



# Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## A Time for Everything

For everything there is a season, and  
A time for every matter under heaven:  
A time to be born, and a time to die.  
A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
A time to kill, and a time to heal;  
A time to break down, and a time to build up;  
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
A time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
A time to cast away stones, and  
A time to gather stones together;  
A time to embrace, and  
A time to refrain from embracing;  
A time to seek, and a time to lose;  
A time to keep, and a time to cast away;  
A time to tear, and a time to sew;  
A time to keep silence, and a time to speak.  
A time for war, and a time for peace.  
A time to love, and a time to hate;

extract from The Book of Ecclesiastes

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## **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

### **Anniversaries**

Elizabeth Farrell, Palatine

Gerry Gordon, Ballinakillbeg

Joseph and Lil Archbold, Ballinakillbeg

**Eucharistic Adoration** takes place in Askea Church on  
Wednesdays from 10am to 5pm.

## **K & L Diocesan Lotto Results**

**for Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

Numbers drawn were 03, 07, 27 & 32.

NO Jackpot winner

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

Winner

Promoter

Honda

Kevin Keating

Next week's Jackpot €15,000.

### **Tickets for the Lotto**

The Lotto draw continues in Portlaoise. We will continue to enter pre-paid tickets in the draw.

### **The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path. [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)**

The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path on the lough shore is now open daily. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option, and several information boards highlight features of particular interest. Leaflets are available at the Visitors Centre. Dates for a guided walk experience will follow for late August and early September. For bookings and further information email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or telephone (00353)719861518

### **Accord Recruiting Volunteers as Marriage Facilitators**

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. Accord is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to [info@accord.ie](mailto:info@accord.ie). The closing date for receipt of registration of interest forms to be included in Selections for this year is Friday 27 August. Additional information is available on [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

**An Gairdín Beo** You are invited to COME PICK YOUR OWN project in An Gairdín Beo on the next couple of Wednesdays from 11 a.m. -1 p.m. till the end of August.

The following vegetables are on sale. Beetroot, onions/scallions, lettuce, turnips, rhubarb, strawberries, spinach, cabbage, broad beans, cut herbs, potted herbs sage, thyme, basil, coriander, lemon balm, potted outdoor plants, potted indoor plants, homemade marmalade, and chutneys. We hope tomatoes will also be available.

A cooking demonstration will also be given by Byrne Jindong from Shanghai, China. A lovely Grong Bao chicken dish with rice. Don't miss it and bring a friend.

In the interest of health and safety and sustainability you are asked to bring your own bag and tools. You are welcome to enjoy outdoor tea and coffee, containers supplied.

Donation boxes will be at the cob oven area. All proceeds go back into the development and maintenance of An Gairdín Beo, if you have a surplus of produce in your garden, you are welcome to donate it to garden on the Wednesday mornings. We regret that we cannot accommodate cars on the premises. We apologise too that no card facility is available. We look forward to meeting you again.

**An Gairdín Beo** invites you to an **Outdoor Demonstration** given by Arun and Santo on how to make beetroot chutney and beetroot poriyal using the beetroot grown in the garden. This will happen during Pick Your Own Produce.

We look forward to seeing you there and bring a friend.

### **Woodwork Demonstration Workshops**

An Gairdín Beo, Old Dublin Road, Carlow Town. 93E1HF

is organising a practical woodwork demonstration in the garden. This workshop will include how to create a two-tiered raised bed and a series of vertical planters that will suit smaller spaces and can be adapted to your own home situation. This workshop will be directed by John Joe Byrne

Dates: Monday September 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th and October 4th , 11th.

Time: 10.00am-1.00pm

This workshop is sponsored by Carlow ETB and is free to participants.

However, you need to book your place by contacting

[fdunne@kcetb.ie](mailto:fdunne@kcetb.ie) before August 13<sup>th</sup>

**Digital IT Zoom Workshops Dates:** Monday 4th and 11th of October and Monday 1st and 8th of November. Time: 10.00am-12.00 noon. To book your place contact [fdunne@kcetb.ie](mailto:fdunne@kcetb.ie) before September 24th Tutor: Jennifer Fitzpatrick This workshop is sponsored by Carlow ETB

### **Apple Tree pruning in An Gairdín Beo**

Tutor: Eddie Byrne Dates: Monday 18th October, and Thursday 21st of October Time: 10.00am-12.00 noon  
Practical guidance and hands on experience on how to prune apple trees. Workshop is sponsored by Carlow ETB and is free to participants, but you must book your place in advance by contacting [fdunne@kcetb.ie](mailto:fdunne@kcetb.ie) before 1st of October.

**Willow Basket Weaving Tutor:** Heike Kahle Date: 15th November Time: 10.00am-5.00pm Each participant will learn weaving skills and will be enabled to make their own basket. This workshop is sponsored by Carlow ETB You need to book your place before Friday 1st of October by contacting [fdunne@kcetb.ie](mailto:fdunne@kcetb.ie) Max 8 participants

**Carlow Library:** For Heritage Week which takes place this year from 14<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> August, Carlow County Library Service presents “The Generation Game Project. Join Bernie Walsh, Genealogist with Carlow County Library Service for an Intergenerational, fun project. We’re looking for children aged between 8 and 12, and an older family member (grandparent, aunt or uncle for example) to join together and participate in our Generation Game Project, If you are interested in taking part, email [library@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:library@carlowcoco.ie) for more details.

**Notice of Migrant Sunday Collection** Migrant Sunday takes place on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September. This year we are holding a collection to support the work of the Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants (IECE) who provides grant funding to Irish organisations overseas working with the most vulnerable of our emigrant community; from the elderly and isolated to the undocumented and those dealing with mental health problems.

**Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 2021** 7 Night Pilgrimage Package  
18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> August Spiritual Director Fr. Sean Hyland cc  
Contact: Michael Nerney 086 8157305. Tour operators Marian  
Pilgrimages.

**Tinryland craft fair & family fun day** A Craft Fair and Family Fun Day, highlighting many of the talented crafters in the community, will take place in Tinryland Park, Tinryland Village on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 from 12noon to 5pm (weather permitting). This outdoor event will cater for all the family and will include bespoke handmade items and some amazing local producers of crafts and food. Together with a bric a brac stall, music, fun football, face painting and lots more. ENTRY IS FREE - ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. Carparking will be available in the church/village carparks. As COVID-19 continues to impact and to ensure the safety and protection of all attending, this event will comply with the appropriate measures required under the HSE Guidelines for Outdoor Events. *Volunteers are required to help with the preparations or assist on the day. Please contact: E mail: [tinrylandpark@gmail.com](mailto:tinrylandpark@gmail.com) or Tel. 087 6319398.*

**Invitation** You are invited to view a selection of Oak Trees at the home of Mr Johnny Couchman of Johnstown House, Bennekerry on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm. Suggested voluntary admission fee of €5 with proceeds going to Medicines San Frontiers.

### **South Leinster Money Advice & Budgeting Service**

**Carlow MABS** 72d Tullow Street Carlow Tel: 076 107 2070.

*Free, independent, and confidential Money Management and Advice Service.* Assisting people in dealing with their existing debts and helping them to begin to manage their own resources.

MABS offers free Debt Relief Advice under Personal Insolvency options. Money Management Sessions provided for Transition/Leaving Cert Students & Community Groups.

## **CE Vacancies**

Carlow Regional Youth Services are currently recruiting for the following positions on their CE Programme:

Teenage Youth Support Worker (x1) –based in Tullow

Teenage Youth Support Worker (x1) –based in Bagenalstown

Teenage Youth Support Worker (x1) –based in Carlow

Afterschool's Youth Workers (x2) – based in Carlow Town

These positions are 19.5 hours per week. If you are interested or want to check your eligibility, please call Lisa/Marie on 085 2101494 or 059 9130476 for inquiries.

## **Assumption Services Ltd Community Employment**

### **Vacancies**

CES-2180316 Project Assistant with Barbados, duties to include but not restricted to light shopping, cleaning, light admin duties, setting up for activities, assisting other staff.

CES 2180317 Admin/Cleaner with Askea Parish, duties to include but not restricted to typing, answering phones, taking messages, assisting the public, setting up rooms, cleaning etc.

CES 2810448 Day Care Assistant with Carlow Day Care, duties to include but not restricted to cleaning, helping service users with their personal care, serving meals, entertaining service users, helping on the bus, etc.

CES 2183911 Housekeeper in SVP Men's Hostel, duties to include but not restricted to cleaning of the men's hostel, sweeping, washing floors, dusting etc.

CES 2185459 Cleaner in the Cathedral, duties to include cleaning of the church, sweeping, hoovering, buffing floors, cleaning chairs, setting up for coffee morning (when restrictions are lifted).

CES 2815734 Maintenance, duties to include but not restricted to cutting grass, weeding flower beds, setting up for bingo (after restrictions are lifted), cleaning of the youth centre, helping in other areas of the parish, etc.

Should you need any further information on the above vacancies please contact Jo 9.30am to 4.30pm only on 0858726367.



**REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.**

## **CALENDAR**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>: -**St Stephen of Hungary** 975-1038, first King of Hungary and its patron saint, worked for the conversion of his people to Christianity.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>: -**Our Lady of Knock** [memorial] The story of Knock began on the 21 August 1879 when Our Lady, St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist appeared at the South gable of Knock Parish Church. This miraculous apparition was witnessed by fifteen people young and old. Knock is an internationally

recognised Marian Shrine and was visited by John Paul 2<sup>nd</sup> as part of his 1979 papal pilgrimage to Ireland. The date of the memorial is within the annual novena conducted at the Shrine.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>: -**St John Eudes**, 1601-1680, from Normandy, France spent a fruitful 20 years with the French Oratory, then left to find a congregation to improve the standards of the clergy through seminaries. He also founded the sisters of Our Lady of Charity and Refuge. He was a powerful preacher and among the first to promote devotion to the Sacred Heart.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>: - **St Bernard** born in 1090 and died in August 1153 became a Cistercian monk at Citeaux in 1113 and was chosen abbot of Clairvaux in 1111. His writings reveal a solid group of biblical studies, spiritual theology, and philosophy. Patron of Gibraltar and beekeepers.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>: -**St Pius X** 1835-1914, Cardinal Patriarch of Venice, then Pope from 1903. He encouraged pastoral Liturgy and Sacramental practice, especially of frequent communion to which he admitted young children.

## **Thought for The Week**

Keep your eye steadily fixed on God, draw from His infinite source of inspiration and strength, and you will find that you are capable of much more than you thought you were.