcam services in Bennekerry and Tinryland churches.**

The parishes of Bennekerry and Tinryland are very grateful to the Department of Rural and Community Development for financial assistance in installing a webcam system in each church so that services can be broadcast remotely.

You can view the webcam stream by logging on to [www.livecamireland.ie](http://www.livecamireland.ie) and selecting County Carlow and the relevant church.

Alternatively the link for each church is listed below.

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**An Gairdin Beo** is organising four cookery classes on ZOOM.

The classes will be directed by Majella Johnson. Majella will base her recipes on the herbs, fruits and vegetables grown in An Gairdin Beo.

The dates for the workshops are as follows:

Monday 12th April, Monday 19th April, Monday 26th April

Monday 3rd May. Each session is from 10 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

The workshops are free, but you must book your place in advance.

Please send your name, postal address, and email address to:

[fdunne@kcetb.ie](mailto:fdunne@kcetb.ie) before 2nd April

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The Global Goals, also known as the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, are a **universal plan of action for people and planet** to be achieved by the year 2030. These goals aim to end poverty, combat climate change and ensure that we leave peaceful, just and equal societies for future generations.

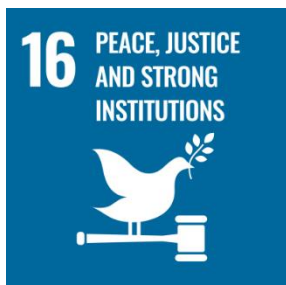
These goals are universal in nature, applying to developed and developing countries alike, and place sustainable development at their core.

They are backed up by **169 specific targets** which address challenges in areas as diverse as **poverty, education, human rights, food security, clean energy, climate, peace, sustainable consumption and urbanization**. They provide clear guidelines for all countries to adopt in accordance with their own priorities and circumstances.

The SDGs work in the spirit of partnership, encouraging all people across the globe to **make the right choices now** to improve life, in a sustainable way, for our children and for generations to come.

Each week we will feature some of the goals with suggestions of what you can do in your home to help.

## **ACTIONS TO HELP TRANSFORM YOUR WORLD.**



- 46. Demonstrate a peaceful environment at home.
- 47. Use your vote, participate in your country's decision making process.
- 48. Be respectful and peaceful in standing up for what you believe in.

**(SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS )**

*Thanks to Pádraig Webb for this input.*



# Inter- Diocesan Easter Music Project- Lent 2021



During this Lent, the Diocese of Waterford and Lismore designed an innovative music project and generated a shared vision across 6 dioceses: **Waterford & Lismore, Kildare and Leighlin, Ferns, Kerry, Limerick , Dublin Arch Diocese & Elphin**, bringing together 66 students in over 17 schools and young people from several youth groups, to give a beautiful spiritual expression to this Easter Season and to generate much needed funds for the Charity, Mary's Meals.

Mary's Meals at present feed school-going children 1,600,000 meals every day across the world. The young people recorded 3 songs, readings, reflections, and liturgical dance, that focus on the 3 movements of Easter – Palm Sunday- The Crucifixion– The Resurrection of our Lord.

Declan Browne, the diocesan advisor for Waterford and Lismore, who having been provoked by the challenges of these times wanted to propose a faith-based project that would connect with the schools and provide a meaningful space for our youth. Declan, whose background is in psychology and youth retreat work, has spent 25 years working directly with young people and realised that music and social justice issues particularly resonated with young people. This realisation has been the motivation behind this innovative project.

The project from the outset was a real team effort. Diocesan Advisors and Youth Workers in 6 dioceses worked hand in hand to identify students and young people across their own dioceses, fantastic music teachers promoted the idea to their students and helped them with the recordings and Holy Family Missions supported with their musical talents. The whole video production would have not been possible without the technological skills and dedication of *The Sisters of the Home of the Mother*. Video File by File they created such a meaningful, spiritual story of Jesus & the Easter event.

And finally, the young people themselves. Not even a Pandemic could prevent the generous, kind-hearted, and talented spirit of our young people who supported such a worthy cause as 'Marys Meals'. Through their example they showed the true meaning of Easter as 'A Time of Hope.'

Click the link <https://youtu.be/jAopVZUJGpE> to watch the video and details on how to donate to Mary's Meals.

## ***Free events in Carlow Library***

GIY in partnership with Healthy Ireland and public libraries will distribute 50,000 free food growing kits as part of a new 'Grow it Forward' initiative. You can claim your free seed pack by contacting your local library. Recipients are asked to use the kits to share the experience with ten people, enabling half a million people across Ireland to enjoy the wide range of benefits that come from growing food at home. You can claim your seed pack here - <https://www.librariesireland.ie/news/grow-it-forward-with-free-seeds-from-your-local-library> or alternatively email [library@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:library@carlowcoco.ie)

Its Spring Into Storytime for the month of April in Carlow Library and although our doors are shut, follow us on Social Media for Staff Storytimes and you might even see a couple of well known faces too!

Carlow Library also presents a free Zoom session called "Rhyme & Sign Storytime" with Clever Little Handies, have fun communicating with your baby before they can talk! This is on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 12pm.

Although the session is free, places are limited so you will need to book by email to [library@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:library@carlowcoco.ie)

Don't forget, you can access library services online 24/7, at [www.carlowlibraries.ie](http://www.carlowlibraries.ie).

You can:

- join the library online at [www.librariesireland.ie/join-your-library](http://www.librariesireland.ie/join-your-library)
- download eBooks and eAudiobooks
- read eMagazines and eNewspapers
- take eLearning or eLanguage courses
- watch or listen to Storytime on our Social Media channels
- fill out and return the COVID Time Capsule forms or listen to The Talking Newspaper on iTunes, Spotify and Google Podcasts.

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Follow Carlow Library on facebook /carlowcountylibrary & Twitter @carlowlibraries for event listings

## **If—**

If you can keep your head when all about you  
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,  
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,  
But make allowance for their doubting too;  
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,  
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,  
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,  
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;  
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;  
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster  
And treat those two impostors just the same;  
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken  
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,  
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,  
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings  
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,  
And lose, and start again at your beginnings  
And never breathe a word about your loss;  
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew  
To serve your turn long after they are gone,  
And so hold on when there is nothing in you  
Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!'

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,  
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,  
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,  
If all men count with you, but none too much;  
If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,  
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,  
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!

Rudyard Kipling

## **Easter Joy**

Jesus came to earth,  
To show us how to live,  
How to put others first,  
How to love and how to give.

Then He set about His work,  
That God sent Him to do;  
He took our punishment on Himself;  
He made us clean and new.

He could have saved Himself,  
Calling angels from above,  
But He chose to pay our price for sin;  
He paid it out of love.

Our Lord died on Good Friday,  
But the cross did not destroy  
His resurrection on Easter morn  
That fills our hearts with joy.

Now we know our earthly death,  
Like His, is just a rest.  
We'll be forever with Him  
In heaven, where life is best.

So we live our lives for Jesus,  
Think of Him in all we do.  
Thank you Savior; Thank you Lord.  
Help us love like you!

*By Joanna Fuchs*

## **Sheep and Lambs**

All in the April evening,  
April airs were abroad;  
The sheep with their little lambs  
Passed me by on the road.

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Passed me by on the road;  
All in the April evening  
I thought on the Lamb of God.

The lambs were weary and crying  
With a weak, human cry.  
I thought on the Lamb of God  
Going meekly to die.

Up in the blue, blue mountains  
Dewy pastures are sweet;  
Rest for the little bodies,  
Rest for the little feet.

But for the Lamb of God,  
Up on the hill-top green,  
Only a Cross of shame  
Two stark crosses between.

All in the April evening,  
April airs were abroad;  
I saw the sheep with their lambs,  
And thought on the Lamb of God.

**by Katharine Tynan**