

Holy Family Parish, Askea

19th January 2020 Vol 29 No 10

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

Centre Phone 91-42565

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Last week's Collections:

Development: €1,205

Offertory: €1,185

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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

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Keeping in Touch

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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Anniversaries 19th January 2020

Hannah and Michael O' Gorman

Francis French Brownhill Rd

Rose Kehoe Ardnehue House, Bennekerry

Palatine GAA Club Lotto Results 13th January 2020. Numbers

Drawn . 08,26,29,30 No Jackpot winner.

4 Lucky Dips €50 each.

Winner

Promoter

Kitty Farrell

Paddy Cushen

Breda O Shea

Jimmy O Shea

Marie Sullivan

Pat Carroll

Wogs

John Kelly Bennekerry

Seller's Prize €70 - Willie Mullins

Next Draw Monday 20th January, 2020. Jackpot €11.400.

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

Polished granite. Top Quality. Contact 087 9027278.

Bennekerry Senior Citizens Xmas Draw results.

1st prize; Amy Lawler C/o Super Value.

2nd Prize; Sean Ward C/o Una Hade.

3rd Prize; Sean Swan C/o Mgt Woods.

4th Prize; Emily Dunne Sherwood Ave.

5th Prize; Lucas Byrne C/o Mgt Woods.

6th Prize; Pauline O'Neill C/o Super Value.

7th Prize, Mary McDonnell C/o Super Value.

8th Prize; Patrick McArdle C/o Super Value.

Kildare & Leighlin Weekly Lotto Results

For Wed 15th January 2020. Numbers drawn were . 02,09,14,28

One Jackpot winner in Hacketstown Parish.

John and Catherine Coogan.

Promoter Fr. Terence McGovern

24 Match 3s won €42 each. Askea / Bennekerry had NO Match 3s.

Winner Promoter

Next week's Jackpot €10,000. 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.

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.

Song & Story Night Bennekerry Senior Citizens Committee are holding a fund-raising Song and Storytelling Night in Palatine G F C

Clubhouse, Bennekerry on Fri 31st January 2020. MC for night is John Candy. Doors Open at 7 30 for start at 8pm. Tickets are €8 and are available from any Committee member. Light refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you there. Raffle on night also.

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.

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.

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.

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 this 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

Eire Óg Clubhouse live music every Saturday night. No cover charge. Saturday 18th January Bandit. Saturday 25th January The Gamblers. Saturday 1st February Hot Shots.

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 pm 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.

Clothes Collection Vera Smith, Catherine Nolan and Niall Mellon Educate volunteers are holding a Clothes recycling Collection all year round in aid of their forthcoming trip to South Africa to help build schools in Cape Town. Old clean clothes, shoes, bags, bed linen (no duvets or pillows please) curtains, mobile phones can be dropped at any time to Terry Smith Kitchens, Sleaty Rd Graiguecullen, Carlow or collection can be arranged by contacting Vera 086 8317940 or Catherine 086 8709846, Thank you for your continued support.

Carlow Active Retirement Assoc Next monthly meeting will be held in Cathedral Parish Centre on 12th Feb at 2.30pm. We welcome current members and would like to invite new members to come along and join the group. For more info contact Hugh O'Rourke 086 2567020.

Oberammergau 2020 Fr Liam Morgan of Naas parish is leading a group to attend the Passion Play in Oberammergau from Aug 7th to 14th, 2020. The total cost is €1750 per person sharing a twin room which includes return flights from Dublin to Munich, private transfers, walking tour of Salzburg, five night stay in Kitzbuhel – half board, two night stay in Oberammergau – half board and Category 1 tickets for the Passion Play on Aug 13th. There are a few places available, if interested please contact Tullys Travel, Carlow 059 9136100

Sunday, 26 January, marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week 2020. During this week we aim to celebrate the unique contribution that Catholic schools, both primary and post-primary, make to the mission of the Church in our local faith communities and throughout the wider church. This year's theme is 'Catholic Schools: Living in Harmony with God's Creation'. Our parish is joining in the celebrations

Wild Askea, Bennekerry & Tinryland

Food Waste - Save €1,000

Each house wastes about one third of the food it buys.

How would you feel if someone stole €1,000 on you?

Everyone wastes food.

I bet you could have a nice holiday with that money.

The Miner Bee - Bee Good

Believe or not Ireland has a number varieties of Miner Bees. Yes these bees, as the name suggests, dig into the ground. In actual fact they can dig as deep as 26 inches with branches off the main tunnel. She lays her eggs in the branches and she may share the tunnel with other similar bees. Normally she only lays three eggs. While she does have a sting, because she is so small, the sting cannot penetrate the human skin. The bonus with this bee is she is a great pollinator and will help your garden, You can encourage this friendly insect by creating a breeding area. This month would be a good time to choose an area in your garden and lay something like a front door mat or a board or plastic of the same size. In April, you can remove the mat and you will have a nice clean area free of grass and weeds. Then, if you are lucky, you will have new neighbours in the summer.

Country Market will return to Askea Parish Centre on Friday 24th January. Wishing all our friends a Happy New Year.

Table Quiz –(€100 for the winning team.) in support of the Presentation School Band's trip to the St Willibrord Hopping Procession. There will be a Table Quiz in Eire Og Clubhouse on Friday January 31st at 8pm. €10pp, maximum of 4 per table. Your support is appreciated.

Carlow Volunteer Centre are looking for New Volunteers to help with a variety of projects and voluntary roles in your local community. If you have few hours to spare contact us on 059 9173033 or register on our website www.volunteercarlow.ie and like our Facebook page.

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Little Things to Reduce your Electricity Bill

- Turn off your charger when not in use.
- Use your outside or inside clothesline to dry your wet clothes.
- If you have to use your electric clothes dryer always remove the fluff from the filter after each use,
- Convert your outside lights to sensor.
- LED bulbs will reduce the amount of electricity used by up to 90 percent.

What is Eco Congregation Ireland?

Its vision is to see all churches celebrate the gift of God's creation.

Recognise the interdependence of all creation and care for it in their life and mission. How can we reduce our footprint? - Clothes.

Many of us have too many clothes and continue to buy more. In Ireland clothes have become cheap and disposable. In many cases when we are finished with our clothes they are not recycled. Many of us are not aware that shops like Vincent's want clothes and shoes for resale and even the well worn clothes and shoes they will also take for bulk recycling.

The manufacture of clothes has a huge effect on the environment.

To produce one Tshirt requires 2,700 litres of water. Ji89

To produce a pair of jeans requires 6,300 litres of water.

Think of the waste chemicals in the process.

Think before you buy

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CALENDAR

Monday 20th:-**St Fabian** d. 250 had been Pope for 14 years when martyred under Decius.

St Sebastian may have been a soldier and was martyred in the persecution of Diocletian. He sustained many others in their trials.

Tuesday 21st:-**St Agnes**, wealthy and beautiful, was martyred for her virginity in the last persecutions in Rome, in the early 4th century. Patron of betrothed-couples, gardeners and young girls.

Wednesday 22nd **St Vincent**, deacon of the church of Saragossa, Spain, martyred in 304 in Valencia after prolonged torture.

Friday 24th:-**St Francis de Sales**, 1567-1622,, bishop of Geneva, founder of the Visitation Sisters. He worked with gentleness and love to rebuild the Catholic faith after the Reformation. Patron saint of writers, editors and journalists.

Saturday 25th:-**The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle**:-Paul preached the power of God at work in the lives of each one of us. His own conversion shows that power in his life. Out of a persecutor God made a preacher and teacher of the people. Paul never ceased to express thanks and wonder for this grace. But he still prayed for perseverance.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Giving things to God, letting Him take them on His shoulders, is the way to move upward and onward.

TO A SNOWDROP

Lone Flower, hemmed in with snows and white
as they

But hardier far, once more I see thee bend

Thy forehead, as if fearful to offend,

Like an unbidden guest. Though day by day,

Storms, sallying from the mountain-tops, waylay

The rising sun, and on the plains descend;

Yet art thou welcome, welcome as a friend

Whose zeal outruns his promise! Blue-eyed May

Shall soon behold this border thickly set

With bright jonquils, their odours lavishing

On the soft west-wind and his frolic peers;

Nor will I then thy modest grace forget,

Chaste Snowdrop, venturous harbinger of
Spring,

And pensive monitor of fleeting years!

William Wordsworth