

Holy Family Parish, Askea

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The Ascension of the Lord

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Collections last weekend
Development: €1,605
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

The Bell

I love thy music, mellow bell,
I love thine iron chime,
To life or death, to heaven or hell,
Which calls the sons of Time.

Thy voice upon the deep
The home-bound sea-boy hails,
It charms his cares to sleep,
It cheers him as he sails.

To house of God and heavenly
joys
Thy summons called our sires,
And good men thought thy sacred
voice
Disarmed the thunder's fires.

And soon thy music, sad death-
bell,
Shall lift its notes once more,
And mix my requiem with the
wind
That sweeps my native shore.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

Sunday 13th May 2018

The Ascension of the Lord

Never Lose Hope.. then you still have hope...

If you can find beauty in the colours of a small flower,
then you still have hope...

If you can find pleasure in the movement of a butterfly,
then you still have hope...

If the smile of a child can still warm your heart, then you still have hope...
If you can see the good in other people,
then you still have hope...

If the rain breaking on a roof top can still lull you to sleep,
then you still have hope...

If the sight of a rainbow still makes you stop and stare in wonder,
then you still have hope...

If the soft fur of a favoured pet still feels pleasant under your fingertips,
then you still have hope...

If you meet new people with a trace of excitement and optimism,
then you still have hope...

If you give people the benefit of a doubt,
then you still have hope...

If you still offer your hand in friendship to others
that have touched your life, then you still have hope...

If receiving an unexpected card or letter still brings
a pleasant surprise, then you still have hope...

If the suffering of others still fills you with pain and frustration,
then you still have hope...

If you refuse to let a friendship die, or accept that it must end,
then you still have hope...

If you look forward to a time or place of quiet and reflection,
then you still have hope...

If you still buy the ornaments, put up the Christmas tree or cook the turkey,
then you still have hope...

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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Website: www.askeaparish.ie; email: office@askeaparish.ie

Anniversaries 13th May 2018

Pierie Wall, The Forge

Chloe Doyle

Month's Mind

Jim Sweeney, Friarstown

Collections last weekend:

Development €218 Offertory €285

Palatine GAA Club Lotto

Results Wednesday 9th May 2018. Numbers Drawn 13, 19, 26 & 28. Four Lucky Dips €50 each.

Winner	Promoter
Ann Dunne	M Tracey
Valerie Tracey	Valerie Tracey
M McMorrow	Nicky Parle
Brigid Kehoe	Ray Dempsey

Seller's Prize €70 - Mariola at Keenans

Next Draw Monday 14th May 2018. Jackpot €5,200.

Kildare & Leighlin Weekly Lotto Results

For Wed 9th May 2018. Numbers drawn were 2, 4, 7 & 14. No Jackpot Winner. 33 Match 3s won €31 each. Askea/Bennekerry had 1 Match3. Next week's Jackpot €15,000.

Winner

Promoter

The Egan Kids

Marie Nolan

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.

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. Bookings can be made through Joe Walsh Tours Office 01 2410802 or Askea Parish Centre. Booking and regular payments can be made through the Askea Parish Centre. Please contact 059 91 42565 for further details.

Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine. Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock on Sunday 3rd June 2018 with the Diocesan Choir directed by Fr. Liam Lawton. Ceremonies begin at 2.30pm in the Basilica. Details of bus travelling to Knock will be available later in the week. Contact the Parish Centre.

Kildare and Leighlin Diocesan Family

Fun Day 16th June 2018. Carlow College, St Patrick's from 2pm to 6pm. Free Event – Sport – Music – Food – Art – All Welcome. Let us gather together as we prepare for the World Meeting of Families 2018.

Legion of Mary Weekly Meetings in Askea Parish
Community Centre on Tuesday at 7.45pm. All welcome.

Cemetery Masses

St Mary's Carlow – Monday 9 th July, 2018 at 7.30pm. St Mary's Bennekerry – Friday 6 th July, 2018 at 7.30pm. St Joseph's Tinryland – Friday 29 th June, 2018 at 7.30pm.

World Meeting of Families 2018

Bus to Diocesan Day of Pastoral Congress

The World Meeting of Families takes place in Dublin from 21st to 26th August, 2018. The three day Pastoral Congress will be held in the RDS, Dublin. The Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Day at the Congress is **Wednesday 22nd August** and parish groups are encouraged to attend on this day. The parishes of Askea, Bennekerry and Tinryland will have a bus available for those wishing to travel to the Diocesan Day at the Congress. Anyone wishing to travel to the Diocesan Day is asked to contact the Parish Office immediately so that we can register as a group. Please contact the Parish Office at 059 91 42565 or 087 1269709.

World Meeting of Families 2018

'Amoris: Let's Talk Family – Let's Be Family'

"Amoris Laetitia – the Joy of Love" is Pope Francis' document on marriage and family. *"Amoris Laetitia"* offers the vision of a pastoral and merciful Church that encourages people to experience *'the joy of love'*. The family is an absolutely essential part of the Church because, after all, the Church is a 'family of families'. A six-part parish-based programme guiding people through the key messages of Pope Francis' document will be held in Askea Parish Community Centre. You are invited to be part of the *"Amoris: Let's Talk Family – Let's Be Family"* meetings starting on Wednesday 16th May at 10.15am and or at 7.30pm. Refreshments served. All are welcome. Further details from the Parish Office 059 91 42565 / 087 1269709.

German Ambassador to attend Carlow Choral

Society's Summer Concert Carlow Choral Society is delighted to welcome the German Ambassador, Her Excellency Ms. Deike Potzel, to its Summer Concert. Ambassador Potzel will attend the magnificent performance of Brahms German Requiem in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow, on Saturday May 19th 2018 at 8.00pm. Tickets are €20.00 and the concert is free for accompanied children. Tickets are available on www.eventbrite.ie and www.carlowchoralsociety.net and from choir members. For further information contact: Brian Kelly, Secretary, 086-0411351 or carlowchoralsociety@gmail.com

Clothes Collection supporting Friends of Calcutta on Friday 18th May in Askea Parish Community Centre. Items for collection can be left into the Centre any time up to the collection date. Further details from Michael Hopkins 087 9073074.

The Road Safety Authority's Check it Fits service for child car seats is quick, easy, and free. It is in Fairgreen on Friday 18th May from 10am. The experts will advise on how to fix any problem, demonstrate how to fit restraints correctly and answer any queries you might have. They aim to put parent's, grandparent's and guardian's minds at ease that their child's car seat is safely and securely fitted in their car.

Notice for choir members Interested in being part of the choir at World Meeting of Families 2018

Over the next couple of weeks, the diocese will be taking applications from those interested in being part of the official choir at the Closing Mass of the World Meeting of Families in the Phoenix Park. See kandle.ie for important information on what is being asked of potential choir members. An application form will be uploaded in the coming days. **Please note that we have been given a specific allocation of choir parts and a waiting list may apply.**

In Memoriam

We ask the Lord to grant eternal rest to:

Paddy Murphy, 111 Kevin Barry Avenue

Mary Hennessy (née Murray) Pasmarr, Brownshill

Eileen Gorman (née Walker) 158 JKL Ave

Mary P Sheehan-Brennan, 61 Highfield, Dublin Road

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.

How to get your ticket for the Festival of Families at WMOF...

Please be aware that tickets for the Festival of Families will be very limited. If you want to guarantee yourself and your family tickets for this evening with Pope Francis in Croke Park on August 25 **the only way to do this as of now** is to book at least one day at the RDS Congress from August 22-24. This gives you the option of selecting a ticket for the Festival of Families and /or the Closing Mass for no additional cost. An adult ticket for a day at the congress costs €38 (concessions €33). All U18's are free but must be registered with an adult. There will be exciting and full children and youth programmes running alongside the adult programme, and remember, our diocesan day at the Congress is Wednesday, August 22. **Register at www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets**

The parishes of Askea / Bennekerry and Tinryland is arranging to book a group for the K & L Diocesan Day on Wednesday 22nd August. Please contact the Parish Office immediately if you wish to be included in this group.

FREE events in Carlow Library.

Storytime for the Under 6's on Saturday mornings at 11 am (except on Bank Holiday weekends). Workshop called From Exam Stress to Exam Success with Michael Byrne – a youth worker, counsellor and psychotherapist who has over 15 years experience working with young people and their families at Carlow Central Library on Tuesday 22nd May 7-8pm. This workshop shows you how to navigate yourself and your child through the challenges of exam preparation. For further details, phone the library on 059 9129701/705 or email library@carlowcoco.ie

Vacancies for Community Employment scheme in Askea Parish Centre.

A vacancy for the Community Employment Scheme in Askea Parish Community Centre is available. The scheme is administered by Assumption Services Ltd. If you are interested in being considered for this vacancy please check your eligibility for Community Employment with your local Intreo office and then contact Askea Parish Centre on 059 91 42565 / 087 1269709 for details..

Other vacancies on Local Community Employment Schemes are:

Cleaner: Duties to include washing floors, sweeping, polishing, removal of rubbish, setting up for tea and coffee morning and serving tea and coffee, any other cleaning duties as required. 5 mornings per week.

Admin Assistant/Cleaner: Duties to include filing, typing, answering telephones, serving the public, newsletter, cleaning and setting up of rooms, all other duties required for the smooth running of the centre. Rota basis.

Maintenance: Setting up for bingo, cleaning hall, toilets etc after bingo, cutting grass, maintenance of flower beds and all other maintenance duties required for the smooth running of the centre. 5 mornings per week, with occasional evening duties.

For further information on any of these positions please contact Jo in Cathedral Parish Centre on 085 8726367 Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.

POP UP GAELTACHT: Céad míle fáilte to the next ‘Pop Up Gaeltacht’ in The Good Room, Scraggs Alley. Irish speakers and learners welcome to drop in on Friday, 18th May from 8.30pm for a social gathering ‘as Gaeilge’.

SEAN-NÓS DANCING: A new series of Sean-Nós Dance Classes will commence in Carlow Hurling Club on Tuesday, 15th May at 6pm. All levels and all ages welcome. Enquiries to 087 2857048

Carlow Youth Orchestra in concert on Sun. 13th May in Visual, Carlow at 4pm. Tickets €10/8 & family of 4 €32 available from the box office.www.visualcarlow.ie
Enjoy music for Vivaldi to Queen. Love your orchestra!

Summer Art Camp Monday July 2nd to Friday July 6th
10am to 2pm early drop off 9am. Gaelscoil Carlow. €55 for the week. Age 4 to 13 years. Contact Jean @ 086 8686783

St Vincent de Paul Shop, Tullow Street, Carlow

Next week is national volunteering week and the Vincent De Paul shop is looking for new volunteers so if you are interested please ring Alex Stenson at 059 9173679. Thank you for your support.

ÉIRE ÓG LOTTO WINNING NO's May 7th..3, 9, 10 & 13. No Jackpot Winner. 3 x Match 3s. Received €50 each. *Tickets may be purchased from the Club. Bingo every Thurs night @ 8.30. Live music every Saturday night with no cover charge.* NEXT WEEK'S JACKPOT €9,350. Draw takes place every Monday night in Teach Asca at 8.30pm .

Graigecullen Swimming Pool Summer Swim Camps.

EVENING CAMPS 6 – 6.45 pm; CAMP 1: 2nd – 6th July; CAMP 2: 9th – 13th July; CAMP 5: 30th July – 3rd Aug. MORNING CAMPS 10 – 10.45am; CAMP 3: 16th – 20th July CAMP 4: 23rd – 27th July; CAMP 6: 13th – 17th Aug; MONDAY – FRIDAY @ €40 per child. Fill in a booking form with €20 deposit per child. Due to the increase in demand for lessons bookings cannot be accepted without a deposit. Children must be at least 4 years old

The Friends of the District Hospital, Carlow are meeting on Thursday, 24th May at 8pm in the Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre. New members are most welcome.

SECOND SUMMER CAMP 'As Gaeilge': Due to an overwhelming demand for places, Glór Cheatharlach is delighted to announce that it will run a second Summer Camp 'as Gaeilge'. The dates for the extra Camp are 2-6 July catering for primary school children from all schools and running from 10am to 2pm daily. The fee of €50 covers the week's activities including art and craft, sport and games, drama and yoga, swimming and day trips.

INTENSIVE IRISH FOR TEENAGERS: Registration is also taking place for the Intensive Irish Course from 9.30am to 3pm daily from 2- 6 July for students from 6th Class to Leaving Certs. Immediate registration is advised to secure a place. For full details on all summer activities 'as Gaeilge' in Carlow contact 087 2857048 or 085 1340047. Registration forms also available to download from www.glorcheatharlach.ie

Follow Me Up To Carlow Concert Series

In conjunction with COPD {Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder}, CARLOW. Special guests LOUISE MORRISSEY, NICKY KEALY and KEVIN MORRIN with local artists. Saturday June 2nd, in the WOODFORD DOLMEN HOTEL @ 8pm. Tickets €20 available at WOODFORD DOLMEN HOTEL or John Candy 087-2632324 Please support this worthy cause.

Gathering for Returned Volunteers/Missionaries.

Have you ever worked overseas as a volunteer or missionary in Africa, Asia or South America? Join us for a gathering of returned volunteers and missionaries in an informal setting. Meeting takes place at Ballycane Church (Church of Irish Martyrs) in Naas on Tues 15th May at 7.30pm. For more info email jim.farrell@amri.ie or phone/text 083 8422468. All are welcome!

FM Carlow To celebrate our 10th Anniversary this year and recognition as a registered charity, we are having a celebration in the Talbot Hotel, Aisling Room, on Tuesday 29th May at 7pm. All welcome. Carlow Fibromyalgia Support Group
Ph 089 4387283, email fibrocarlow@gmail.com
Registered Charity Number (RCN) 20104665

Irish Wheelchair Association As part of National Volunteering Week IWA Carlow is recognising and celebrating the many dedicated community volunteers who support its services and activities with an informal gathering in the afternoon in **Irish Wheelchair Association, Teach Failte, Kilkenny Road, Carlow at 2.30-3.00pm on Tuesday 15th till Friday 18th May**. All IWA volunteers, past and present are invited to attend. For further information of details please contact us on 059 9140983.

Educational Bursary Award – Win €4,500 towards College
Attention all Leaving Cert and Mature Student members heading to college for the first time. Apply for our Educational Bursary Award. Application forms on the download page of our website www.carlowcreditunion.ie or phone (059) 9131994 for further information. Join before 1st June to be eligible for the Draw.

Sum of Money Found in Hacketstown Road area on Bank Holiday weekend. Contact Parish Centre 059 91 42565.

John Paul II Papal Cross participant Melissa Wallace is having a Coffee Morning on Thursday 17th May at 10am. Proceeds toward the Diocesan Youth Group trip to Lourdes.

Charity Bridge Night on Thursday 17th May in Seven Oaks Hotel at 7.30pm. Proceeds to Carlow / Kilkenny Home Care and St Vincent de Paul. All welcome.

CALENDAR

Monday 14th:-**St Matthias** like all the apostles was chosen to become 'a witness with us of Christ's Resurrection.' The story of his election as one of the Apostles is given in the 1st Reading. He seemed to have spent a great deal of time working in Judea, then he travelled East to Cappadocia (now Turkey) there it is said that he was the vital instrument in bringing many pagans to the faith. He is said to have been martyred at Calchis on the Black Sea and his relics brought to Rome by St Helena.

Tuesday 15th:-**St Carthage (or Mochuta)** hailed from a rich family in Kerry. As he loved the chanting of the psalms the local king arranged for him to become a priest. Having spent a year probably at Bangor he founded his own monastery at Rahan in 595. It grew rapidly. But opposition made him move to Scotland around 637. He with hundreds of monks and their patients from the leper colony, finally arrived at Lismore, where he made a foundation. He died in 638.

Wednesday 16th:- **St Brendan** was a Kerry man who was born in 486. He studied at Clonard under Finnian. His name is connected with many places in Kerry such as Ardfert and Mount Brandon. He united Scotland and reached the Hebrides and possibly beyond. He founded a monastery in Clonfert in 568 and died there in 578.

Friday 18th:-**St John 1** was the first bishop of Rome to visit Constantinople. He was involved in Arian controversies and imprisoned at Ravenna, where he died in 526.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Ascension of Christ means our own salvation as well; where the glorious Head has gone before, the body is called to follow in hope. Let us therefore exult, beloved, as is fitting, and let us rejoice in devout thanksgiving. For on this day not only have we been confirmed in our possession of paradise, but we have even entered heaven in the person of Christ; through His grace we have regained for more we have lost through the devil's hatred' (St. Leo the Great Sermon 73:4)

Dance of the Cherry Trees

Let me tell you 'bout the cherry trees every April in our town.
They put on the most outrageous clothes. And they sing and
they dance around. Hardly anybody sings or dances. Hardly
anybody dances or sings. In this town that I call my own
You have to hand it to the cherry trees

And they seem to be saying, To me anyway;

"You know we've travelled all around the Sun. You know it's
taken us one whole year. Well done everyone, Well Done"

Cherry Blossom in the air. Cherry Blossom on the street.
Cherry Blossom in your hair. And a Blossom at your feet
You know we've travelled all around the Sun. You know it's
taken us one whole year. Well done everyone, Well Done. On
behalf of me and the Cherry Trees, Well Done!

You know me, sometimes I think I'm getting old. Not as
young as I used to be. So it means even more to me. To see the
Dance of the Cherry Trees. And they seem to be saying. Is it
only to me?;

"You know we've travelled all around the Sun
You know it's taken us one whole year
Well Done Everyone, Well Done!
You know we've travelled all around the Sun
You know it's taken us one whole year
Well Done Everyone, Well Done!"
On behalf of me and the Cherry Trees, Well Done
Well Done Everyone, Well Done
WELL DONE EVERYONE!

John Spillane