

Holy Family Parish, Askea

12th January 2020 Vol 29 No 9

The Baptism of the Lord

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Fr Tommy Dillon - 91-64882

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Emergency Priest on Duty

087 2588118

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Askea Parish Community

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Last week's Collections:

Development: €1,414

Offertory: €1,136

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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

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Quotation

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With medicine

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Mother Teresa 1910-1997

Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

Sunday 12th January 2020

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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.

Parish Office - 059 9142565 087 - 1269709.

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Anniversaries 12th January 2020

Baby Christopher Shannon, Duckett's Grove

Martha Fennelly, Palatine

Palatine GAA Club Lotto Results 6th January 2020. Numbers

Drawn 7, 9, 23 & 30. No Jackpot winner.

4 Lucky Dips €50 each.

Winner

Promoter

Maria Hutchinson

Top Oil

Laura & Joan

John Kelly, Bennekerry

Clare Galbally

Jackie Ryan

Matt O'Neill

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Seller's Prize €70 - Jim Murphy

Next Draw Monday 13th January, 2020. Jackpot €11.400.

For Sale: Grave Accessories – Flower pots, flower vases, Lanterns etc.

Polished granite. Top Quality. Contact 087 9027278.

Kildare & Leighlin Weekly Lotto Results

For Wed 8th January 2020. Numbers drawn were 4, 12, 25 & 26.

No Jackpot winner. 17 Match 3s won €59 each. Askea /

Bennekerry had 3 Match 3s.

Winner

Promoter

Michael Shannon

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Annette Byrne

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Jackpot Please

Askea Parish Centre Staff

Next week's Jackpot €13,000. 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.

Whisperings of my Soul

Fr Seán's book *Whisperings of my Soul* is available to buy in Askea Parish Community Centre or in the Church after Mass – price €15.

Carlow Rainbows Group offer a nine session Peer Support

Programme for children aged from 7 to 13 years of age who have experienced loss through the death of a close relative or the separation of their parents. These Programmes are run separately, are free to participants and will commence in January 2020. If you are interested please contact Anne on 087 6636 499 or Norah on 087 1269 709. In addition we are now also offering similar programmes for teenagers aged from 13 to 16 years.

Walking Towards Unity: You are Warmly Invited to this Walk which will start at Carlow Methodist Church, then to St. Mary's Church of Ireland and finally to the Cathedral of the Assumption. Starts at 2.30 pm in Carlow Methodist Church, Athy Road, Carlow on Sunday 19 January 2020.

Asca GFC are holding their AGM on Friday 17th January 2020 at 8pm in Askea Parish Community Centre. All welcome.

Adult Country Jiving, Quickstep & Waltzing dance classes

commencing on Thursday 23rd January 2020. Course runs for 6 weeks 8.00-9.00pm every Thursday. No Partner Required. Registration & Payment (€60) on the night. Academy of Dance, Carlow Youth & Community Centre, Green Lane, Carlow. Phone 0872727315.

ASKEA PHARMACY - Askea Pharmacy will be closed for the day on Saturday 18th January for staff training.

ATTENTION LADIES - Upcoming Courses Tullow February 2020

There are a number of places still available on the Carlow Catalyst Programme For Women's Preparation For Work Course, which is starting on Tuesday 25th of February 2020 in Forward Steps Resource Centre in Tullow. Courses are open to Women who are not working and who are not in receipt of job seekers or a work related payment, (other social welfare payments are allowed so please enquire to see if you are eligible). This is a part time morning course, 3 mornings a week from 10am to 1pm for 16 weeks. Training is QQI accredited and focused on personal development and work related skills.

If you are considering returning to work, or thinking about up skilling and feel that you could benefit with some support, guidance and confidence building, then this course could be perfect for you. If you are eligible to take part in this programme, all training and supports are offered Free of Charge. For further information please contact Orlaith or Sinead in St. Catherine's Community Services Centre on 059 9138700. Email orlaithm@catherines.ie

Plough Sunday 2020 in Staplestown Church: This annual liturgy will take place in Staplestown Church on Sunday 26th January at 3 pm. Speaker: Jane Mellett, Laudato Si' Officer at Trócaire. The document 'On Care for Our Common Home' (Laudato Si') is the new appeal from Pope Francis addressed to "every person living on this planet" for an inclusive dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. Pope Francis calls the Church and the world to acknowledge the urgency of our environmental challenges and to join him in embarking on a new path. This encyclical is written with both hope and resolve, looking to our common future with openness and humility.

A new season of evening **art classes for adults and children** is starting at Brownhill Art Studio from January to April on Wednesday and Thursday Evenings; Juniors - Wednesday 5.30pm to 6.30pm or Thursday 5pm to 6pm; Seniors - Wednesday 6.30pm to 8pm or Thursday 6pm to 7.30pm; Adults - Thursday 7.30pm to 9pm.
Contact Jean Robertson @ 086 8686783 for details

Kildare and Leighlin Diocesan Adoration Committee invite you to a Day of Prayer. Holy Mass, Adoration, Rosary, sharing and music, held in Carlow College on Saturday 25th. January 2020 to begin at 10am. Refreshments served. All welcome.

Join **Carlow Historical & Archaeological Society** for the third in the winter lecture series . Niall O'Brien will present 'The Barrow Navigation: a social and economic history'. This talk will discuss the physical layout of the navigation with its canal, weirs, locks, land holdings and buildings. Also discussed will be the trade on the river; the volume and type of trade and steamers and boats. Niall will also look at the community who worked the waterway, the lock-keepers and the personalities in the Board room and the family who made and broke the waterway. Following the talk, Niall will discuss a public campaign to source any documents or artefacts that people have relating to the navigation in Carlow, Kilkenny and Kildare. The talk will take place on Wednesday 15th January at 8pm, Mc Grath Hall in Bagenalstown. Admission is free and all are welcome.

NEW MEMBERS WANTED Carlow Choral Society are looking for new members, all voices welcome especially Tenors and Basses. They rehearse every Monday night at 7.45pm. First rehearsal is this Monday 13th in Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre, R93 XV10. Upcoming concerts are Beethoven's Opera Fidelio with Lyric Opera Chorus performances on February 22nd and 23rd in the National Concert Hall. Summer concert will continue the celebration of Beethoven's 250th anniversary with performance of his Mass in C Major and the wonderful Bach Magnificat. Requirements are a love of singing. No audition required. More info on our website www.carlowchoralsociety.net

Askea Senior Citizens' News

Monthly Night Out

The first night out of the New Year takes place on Wednesday 29th January 2020 from 7pm to 10pm.

Transport available. Bingo, music and a cuppa.

Our first holiday of 2020 is booked. Deposits are being taken in January. For information on any of our activities contact Marian at 059 9143010.

Operation Transformation Walk Under Lights

Why not come out and join us on a Wednesday evening from 7 to 8 p.m at Palatine GAA pitch for a healthy walk in the safe, bright, environs of our track. This year Palatine GAA club and Bennekerry/Tinryland Community Games have teamed up to make exercise more accessible on the dark winter nights where all are invited to come along and walk, jog or run among friends, in a relaxed social atmosphere. 'Ireland Lights Up' will again see us turn on our floodlights from Wednesday 8th January through to 20th February. Don't miss this opportunity to get out to exercise and socialise with your friends and neighbours, irrespective of your level of fitness. All you need are your runners. Fruit treats provided.

Public Lectures, Carlow College St Patricks

20 January – Time for Action: Climate Change & Our Future

27 January – Nazi Concentration Camps, to mark International Holocaust Remembrance Day. Both lectures are open to all and begin at 1.45pm in Cobden Hall, Carlow College St Patricks.

Scoil Muire Gan Smal Parents' Association will hold a Church gate collection at all Masses next weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Theme: A new Freedom – Wexford Area Convention Friday, Saturday and Sunday 21st – 23rd February 2020. Al-Anon in attendance. Clayton Whites Hotel, Wexford. 053 9122311
www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie

CALENDAR

Monday 13th:-St Hilary, c. 315-c 367, was elected [c. 353] bishop of Potiers and distinguished himself by his stand against Arianism. In exile (356-359) by order of Emperor Constantius, he used his time to write. His major works include De Trinitate, a study of the Trinity.

Wednesday 15th:-St Ita was born in Co. Waterford of noble and Christian parents. Early on she set her mind on serving Christ in religious life. She founded a monastery in Killeedy, Co. Limerick, which attracted a great variety Of young people. She was given the title 'Foster Mother to to the saints of Ireland'. She died in 570.

Tuesday 16th:-St Fursa was born in Ireland and became one of the great monastic missionaries abroad. He went first with his brothers Foílan and Ultan to live the monastic life in East Anglia. But as great numbers continued to visit him there he left Foílan as abbot and sought refuge in France around 644. A patron gave him a hermitage at Lagny on the Marne. He died about 650 at Mezerolles while on a journey. His body was buried in Pèronne, which became a great centre of devotion to him.

Friday 17th:-St Anthony died in 356, "Father of Monasticism," lived a life of solitude but also attracted many others to form communities of hermits.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - Life

Life is a most important thing. You never get it back again. Possessions...well, they come and go.

God's Grandeur

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil
Crushed. Why do men then now not reck his rod?
Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;
And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;
And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;
And though the last lights off the black West went
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs —
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent
World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.

GERARD MANLEY HOPKINS.

O FRIEND! I KNOW NOT

O FRIEND! I know not which way I must look
For comfort, being, as I am, opprest,
To think that now our life is only drest
For show; mean handy-work of craftsman, cook,
Or groom!--We must run glittering like a brook
In the open sunshine, or we are unblest:
The wealthiest man among us is the best:
No grandeur now in nature or in book
Delights us. Rapine, avarice, expense,
This is idolatry; and these we adore:
Plain living and high thinking are no more:
The homely beauty of the good old cause
Is gone; our peace, our fearful innocence,
And pure religion breathing household laws.

William Wordsworth