

Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Third Sunday of Advent

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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 & Wed

9.30am, Fri 7.30pm,

Sunday 10am

Deadline for items for
Newsletter is 5pm on
Wednesday by phone to
059 9142565 or email
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In the Bleak Midwinter

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Frosty wind made moan.
Earth stood hard as iron
Water like a stone.
Snow had fallen
Snow on snow,
Snow on snow.
In the bleak midwinter
Long, long ago.

Angels and Arc Angels
May have travelled there,
Cherubim and Seraphim
Thronged the air.
But only His Mother
In her maiden bliss
Worshiped the beloved
With a kiss.

What can I give him ?
Poor as I am
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I would give a lamb.
If I were a wise man
I would do my part,
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Christine Rosetti

Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry – Sunday 11th December 2022

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Sunday 11th December 2022

Anniversaries

Martin Kinsella, Johnstown Lane, Bennekerry

Elizabeth Hunt, Pollerton Big

James Reid, Bennekerry

Michael McHugh, Sharon Avenue, Brownshill

Elizabeth Wall, Palatine

Patty Tully, Brownshill

S.V.P. Bennekerry

Christmas Church collection 11:30 Mass Sunday 18/12/22

Thanks to everyone for your support over the past year.

CALENDAR

Tuesday 13th: - **St Lucy**, died in 304 in Sicily in the persecution of Diocletian. She suffered much for her desire to remain consecrated to Christ alone. She was martyred by a sword thrust through her throat. Her name means 'light' and her intercession has been sought for eye trouble.

St. Finnian studied in, Idrone. (Carlow) and later in Wales and on his return, he settled in Clonard, Co. Meath, around 520, where he established a famous school. His pupils, among them were Canice, Colum Cille and Brendan, were the initiators of the great monastic expansion in Ireland. He died in 549 and is remembered as the tutor of the saints of Ireland.

Wednesday 14th: -**St John of the Cross**, 1542-1591, a Carmelite who suffered much in his work of spreading the reform of the Carmelites, a man of prayer, outstanding poet, spiritual writer declared doctor of the Church.

Thursday 15th **3rd Week of Advent**

Friday 16th **3rd Week of Advent**

Saturday 17th **3rd Week of Advent**

USE YOUR BRAIN NOT YOUR FISTS

An assault can wreck a victim's life, but it can also ruin your own future. You could lose your job, your ability to travel, even your freedom, not to mention the distress it would cause your family.

A Garda initiative as part of their mission of Keeping People Safe that is aimed at reducing and preventing assaults which can have serious consequences for both victims and perpetrators.

Christmas Carol Singalong Coffee morning in RehabCare Resource Centre, Killeshin Road on Wednesday 21st December 11am to 1 pm. Ebenezer Scrooge (Bah Humbug) will kindly accept donations in his donation box at your discretion, Everyone Welcome.

Graiguecullen Bingo on Tuesday 13th Dec. St. Fiacc's Hall (R93PO30) @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 50 numbers €4860; Double number €1230 Lotto €550 Great prizes, bring a friend.

K & L Diocesan Lotto Results for Wed 7th December 2022

Numbers drawn were 10, 15, 23, 30. No Jackpot winner.

12 Match 3s get €84 each. Askea / Bennekerry had one Match 3.

Winner

Marie O'Neill

Promoter

Askea Parish Centre

Next week's Jackpot €14,000.

Ticket for the Lotto are available in the Church.

You can also call to the Parish Centre during the week to buy a ticket.

Gift Lotto tickets are also available in the Parish Centre.

You can buy a ticket for multiple weeks (5 weeks = €10; 10 weeks = €20; etc) and receive a gift card with the details.

Christmas and New Year Lotto Arrangements

Wednesday 21st December final draw of 2022

First draw of 2023 Wednesday 4th January

A woman available to do housework. Monday to Thursday. Please ring Paula 0892781623

Christmas Concert The Wolseley Singers are hosting a Christmas Concert in the Club House in Mount Wolseley, Tullow on Sunday 11th December 2022 at 3pm. All proceeds going to the Cancer Society.

Carlow College Music: All is Bright Christmas Concert – Sunday 11th Dec 2022 at 4pm in St. Mary's Church, Castle Hill, Carlow. Performing many of your Christmas favourites. Adults €10, Concessions €8, Children Free. Tickets available from Carlow College of Music and eventbrite.ie

Come along to **Carlow Library** on Tuesday 13th December at 11am for Hug Your Book whereby Parents, Grandparents, Carers will learn how to make reading fun for the children in their lives, no need to book!

Baby Book Club (suitable for 0-3 yrs) in Tullow Library every Tuesday morning at 10am, no need to book! Stories & Rhymes followed by social time

There is a photography and pottery exhibition being held in Carlow Library on Thursday & Friday, 15th & 16th December from 10.30am to 4pm by Lá Núa Community Employment Scheme "A Journey Through Recovery", all welcome!

Alternative Christmas Presents

Many of us are struggling to pay our bills this Christmas. However, many others are desperate for food and shelter, and for basic necessities to live. Please consider this before you shop for Christmas; think about where the items have come from and who has been involved in making them. Choosing **Fairtrade** products can help people who produce them to have a reasonable standard of living. You can buy Fairtrade selection boxes, chocolate Santa's, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, bananas, roses, etc. You can also buy *Fairtrade products* to make up a Christmas hamper or have one made-up for you at any of the Health Food Shops.

Show your loved ones you care by giving a friend a '**Gift Card from a Charity**', donate to a charity, buy a Christmas gift in a charity shop (eg Vincent de Paul), and/or support charity Christmas cards. You can be 100% sure these gifts will be much appreciated and will bring a giant smile to many. Please also think about making an **eco-friendly** choice i.e. minimum amount of wrapping, avoiding plastics and synthetic items; also shopping locally. Did you know that shiny coated wrapping paper cannot be recycled. These choices help reduce your carbon footprint and contribute towards reducing your carbon footprint. It is vital that we do our bit to save our planet.

Many of my friends who received '*charity gifts*' last year said '*It made my Christmas to get a card from a friend who made a donation to a charity*'. While it's always nice to get presents, it can be equally rewarding to give. These are just some of the organisations that would greatly appreciate your help over Christmas.

trocaire.org (TROCAIRE); concern.net (CONCERN); oxfamireland.org/donate (OXFAM); donate.redcross.ie / Crois Dhearg na hEireann (IRISH RED CROSS- UKRAINE APPEAL); fairtrade.ie (FAIRTRADE); selfhelpafrica.org (SELF-HELP AFRICA); gortagroup.org (GORTA); unicef.ie (UNICEF); www.goalglobal.org (GOAL); www.barnardos.ie; Bothar.ie; Unicef children's charity; [Children in Need - Printed Card or e-Card](#) and FocusIreland.ie

Remember you can order cards, vouchers or gifts by telephone or online and you will have them in the post within a few days. '*It is in giving that you receive*'.

Nollaig Shona Dhaoibh.

- Speak to us of children

And a woman who held a babe against her bosom said,

- Speak to us of children!

And he said:

They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself.

They come through you but not from you,

And though they are with you yet they belong not to you.

You may give them your love but not your thoughts,
For they have their own thoughts.

You may house their bodies but not their souls,
For their souls dwell in the house of to-narrow,
which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.

You may strive to be like them,
but seek not to make them like you.

For life goes not backward nor carries with yesterday.

You are the bows from which your children as living
arrows are sent forth.

The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite,
and He bends you with His might that His arrows may go
swift and far.

Let your bending in the Archer's hand be for gladness;
For even as He loves the arrow that flies,
so He loves also the bow that is stable.

Khalil Gibran