

Holy Family Parish, Askea

17th March 2019 Vol 28 No 16

St Patrick's Day

Fr. Tom Little - 91-31559

Fr Tommy Dillon - 91-64882

Sr. Joan Pierse 91-42565

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Emergency Priest on Duty

087 2588118

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Askea Parish Community

Centre Phone 91-42565

087 1269709

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Collections last weekend

Development: €1,512

Offertory €1,309

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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

St Patrick's Breastplate Prayer

**Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of
every man who thinks
of me,
Christ in the mouth of
everyone who speaks of
me,
Christ in every eye that
sees me,
Christ in every ear that
hears me.**

Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

Sunday 17th March 2019

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Christ in every ear that hears me.
I arise today
Through a mighty strength,
the invocation of the Trinity,
Through belief in the Threeness,
Through confession of the Oneness
of the Creator of creation.

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

Fr Tom Little PP - Ph 059 9131559. Fr Tommy Dillon PE 0599142565

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.

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

Anniversaries 17th March 2019

Larry Dillon, Rutland

Patrick Cassidy Junior, 45 Kernanstown

Month's Mind

Kate (Kitty) Turner (née Phelan), The Elms, Athy Road, Carlow

Collections last weekend:

Offertory €295 - Development €535

Palatine GAA Club Lotto Results 11th March 2019.

Numbers Drawn 2, 6, 8 & 22. No JACKPOT WINNER.

4 Lucky Dips €50 each.

Winner

Promoter

Zoe, Lee, Amy Dowling John Kelly, Bennekerry

Grayson & Cathy Jimmy O'Shea

Ann O'Sullivan Tommy O'Sullivan

Jimmy Murphy John Fitzpatrick

Seller's Prize €70 - Fergal Browne. Next Draw Tuesday

19th March 2019. Jackpot €13,000.

Kildare & Leighlin Weekly Lotto Results

For Wed 13th March 2019. Numbers drawn were 3, 6, 10 & 32. No Jackpot winner. 19 Match 3s won €53 each. Askea/Benekerry had 3 Match 3s

Winner	Promoter
Sr Joan Pierse	Sr Joan Pierse
Mae Buggy	Evelyn Lawlor
Sean Tracey	Mary Woods

Next week's Jackpot €20,000. 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.

Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to

Lourdes 2019 led by Bishop Denis Nulty.

Pilgrimage Director: Fr Paddy Byrne. 1st to 6th August, 2019 – Cost €759. All bookings to be made through Joe Walsh Tours, 143 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2. Forms are available from Askea Parish Community Centre. Payments for the pilgrimage may be made on a phased basis through the Parish Centre.

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..

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.

Trócaire boxes are available in the Church.

Lent invites us to personal spiritual renewal, and also to be mindful of our poor, oppressed and persecuted sisters and brothers and to reach out to them in their hour of need.

Askea Senior Citizens News

Easter Party - Sunday 31st March 2019

In Seven Oaks Hotel at 2pm. Bingo, Music and Tea at 5pm. Names and money to be in by 20th March. Please note there will be no Wednesday night out in Parish Centre on Wed 27th March as the Easter Party is on Sunday 31st March.

Summer Holiday – The holiday originally planned for Belfast is being changed to Yeats County Hotel in Rosses Point, Sligo on 27th May. There are only a few places left on this holiday. Contact Marian at 059 91 43010.

“Whisperings of My Soul” – Fr Seán Hyland

Fr. Sean Hyland's book '*Whisperings of My Soul*', is available in the Sacristy after Mass or from the Parish Centre during the week. This book tells the story of his many heavenly blessings and extraordinary consolations of faith which ultimately led to his ordination in 2014. Book costs €15.

Pre-Marriage Course Accord Carlow are now taking bookings for the following courses May 10th & 11th, June 7th & 8th, Sept 6th & 7th, Oct 4th & 5th You are required to attend a Pre-marriage course if you are getting married in a Catholic Church. Please book early to avoid disappointment as there are **no course in July and August** **Booking on line at www.accord.ie** . For further information contact Mary at 059 9138738

Carlow Voices has teamed up with the Irish Cancer Society to present the uplifting, springtime concert Viva La Musica in St Mary's Church, Haymarket, Carlow, on Sunday 24th March at 4.30pm. Tickets are €15, with €5 from each ticket donated to the Irish Cancer Society's National Daffodil Day. Text 0857352791 or email carlowvoiceschoir@gmail.com

Just a reminder that there is a 2 day **St. Patrick's festival** taking place on Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th March in Haymarket with music, dance, Kiddies Carnival, Food Village, and much more. The annual parade commences at 4 o'clock. If you would like to enter a float or walking group please email carlowparade@gmail.com or follow us on facebook.

Lourdes Invalid Programme Bishop Denis has requested that each parish try to arrange to send one invalid on the Lourdes pilgrimage this year. In order to discuss how this can be arranged we are holding an Open Meeting for the three parishes of Tinryland, Bennekerry and Askea on Thursday 21st March at 7.30pm in Askea Parish Community Centre. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Voluntary Flower Arrangers for Askea Church
New volunteers are invited to help with the flower arranging in Askea Church. Training will be provided. If you would like to help with this important ministry please contact the Parish Centre on 059 9142565.

National Tree week takes place from 31st March to – 7th April

2019. Carlow County Council are hosting a FREE workshop entitled “The wondrous Willow Tree” which looks at the many species and uses of Willow, to support our wildlife and to enhance your garden or open space. The Workshop takes place on Thursday 4th April in St. Mary’s Community House, Haymarket, Carlow from 10am - 12noon. For further information contact Jannette O Brien 059-9136232

Setanta Ceatharlach GAA outdoor season commences on Saturday 23rd March 2019 in Presentation College, Askea from 4pm – 5pm.

Setanta cater for both Hurling and Camogie for boys and girls from the age of 4 years upwards. We are always looking for new members. Membership fees (incl. insurance) for 2019 are: Youth Player €35; Family €90 (Includes parents & all children); Adult Player €60; Adult (general/non-playing) €35.

For further information please consult our

website <http://www.setantacarlow.ie> ; Setanta

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/carlowonbarrow/> or

private message us at **Setanta Ceatharlach Hurling/Camogie Club, Carlow Town.**

All Saint’s Aghade – Ecumenical Service - Lent III: Sunday 24th

March 2019 at 7pm. A Lenten service of the Word in preparation for Holy Week and Easter featuring Graiguenamanagh Brass Band, the Adelaides, the Parish Choir of St Peter & Paul, Ballon.

All welcome.

Barn Dance

The organisers of the Barn Dance held in Mary Keenan’s Barn last week, in aid of the Ugalrsh Project, in Uganda, wish to thank everyone for making it such a success. Thanks go to Mary Keenan, for the use of her beautiful Barn, to all those who came to the dance, those who gave donations, raffle prizes and Declan and the line dancers...it was a great night and raised €3,500 for the charity.

Special Dublin/Kildare Christmas Pilgrimage Group to the Holy Land 31st October for Halloween 8 nights Taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem Mount Tabor, Cana, Nazareth, Jericho, River Jordan, Dead Sea and Sea of Galilee. **Also Special Dublin/Kildare Fatima/Lisbon Pilgrimage for Feast Day of Saint Anthony 9th/14th** June Full Day trip to Lisbon Prayers, Mass and Hungarian Stations of the Cross in Fatima. Contact James Treacy 0860572216

Eist Cancer Support Centre, in conjunction with Brain Tumour Ireland, are hosting a Brain Tumour Support Group on Tuesday 2nd April 2019 from 7 to 9 pm. in their Centre at The Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow. This Support Group is for those diagnosed with a Brain Tumour and their families. For further details please call Eist on 059 9139684. Also the Women's Breast Cancer Support Group is held at the Centre every 2nd Tuesday from 7.30 - 9 pm. (12th and 26th March, 9th April).

Bennekerry NS Charity Clothing Collection for NCBI. Drop off point: Old School Hall, Bennekerry, Carlow. Thurs 28th March 3.15pm - 4pm; Fri 29th March 9.30am-10am and 3.15pm - 4pm Sat 30th March 11am - 12noon; Sun 31st March 12noon - 12.45pm No duvets, pillows, jewellery, books, socks or underwear please.

"The Voice Within - A Showband Story" An original play set in Donegal 1960's against the backdrop of the showband era. Live band on stage. George Bernard Shaw Theatre, Fri 29th and Sat 30th March. Tickets €22 {Concession €20, groups 10+ @20% discount, Mother's day offers} www.visualcarlow.ie

Carlow Flower Club's March meeting will be a working night for members with renowned Floral Artist Marie Dodrill. Visitors are very welcome to come and observe on the night. Entrance Fee €7. Marie is a very innovative and artistic flower arranger and this is certain to be an inspiring night. Tuesday March 26th at 8.00pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel

Bird Watch Ireland Talk on Friday 22nd March in Tinryland Parish Hall at 8pm. Talk and Speaker: Bird's Migrate But How Do They Find Their Way by the renowned Author and Ornithologist Anthony McGeehan. This talk is free and is suitable for people of all ages who are interested in wildlife. Anthony will also be selling and signing copies of his latest and highly successful book called "To the Ends of the Earth Ireland's Place in Bird Migration" on the night. If anyone is interested in joining the BirdWatch Ireland Carlow Branch they can email the Branch secretary Andrew Power at birdwatchcarlow@gmail.com or by contacting the branch chairman Paul Cutler on 086-8968794

Towards Peace Towards Peace is a service offering spiritual support to those who have experienced abuse perpetrated by Church personnel, individually or institutionally. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space for people and their families, whose spiritual life has been damaged by abuse. It is also a response to the continually growing understanding of the spiritual impact of the trauma of abuse. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. If you have been abused and would like a space to reflect on the impact of the trauma of abuse on your own relationship with God and spirituality, Towards Peace is here for you. www.towardspeace.ie Tel: 01 505 3028. Mobile: 086 7710533. Up to twelve sessions are available and there is no fee.

PALATINE COMMUNITY TEXT ALERT AGM will be held at 7.30pm on Friday 22nd March, at Palatine GAA Club House. A demonstration will be given by First Responders on the night and a presentation will be made to our long serving Postman, Christy Coakley who served over two decades in our area. All are welcome.

House Swop Required: Looking to swop 2 bedroomed Council house in Waterford for similar in Carlow. Phone 085 1986166.

The Environment - Climate Change

Following the recent successful introductory meeting the Pope Francis / *Laudato Si* Study Group will start on Tuesday 18th March at 7.30pm in Carlow Day Care Centre. Great if you could come. *Fr Tom Lalor.*

Carlow Rainbows Group offer a nine session **Peer Support Programme** for children aged 7 – 12 who have experienced loss through the **death** of a close relative or the **separation of their parents**. Programmes are free to participants. If you are interested please contact Anne on **087 6636 499**

Thinking of what to do for Lent? Lenten Programme announced for parishes across Kildare and Leighlin Diocese. Bishop Denis is inviting all of us to take this time of Lent to reflect on our celebration of the Mass and to renew our own appreciation of the Sunday Mass as the highpoint of our Christian life. Over the weeks of Lent a whole suite of resources will continue to be added to on www.kandle.ie Look out for iCatholic videos, handouts for take home reading, as well as a parish based four night programme exploring the Mass. This is being hosted by a number of parishes across the diocese and is open to everyone. The nearest venue to us is: **Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre, Tuesdays from 7pm to 8.30pm. All welcome. *Let's make this Lent make a difference!***

A date for your diary as **the St. Vincent de Paul " ELEGANCE RANGE "** returns to their Tullow Street shop on Tuesday March 26th. Great labels available including bags by Kate Spade, Ted Baker, DKNY, Radley, Guess and many more. Clothes by Karen Millen, Basler, Ted Baker, Gerry Webber, etc.etc. and shoes by Kate Appleby, Clarke's, Rieker, Le Babe, Gabor etc.etc." Available from 10am on Tuesday March 26th and as always lots of stock at great prices. Don't miss the bargains so make sure you put the date in your diary.

CALENDAR

Monday 18th:- **St Cyril** of Jerusalem, 315-386, bishop of Jerusalem. He excelled as a catechist and administrator, and suffered exile in his fight against Arianism.

Tuesday 19th:-**St Joseph, Husband of The Blessed Virgin Mary** ‘The virtues of St Joseph have been the object of ecclesial reflection down through the centuries, especially the more recent centuries. Among those virtues the following stand out: faith, with which he fully accepted God’s salvation plan; prompt and silent obedience to the Will of God; love for and fulfilment of the true piety, fortitude in times of trial; chaste love for the Blessed Virgin Mary, a dutiful exercise of his paternal authority, and fruitful reticence.

Thursday 21st:-**St Enda** is considered to be one of the late vocations (athleach) of Ireland. His sister, Faenche, a nun, set his thoughts on a religious vocation. He made a small foundation in Cell Aine, Co. Louth and after studies in Scotland under Minian, made several foundations in the Boyne Valley. On Faenche’s urging he went to Aran. He died probably in 520 and is considered as one of the early models of ascetic monasticism in Ireland.

Saturday 23rd:-**St Turibius**, 1538-1606, was a layman in Spain when he was appointed archbishop of Lima, Peru by King Philip 11. He combated all the abuses of the conquerors in Peru and built up the churches there.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Unity

Individually we are a drop but together we are and ocean.

Words about Your Outlook on Life

Forget each kindness that you do
As soon as you have done it.

Forget the praise that falls to you
The moment you have won it.

Forget the slander that you hear
Before you can repeat it.

Forget each slight, each spite, each sheer,
Wherever you may meet it.

Remember every kindness done
To you, whatever its measure.

Remember praise by others won
And pass it on with pleasure.

Remember every promise made
And keep it to the letter.

Remember those who lend you aid
And be a grateful debtor.

Remember all the happiness
That comes your way in living.

Forget each worry and distress;
Be hopeful and forgiving.

Remember good, remember truth,
In whatever you say or do.

And you will find, through age and youth,
True joys and hearts to love you.

ST PATRICK, BISHOP PRINCIPAL PATRON OF IRELAND

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 2019

St Patrick was born very probably in the early years of the fifth century in the Roman colony of Britain. He was taken captive at the age of sixteen and brought to Ireland where he was sold as a slave. He tended herds on Slemish Mountain for six years. His captivity had a very positive effect on his spiritual life. He prayed many times each day, his faith growing stronger and his love and reverence for God increasing. He escaped back home at the age of twenty-two. It was obvious to him that God was calling him to return to convert the Irish. The voice of the Irish was calling him to come and walk among them once more. He studied probably in France, returned to Ireland as a bishop c.457-61, or as early as 432 according to another tradition. His mission was not immediately greatly successful but eventually he would make a tremendous number of converts. Two writings survive: the letter to Coroticus, a protest to the soldiers of a British prince who had killed some converts and sold others as slaves, and his Confession written nearly the end of his life, showing him as one living by the faith he preached and allowing Christ to direct his whole life. He died in 491, though again other dates have been suggested, 480 or as early as 461.