

# Holy Family Parish, Askea

18<sup>th</sup> December 2022 Vol 35 No 4

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

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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 & Wed  
9.30am, Fri 7.30pm,  
Sunday 10am

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Deadline for items for  
Newsletter is 5pm on  
Wednesday by phone to  
059 9142565 or email  
to

[office@askeaparish.ie](mailto:office@askeaparish.ie)

Website:

[www.askeaparish.ie](http://www.askeaparish.ie)

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Fr Tom Little PP - Ph 059 9131559. Fr Tommy Dillon PE 059 9142565  
Newsletter Items - 059 9143881. Deadline for News items: - 9pm  
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### Anniversaries

### Month's Mind

Mary Dowling, Chapelstown, Carlow

### **S.V.P. Bennekerry**

Christmas Church collection 11:30 Mass Sunday 18/12/22

Thanks to everyone for your support over the past year.

**Bennekerry Senior Citizens Christmas** party takes place on Sunday 15th Jan 2023 in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel with meal served at 7pm followed by music from Jimmy Hogan and the customary visit from Santa himself after a short rest!!!! Anyone who is resident in Bennekerry parish and is over 60 years is very welcome to attend. If you are not one of our regular party goers just let a committee member know of your wishes and you will be very welcome on the night!!

**Mobile Blood Unit Talbot Hotel Carlow** Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 11.00am – 2:30pm; Tues 20<sup>th</sup> & Wed 21<sup>st</sup> 3:45 – 8:00pm; Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> 14:45pm – 07:00pm; Please call 1800 222 111 for appointment. Visit: - [www.giveblood.ie](http://www.giveblood.ie)

**Graiguecullen Bingo on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec.** St. Fiacc's Hall at 8.30pm. Jackpot on 50 numbers €4990 Double number €1300 Lotto €600 FREE PINK SHEET with every book (2 free with double book) Chocolates left & right of the winner. Great prizes, bring a friend.

**PIONEER 2023 CALENDARS** Askea Parish Community Centre now has a limited stock of Pioneer 2023 Calendars which feature full colour A4 pages – 1 month per page; Saints Feast Days; Pope's Intention for each month and one AA Twelve Steps per month. Price €5.

**Christmas Carol Singalong** Coffee morning in RehabCare Resource Centre, Killeshin Road on Wednesday 21st December 11am to 1 pm. Ebenezer Scrooge (Bah Humbug) will kindly accept donations in his donation box at your discretion, Everyone Welcome.

**The Annual Tinryland Parish Magazine** "Reaching Out" is now on sale. It can be purchased for €5 from St. Joseph's Church, Tinryland GAA club, Raths Londis store Pollerton Road, or direct from the editor Maureen Byrne. It should prove to be an ideal stocking filler and read for the upcoming festive season. Congratulations to the editor Maureen Byrne, Clem Delaney on lay out and the numerous contributors for producing another gem for the 26<sup>th</sup> edition.

**Askea Parish Community Centre** closes for Christmas break on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 9.30pm. Centre re-opens on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 at 9.30am.

## **K & L Diocesan Lotto Results for Wed 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

Numbers drawn were 01, 07, 25, 27. No Jackpot winner.  
14 Match 3s get €72 each. Askea / Bennekerry had no Match 3s.

Winner

Promoter

Next week's Jackpot €15,000.

Ticket for the Lotto are available in the Church.

You can also call to the Parish Centre during the week to buy a ticket.

Gift Lotto tickets are also available in the Parish Centre.

You can buy a ticket for multiple weeks (5 weeks = €10; 10 weeks = €20; etc) and receive a gift card with the details.

### **Christmas and New Year Lotto Arrangements**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December final draw of 2022

First draw of 2023 Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

## **Rainbow Programmes Spring 23**

Twice yearly 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. The next programme will commence on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. If you are interested, please contact Anne 0876636499.

## **Carlow County Library Service would like to wish all our Customers a Happy & Healthy Christmas & New Year**

Don't forget, you can access library services online 24/7

at [www.carlowlibraries.ie](http://www.carlowlibraries.ie) You can:

- join the library online at [www.librariesireland.ie/join-your-library](http://www.librariesireland.ie/join-your-library);
- download eBooks and eAudiobooks; - read eMagazines and eNewspapers;
- take eLearning or eLanguage courses

## **Cathedral Christmas Carol Service** Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at

8:30pm "Open wide the door" A unique Cathedral parish community celebration featuring Carlow Youth Orchestra under the direction of Majella Swan, Carlow Cathedral Choir, Kathleen McDermott-Soprano; Cór An Aifrinn, Julianne Woods-Soprano, Conor Maguire-Organist, Maeve Lyons-Pianist. Musical Director Marian Gaynor. Admission Free. Donations on the night in aid of the Society of the St. Vincent de Paul.

# CALENDAR

## **Monday 19th : 4th Week of Advent**

**Tuesday 20th :-St Fachanan** although little is known with certainty about Fachanan, a strong tradition from early times links him with Kilfenora and records that he founded a church or monastery there in the 6th century. He is venerated as the patron of the diocese of kilfenora, now part of Galway.

**Wednesday – 21st :-St Peter Cnaisius**, 1521-1597, was born in Holland. He intended to become a lawyer but joined the Jesuits. Through courtesy and learning he promoted the Catholic revival after the Council of Trent. His greatest work was a catechism of 211 Questions & Answers, published in 1555.

## **Thursday 22nd :-4th Week of Advent**

**Friday 23rd :-St John Kanty** 1390-1473, taught theology and Scripture in the University of Cracow, Poland. He is also remembered for his austerity of life and generosity.

**Saturday 24th :- Christmas Eve**

**Sunday 25th :The Nativity of The Lord (Christmas)**

## **Date for your Diary**

Daniel O Donnell in concert

Wednesday 23rd August 2023

Venue Mt Wolseley Hotel Tullow Co Carlow

Tickets now available from Carmel Dawson 0872221434

## **Alternative Christmas Presents**

Many of us are struggling to pay our bills this Christmas. However, many others are desperate for food and shelter, and for basic necessities to live. Please consider this before you shop for Christmas; think about where the items have come from and who has been involved in making them. Choosing **Fairtrade** products can help people who produce them to have a reasonable standard of living.

trocaire.org (TROCAIRE); [concern.net](http://concern.net) (CONCERN); [oxfamireland.org/donate](http://oxfamireland.org/donate) (OXFAM); [donate.redcross.ie](http://donate.redcross.ie) / Crois Dhearg na hEireann (IRISH RED CROSS- UKRAINE APPEAL); [fairtrade.ie](http://fairtrade.ie) (FAIRTRADE); [selfhelpafrica.org](http://selfhelpafrica.org) (SELF-HELP AFRICA); [gortagroup.org](http://gortagroup.org) (GORTA); [unicef.ie](http://unicef.ie) (UNICEF); [www.goalglobal.org](http://www.goalglobal.org) (GOAL); [www.barnardos.ie](http://www.barnardos.ie); [Bothar.ie](http://Bothar.ie); Unicef children's charity; [Children in Need - Printed Card or e-Card](#) and [FocusIreland.ie](http://FocusIreland.ie)

Remember you can order cards, vouchers or gifts by telephone or on-line and you will have them in the post within a few days. *'It is in giving that you receive'*.

Nollaig Shona Dhaoibh.

### **USE YOUR BRAIN NOT YOUR FISTS**

An assault can wreck a victim's life, but it can also ruin your own future. You could lose your job, your ability to travel, even your freedom, not to mention the distress it would cause your family.

**A Garda initiative as part of their mission of Keeping People Safe that is aimed at reducing and preventing assaults which can have serious consequences for both victims and perpetrators.**

### **Mary's Meals – Big Family Christmas**

International school feeding charity, Mary's Meals, are inviting you to join their Big Family Christmas celebrations. A range of gifts are available, which will not only provide you with a wonderful Christmas gift for a loved one, but will also provide life changing school meals for a child living in poverty. For just €18.30 a place can be set at their virtual Big Family Christmas dinner table, which will feed a child for an entire school year! This place setting can then be printed or emailed to someone as a special gift. A range of other gift cards are also available; from providing 100 meals for €9, to funding a cooking pot and stove for €250, and everything in between! Gift cards are available to download at [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie) or can be sent via post by calling 01 853 5163.