

Holy Family Parish, Askea

12th August 2018 Vol 28 No 39

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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087 2588118

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Collections last weekend
Development: €1,728
Offertory €1,514

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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

**Amen, amen, I say to you,
whoever believes has
eternal life.**

They went on murmuring.

Bread, you say?

Coming down from heaven?

Well, we know his mother and
father.

They live down the street!

Jesus answers:

forget knowing.

It's about believing,

Believe that I love you,

that I give my life for you,

that I want you to be a part of
me forever.

Jesus, we do try to believe.

Be our food and drink!

Be our everything!

Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

Sunday 12th August 2018

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GRATITUDE PRAYER

Loving Lord,

As I express my gratitude to you in prayer,
may it be a pleasing, joyful sound to you.

Thank you, Lord, for your love.

It brings me acceptance and significance.

Thank you, Lord, for your truth.

It brings me guidance and direction.

Thank you, Lord, for your mercy.

It brings me help and comfort.

Thank you, Lord, for your faithfulness.

It brings me stability and strength.

Thank you, Lord, for your kindness.

It brings me daily provision and sustenance.

Thank you, Lord, for your beauty displayed in the
earth.

It brings me joy and delight.

Thank you, Lord, for your way of redemption - the
cross.

It brings me salvation and regeneration. Amen

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

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Anniversaries 12th August 2018

Edward Carter, Bennekerry
Michael and Mary Rossiter, Kernanstown
Clare Fitzhenry, Johnstown
Eileen Lennon, 15 Springfield Drive, Rathnapish
Urusla Mahon, Ballinakilbeg
Molly Reid, Bennekerry
Joseph and Lil Archbold, Ballinakilbeg

Anniversaries 15th August 2018

Rita Duggan, Ennis, Co Clare

Collections last weekend:

Development €690

Offertory €215

Palatine GAA Club Lotto

Results Tuesday 7th August 2018. Numbers Drawn 15, 22,
26 & 28. No JACKPOT WINNER. 4 Lucky Dips €50 each.

Winner

Promoter

John Casey

John Kelly, Bennekerry

Noel Byrne

John Kelly, Bennekerry

James Tobin Jnr

John Kelly, Bennekerry

Edward McGarry

Frank McGarry

Seller's Prize €70 - Kitty Farrell. Next Draw Monday 13th
August 2018. Jackpot €7,000.

Askea Senior Citizens' Group

Summer Day Trip on Wednesday 29th August to Wells House and Gardens and shopping in Gorey. Leaving Parish Centre at 10am returning to Seven Oaks Hotel at 5.30pm for tea, music and dancing. Members cost €15. Non-members €20. Bookings to be made by August 15th.

September Holiday starting 17th September to Connemara Coast Hotel. Anyone who has booked holiday needs to pay deposits by the last Wednesday of July.

Kildare & Leighlin Weekly Lotto Results

For Wed 8th August 2018. Numbers drawn were 12, 14, 30 & 32. No Jackpot Winner. 6 Match 3s won €167 each. Askea/Bennekerry had 2 Match3s.

Winner

Lisa Cole

Fionnuala

Promoter

Michael Shannon

Sr Joan Pierse

Next week's Jackpot €12,000.

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.

Date for the Diary – an invitation from Bishop Denis

The World Meeting of Families will officially open across the country on the evening of Tuesday, August 21st. Kildare and Leighlin will open this historic event with a specially prepared Evening Prayer in the Cathedral in Carlow at 7:30 p.m. Over 150 choir members, as well as young people and families from across the diocese will take part in our prayer. Bishop Denis warmly invites you to this unique moment and join with him in the Cathedral. Light refreshments will be available before the liturgy begins. More details to come.

Message from Bishop Denis -The World Meeting of Families 2018:

I know we have been talking a lot over the past few years as we prepare for an event that is now simply days away – the World Meeting of Families 2018. I thank you for all you have done in every parish to prepare for these enriching days celebrating family life. The days are all the more enriched because Pope Francis will walk amongst us and accompany us on the last two days of the World Meeting.

We were probably first out of the traps with the idea of a 'Family Picnic Day'. Maybe you made it to Punchestown at the end of last summer or perhaps to Carlow College, St. Patrick's in June past. Perhaps you engaged with the preparatory programme Amoris: 'Let's Talk Family, Let's Be Family'. Maybe you had a special prayer space in your church, your home, your room to pray for your family and all families. Your generosity at parish level supporting the different collections is deeply appreciated. No family is perfect and the World Meeting will speak to all families.

I want to personally invite you to the Opening Liturgy of the World Meeting of Families in the Cathedral Carlow on Tuesday 21 August at 7.30pm. We will have refreshments beforehand on the grounds of Carlow College, St. Patrick's commencing at 6pm. Our Diocesan Choir have put in enormous preparation into this celebration of Evening Prayer. Julie Kavanagh, our Diocesan Delegate for the World Meeting of Families has played a huge part in the planning not only of our liturgy but on the entire liturgy programme for the World Meeting.

The theme for our Tuesday nights Evening Prayer is 'The Joy of Families is also the Joy of the Church – Le Chéile le Chríost'. Every parish are welcome to gather with us for our Diocesan Evening Prayer. Our guest homilist is Cardinal Peter Turkson, who visits the Diocese to applaud the great strides done in many parishes reaching out to the most vulnerable and wounded families. Cardinal Turkson is currently prefect of the Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development. Let us gather together as a diocese to celebrate family life on Tuesday 21 August at 7.30pm at the Cathedral in Carlow.

Festival of Families – Croke Park
– Sat 25th August 2018 at 7.30pm

In keeping with the theme of the World Meeting of Families 2018 the Diocese has been allocated a limited number of family tickets (-one per parish) for the Festival of Families in Croke Park. We have been asked to ensure that these tickets will be given to one family in each parish so that Askea, Bennekerry and Tinryland parishes will be represented at the Festival of Families. In order to fulfil this instruction we propose to hold a draw of the names of interested families. This draw will take place after the 7pm Mass in Askea Church on Wednesday 15th August 2018.

If your family is interested in attending the festival and wishes to be included in the draw for the family ticket please contact the Parish Office at 059 91 42565 or 087 1269709 before 5pm on Wednesday 15th August.

You can also leave your details in the Sacristy after Mass this weekend.

Please only put your family name forward to enter the draw if you intend travelling to the festival. Families should indicate the number of members in their family group.

Depending on the number of members in the families selected there may be a small number of individual tickets available. Any individual wishing to be included in this second draw is asked to contact the Askea Parish Office at 059 91 42565 or 087 1269709 with their details or to leave their name in the Sacristy after Mass this weekend.

FREE EVENTS IN CARLOW LIBRARY

"Learning at Home" is a free, fun interactive session for all the family. This workshop will help you to understand more about how your family learns and what you can do to support learning at home. Taking place in Carlow Central Library on Thursday 16th August, from 11am to 1pm. Booking required

A Teddy Bear's Sleepover will take place on 14th August and 15th August as part of our Summer Stars programme. Details on Carlow County Library Facebook page, booking required
Heritage Week begins on Sat 18th August – check the library website for details of events in the Carlow area

For further details and bookings please phone 059 9129701/705, email library@carlowcoco.ie or pop in to your local library
Follow Carlow Library on Facebook /carlowcountylibrary & Twitter @carlowlibraries for event listings

MC Dance returns 7th Sept 2018. Venue: Eire Og Club House
Boys and girls aged 4- 18 years welcome. Various dance styles and singing. For further information ring Marie Cashin on: 086 1654740

Coffee Morning & Raffle in aid of **Kelvin Court Intellectual Services** in **Castle Activation Centre, St Dymphnas Hospital** (just opposite CareDoc) on **Fri 17th August** from **11.00 to 12.30**. All support greatly appreciated and all proceeds will go straight back into the Centre which caters for adults with Intellectual Disabilities. Home Baking also appreciated!!

Enrolment for Art Classes starting in September at Brownhill Art Studio: **Children's Art Classes:** Wednesday @ 6.30pm to 8pm; Thursday @ 4pm to 5.30pm & 6pm to 7pm. Start date is Wednesday September 5th 2018. **Adult Art Classes:** Thursday 7.30pm to 9pm; Beginners and improvers. Contact Jean @ 086 8686783. Places are limited.

Opening Ceremony for World Meeting of Families

August 21st Carlow Cathedral 7:30 pm

Refreshments served in Cathedral parish centre from 6 pm onwards. You are warmly invited to join Bishop Denis for this unique moment as a diocesan family.

A Pilgrimage to mark the Celebration of World Meeting of Families

"We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family". (Pope Francis, Laudato Si, p.39)

Join us as we mark the upcoming World Meeting of Families

by a Pilgrimage to St. Brigid's well. **Saturday, August 18th,**

2018 Time: 2.30 p.m – 4.30 .p.m. Assemble at Solas Bhride

Centre, Tully Road, Kildare Town at 2.30 p.m. *Children need to*

be accompanied by adults. Enquiries to Solas Bhride Centre

Tel: 045 522890 or email info@solasbhride.ie or

www.solasbhride.ie **All Welcome**

An Gairdin Beo invites you to visit their Community Café next

Tuesday August 14th . Tea ,Coffee and homemade baking will be

served from 10.00am-1.00pm . Fresh organic vegetables will be

also on sale. We look forward to meeting you there and be sure to

bring a friend along.

Speech & Drama Classes commencing in Carlow this

September. Enrolment now taking place. Qualified teacher and

examiner. Contact Theresa 087 7739552

Carlow Regional Youth Services are currently recruiting for

the following position in their CE scheme, part time Receptionist/PR

at their head office in Montgomery house, Athy road, Carlow

For further enquiries please ring Lisa/Marie on 085 2101494 or

reception on 059 913 0476.

Graigucullen Monster Bingo. Tuesday 7th August @ 8.30pm

Great prizes. Bring a friend.

Lough Derg 2018: You may begin the Three Day Pilgrimage on any day up to and including Monday 13th August. Advance booking is not necessary. For information regarding public transport telephone Lorraine on 071 9851518 (from NI 00353 71 9861518). info@loughderg.org www.loughderg.org

This summer, DoubleBand Films is making an Irish language documentary for RTÉ and BBC on the pilgrimage at Lough Derg, with the kind permission of Father Flynn and the staff at Lough Derg. The film will be a reflection on what the pilgrimage means to the many people who undertake it, and the sacrifice required to complete such an act of devotion.

We are seeking more Irish speakers who intend to visit Lough Derg between now and 15th August, who would be willing to do a short interview with us about their reasons for doing the pilgrimage and what they get from the experience. Anyone interested can contact Órfhlaith at DoubleBand Films on 0044 289024 3331, or orfhlaith@doublebandfilms.com for more information.

Relics of Saints Louis and Zelig Martin and their daughter, St Therese of Lisieux

– We are fortunate to have these Relics visit the Cathedral of Assumption in Carlow on Monday August 20th. Bishop Denis will celebrate Mass at 10am with the expected arrival of the Relics around 11am. The Relics will be present in the Cathedral all day with Evening Prayer at 7pm. The Relics will also be in the Phoenix Park for the Papal Mass. We extend a warm welcome to everyone to visit the Relics to whom we have been praying to as part of the WMOF2018 Official Prayer.

Catholic Grandparents Association Annual National

Grandparents Pilgrimage September 9th 2018, Knock Shrine 2.30pm. Everybody welcome to honour & thank Grandparents alive & dead for all they have done for us down through the ages. Chief Celebrant Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, Apostolic Nuncio - Combined Choirs of Knock Parish - The Tuttle Family - Dana sings 'Our Lady of Knock'

Holy Day Mass Times

– Wednesday 15th August is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass will be celebrated:

in St Mary's Church, Bennekerry at 11.30am

in Holy Family Church, Askea at 9am, 10.30am and 7pm.

(Please note there is no Vigil Mass in Askea Church on Tuesday 14th August.)

GROW is a *community*-based mental health organisation which holds weekly meetings in your local community. GROW meetings provide help and support to anyone experiencing mental health difficulties or struggling with any aspect of their mental wellbeing. Meetings are confidential and no referral is necessary, simply come along. GROW promotes breaking social isolation and promoting social connectedness and is centered around the idea that '*I alone can do it, but I cannot do it alone*'.

For Kilkenny Carlow Groups: Tuesday @ 10am, Grow Office, Ormonde Home, Barrack St Kilkenny; Tuesday @ 7.45pm, St Catherine's Social Service Centre, Joseph's Road, Carlow; Wednesday @ 8pm, Grow Office, Ormonde Home, Barrack St Kilkenny; Friday @ 10.30am Ceart/Grow Group, Grow Office, Ormonde Home, Barrack St Kilkenny

The Askea Country Market held a Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Temple Street Hospital. A total of €231.57 was raised. Many thanks to all who supported this very worthy cause. The market will return after the summer break on Friday 24th August.

Common Tasks

The common tasks are beautiful if we
Have eyes to see their shining ministry.
The ploughman with his share deep in the loam;
The carpenter whose skilled hands build a
home;
The gardener working with reluctant sod,
Faithful to his partnership with God-
These are the artisans of life. And, oh,
A woman with her eyes and cheeks aglow,
Watching a kettle, tending a scarlet flame,
Guarding a little child-there is no name
For this great ministry. But eyes are dull
That do not see that it is beautiful;
That do not see within the common tasks
The simple answer to the thing God asks
Of any child, a pride within His breast:
That at our given work we do our best.

Grace Noll Crowell

August Weather

Dead heat and windless air,
And silence over all ;
Never a leaf astir,
But the ripe apples fall ;
Plums are purple-red,
Pears amber and brown ;
Thud! in the garden-bed
Ripe apples fall down.

Air like a cider-press
With the bruised apples' scent ;
Low whistles express
Some sleepy bird's content ;
Still world and windless sky,
A mist of head o'er all,
Peace like a lullaby,
And the ripe apples fall.

Catherine Tynan

CALENDAR

Monday 13th:- St Pontian became pope in 231. He was exiled to Sardinia and resigned the papacy so that there might be an active person, Callistus, elected

St.Hippolytus a writer and teacher had been set up as a rival in opposition to Pope Callistus was also exiled at the same time to Sardinia. He was reconciled with Pontian and both died from ill-treatment.

St Fachtna (also called Fachanan) Founder of the monastery of Ross Carbery (Ross Ailisthir). He died around 600. His monastery became the principal monastery of West Cork and later had a famous scripture school.

Tuesday 14h:-St Maximillian Kolbe, 1894-1941, a Conventual's Franciscan who worked in the apostolate of the press in Poland and Japan, and died in Auschwitz.

Wednesday 15th:-The Assumption of Mary

Thursday 16th:- St Stephen of Hungary, 975-1038, first king of Hungary and its patron saint, worked for the conversion of his people to Christianity.

Friday 17th:-Our Lady of Knock

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - Sympathetic Ear

A pat on the back and a sympathetic ear are valuable gifts you can give to those you work and live with. Times of crisis only increase their value.