

Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Askea Parish Community

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Collections last weekend:

Development €1,505

Offertory €1,472

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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

9142565 or email to

office@askeaparish.ie

Website: www.askeaparish.ie

Mass times for the season of Lent

In addition to the weekday morning Mass at 9.30am in Askea Church, an Evening Mass will be celebrated from Monday to Friday at 7pm.

Other Services in Askea are:

Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament on Wednesdays from 10am to 7pm.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Tuesdays after the 9.30am Mass.

The Stations of the Cross will be recited before the 9.30am Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays during Lent.

The Rosary will be recited before the 9.30am Mass on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent and before the 9.30am Mass on every weekday outside the season of Lent.

Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

Sunday 11th February 2018

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ash Wednesday gets its name from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of the faithful as a sign of repentance. The ashes used are gathered after the Palm Crosses from the previous year's Palm Sunday are burned. In the liturgical practice of some churches, the ashes are mixed with the Oil of the Catechumens^[1] (one of the sacred oils used to anoint those about to be baptized), though some churches use ordinary oil. This paste is used by the ministers to make the sign of the cross, first upon their own forehead and then on those of congregants.

The Minister recites the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return",

or

"Repent, and believe the Gospel."

Mass with the distribution of Ashes takes place in Bennekerry Church on Wednesday 14th February at 11.15am.

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

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Newsletter Items - 059 9143881. **Deadline for News items: - 9pm
Wednesdays** Emergency Number for the Priest on Duty 087 2588118.
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Anniversaries 11th February 2018

Seamus Harmon, Kernanstown
Dick & Ann (Nan) Gladney, 23 Kernanstown
Monica Little, Brittas, Co Dublin
Danny Brennan, Rutland Terrace & Carlisle
Mary Kinsella, Bennekerry

Palatine GAA Club Lotto - Results Tuesday 6th

February 2018. Numbers Drawn 3, 18, 28 & 30. No Jackpot
Winner. Four Lucky Dips €50 each.

Winner	Promoter
Paul Treacy	Paul Treacy
GGJ Tobin	John Kelly, Bennekerry
J W Tyres	Willie Mullins
Paddy Hosey Jnr	Alan Hosey

Seller's Prize €70 - David Woods. Next Draw Monday 12th
February 2018. Jackpot €10,600.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - Loneliness

We can cure physical diseases with medicine, but the only cure for loneliness, despair and hopelessness is love. There are many in the world who are dying for a piece of bread but there are many more dying for a little love. *Mother Teresa*

In Memoriam

We ask the Lord to grant eternal rest to:

Joseph Walsh, 60 Highfield

Kathleen McGarry (née Murphy), 27 Woodgrove

Fergal O'Connor, Slate Quarries, Rathmore, Naas, and
Brownshill, Carlow

Josie Shannon (née Kinsella), Beechwood Drive,
Rathnash and Oylegate, Wexford

Mary Kate Carroll (née Whitty), Ardnehue, Bennekerry

and we offer our sympathy and the support of our
prayers to all who have suffered the loss of a loved
one at this time.

Kildare & Leighlin Weekly Lotto Results

For Wed 7th February 2018. Numbers drawn were 3, 5, 16 & 29.

NO JACKPOT Winner. 13 Match 3s won €77 each.

Askea/Bennekerry had 1 Match3s. Next week's Jackpot €16,000.

Winner

Promoter

Pat Canavan

Sharon – Askea Parish Centre

Kay Walsh

Una Bowe

Eva Kennedy

Christy Kennedy

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.

Mass times for the season of Lent

**In addition to the weekday morning Mass at 9.30am in Askea
Church, an Evening Mass will be celebrated from Monday to
Friday at 7pm.**

Bringing the Old Testament alive

Now that Lent is approaching the Parish has decided that it will be a nice way and a suitable time to gain an understanding of the Old Testament. St Augustine tells us that the Old Testament becomes clear in the New Testament while the New Testament lies hidden in the Old. We will do this through viewing a number of CDs starting with the Story of Abraham. No lecturing, just a viewing and a discussion following this, starting at 7.45pm on Thursday 15th February, 2018 in Askea Parish Community Centre. All are welcome. Refreshments served.

Carlow Town Hurling & Camogie Club

Juvenile Hurling and Camogie Training for boys and girls in Carlow IT College all weather pitches starts Friday 16th February from 6pm – 7pm for the following age groups U6, U8, U10, U12. New players more than welcome.

ALL SAINTS, AGHADE - Sunday, 4th March, 2018. 7 pm

AN ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICE OF THE WORD IN PREPARATION FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER Featuring: Castlecomer Brass Band; The Four Hims; The Adelaides; The Parish Choir of St. Peter & St. Paul, Ballon, Co. Carlow. Preacher: The Rev. William Bennett - Rector of Newcastle, Newtownmountkennedy & Calry, Diocese of Glendalough. Tea afterwards in Aghade Church Hall

All Welcome For Details Contact: The Rev. Dr. Lester Scott, Tel. 059 9159367. (*Aghade Church is just outside Ardattin on the way to Ballon village*).

Please support the third **National Collection for**

WMOF2018 which will be taken up in our parish on the weekend of 24 & 25 February 2018.

Aspiro is one of Ireland's leading choirs celebrating its 20th year in Carlow. New members are welcome in all age categories from age 4 - 18+ as well as Aspiro Inspired Adult Community choir. Limited number of places available in all groups, contact info@aspirochoir.ie Ph. 085-7451111.

Carlow Active Retired

Next monthly meeting on Wednesday 14th February at 2.30pm in Cathedral Parish Centre. An outing to Wexford on 23rd February to see A comedy play "Cash on delivery" Cost €50
Contact Sean 087 6522374.

JPII Volunteer Information and Sign-up Gathering for K&L Lourdes Pilgrimage 2018 Thursday 22nd February at 7.30pm in Portlaoise Parish Centre, open to past and present JPII Award participants (attached poster for further information and display)

Gathering for Returned Volunteers/Lay Missionaries

Have you ever worked overseas as a volunteer or lay missionary in Africa, Asia or South America? Would you like to meet up with like-minded people in an informal network. Meeting takes place at Ballycane Church (Church of Irish Martyrs) in Naas on Thursday 15th Feb at 7.30pm. For more info email jim.farrell@amri.ie or phone/text 083 8422468. All are welcome!

Wexford Model Railway Club Easter Show Sunday 1st April from 12-6pm and Monday 2nd April from 11-5pm at St Joseph's Community Centre, Wexford Town. All types of model transport, sales stands, refreshments, raffle and interactive layouts for children – a great day out for all the family and now recognised as one of the best shows in the country. All are welcome!

World Day for survivors and victims of sexual abuse – Friday 16th February (1st Friday of Lent) Towards Peace is a spiritual support service designed for those who have experienced sexual, physical, emotional or spiritual abuse by Catholic Church personnel in Ireland. Support is also available for family members of abuse survivors. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space, where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. Up to nine sessions are offered and there is no cost. For more information, please visit www.towardspeace.ie, phone 01 505 3028 or email towardspeace@iecon.ie.

World Meeting of Families Host a Pilgrim

Do you have a spare room in your home and want to help? Thousands of people will be travelling from very distant places to participate in World Meeting of Families 2018 (Dublin, 21-26 August 2018). Many would be unable to come if they also had to cover the cost of accommodation. Do you have a spare room? Would you be willing to host a person, a couple or a family next August? Help us welcome visiting families to Ireland and have a home-from-home experience. Learn more at www.worldmeeting2018.ie/hostafamily. Email us at hostingteam@worldmeeting2018.ie or call us on 01 567 6800.

Community Games St Mary's Area Community Games are holding a registration night in The Vault, Burrin Street on Mon, February 12th at 7.30pm. Anyone interested in taking part in swimming, gymnastics, athletics, art, handwriting, singing or dancing this year, can register on the night. Registration costs €10 for one child and €5 for each subsequent family member. Please bring a copy of your child's birth cert on the night, if they haven't participated before. For more information contact Ashling on 086-6066368 or Kate on 087-6454321 or on Facebook (St Marys Area Community Games).

Rally To Save The 8th @ 2pm Parnell Square Dublin Saturday March 10th. Bus travelling from Askea Parish Centre Carlow 11.30am. Cost €12 return. Contact Martina 087 2987934.

CARLOW TIDY TOWN AGM - on Monday 19th. February at 8pm in the Seven Oaks Hotel. All welcome.

Carlow Meditation Group meets every Thursday from 7:30 to 8:30 in the warm and peaceful setting of Askea Day Care Centre. Meditation is about letting go of our preoccupations to attend to what really matters, to ground ourselves in God. Lent, too, is about letting go. Why not come and join us during Lent to learn how to meditate and to discover its deep inner fruits.

Plots Allotments (beside Hanover Harps pitch) Interested in growing your own produce!! A few available at present. Contact Caroline @ 086 0793419 Or Larry @ 085 2747033

Éire Óg CLG - LOTTO WINNING NO's Mon Feb 5th....6 9 28 31... No Jackpot Winner... 1 x Match 3s...received €150...David Farrell c/o John Farrell..[Next week's match 3 win or share €150.](#) *Tickets may be purchased from the Club . Live Music every **Saturday night**..* NEXT WEEKS Jackpot €7,400. [Draw takes place every Mon Night in Teach Asca at 8.30pm.](#) Juvenile Registration Nights in Éire Óg. Tue Feb 27th @ 7.30pm-9pm. Wed Feb 28th 7.30pm-9pm

THE SOCIETY OF THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, Carlow would like to thank you all for your generous contributions to their monthly collection over the past year and also to their collection over the Christmas period. All money raised is used in Carlow and distributed to people in need locally. Thank you all for your ongoing support.

The Vincent de Paul shop on Tullow Street are looking for extra volunteers for the next 4 months. If you have 3 hours to spare during the week please talk to Alex Stenson in the shop, phone us at 059 9173679 or email us at syphshopcarlow@gmail.com Thank you in advance for your interest.

VOLUNTEER IN AFRICA Humanitarian Volunteers are looking for volunteers to travel to Kenya on 17 June 2018. The volunteers will work on a humanitarian project for two weeks. No experience required and no age restrictions. Support and Supervision provided. Volunteers will also visit the resting place of the Venerable Edel Quinn. No large fundraising. Volunteers will pay their own costs. If you can assist teaching English, or assist with sports, games, arts, crafts or more, then you can make a real impact on the lives of the poorest and those without hope. *Contact Denis, Humanitarian Volunteers 086 8520271.*

Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2018

Led by the Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin Most Reverend Denis Nulty. 16th to 21st July 2018. Cost €739 to include Air travel Dublin – Lourdes return; transfer from Lourdes airport to hotel; full board and accommodation in Lourdes; airport taxes, charges and government levies; fully comprehensive insurance; pilgrimage badge. Bookings can be made through Joe Walsh Tours Office 01 2410802 or Askea Parish Centre. Payment can be made on a phased basis through the Parish Centre. Please contact 059 91 42565 for further details.

Dribble and Shoot – Have fun and raise funds to send 15 Carlow athletes from Carlow Special Olympics to the Irish Games in June. Score as many baskets as possible in one hour. Saturday 17th February at 3pm in St Leo's Sports Hall. All welcome. Contact Pat 086 1292201.

Carlow Lions Club – Social Dancing in aid of
Bennekerry Church Repair Fund – Tuesday
13th February in Seven Oaks Hotel. Admission €8.
Tickets available from: Kathleen Breen, Una Hade,
Bennekerry Church, Askea Church, Tinryland Church
and Askea Parish Community Centre.

Legion of Mary Meeting at 8pm on Tuesday 13th February in
Askea Parish Community Centre. All welcome.

Carlow Lawn Tennis Club Spring / Summer Fashion Show at
8.30pm on Thursday 1st March in Seven Oaks Hotel. Tickets €10.
Tickets on sale in Galley Bar or from any Committee Member.
Contact 086 2025450 or 059 91 43775 for further details.

Fully Qualified Healthcare Assistant with a Fetac Level V
qualification and seven years experience. References available.
Contact 087 3509300.

World Day of the Sick
Sunday 11th February is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The
Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the 7pm
Mass on Friday 16th February in Askea Church.

JPII Volunteers The Parish Team welcome the students
taking part in the JPII Programme as they participate in the
7pm Masses in Askea Church during the Season of Lent.
Students will read the Mass Readings and Communion
Reflections and also operate the Power Point screens.
Students will also participate in weekend Masses in
Bennekerry Church and Tinryland Church.

CALENDAR

Monday 14th:-St Cyril, a priest with missionary experience, and his brother Methodius, a monk, went to Moravia to preach the Gospel in Slav language. Cyril invented a Slavic alphabet, and with the help of Methodius, translated the Gospels and certain liturgical works into Slavonic. They were consecrated bishops in Rome but there on February 14th , 869 Cyril died. Methodius returned to Moravia. During the last four years of his life he completed the Slavonic translation of the Bible. On 6th April, 885 he died worn out by his Apostolic labours and by the opposition of those who failed to understand his methods. In 1980 Pope John Paul 11 declared them Patrons of Europe.

Wednesday 17th:-Ash Wednesday

For the Western Christian calendar, Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and occurs forty-six days (forty days not counting Sundays) before Easter. It is a moveable feast, falling on a different date each year because it is dependent on the date of Easter. It can occur as early as 4 February or as late as 10 March

Saturday 17th :- St Fintan was born in Leinster. He received his religious formation in Terryglass, Co. Tipperary under Abbot Colum and was deeply influenced by his penitential practices and the severity of the Rule. Fintan made his own foundation in Clonenagh, Co. Laois. He died in 603

Seven Servite Founders. In the early thirteenth century 7 young merchants of Florence decided to help one another live more perfect Christian lives. As the result of a vision they became known as the 'Servants of Mary' and followed the Rule of St Augustine.