

Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

Deadline for items

for Newsletter is

5pm on Wednesday by

phone to 059

9142565 or email to

office@askeaparish.ie

Website:

www.askeaparish.ie

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As the death-bed whereon it must expire,

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Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry – Sunday 21st of January
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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 21st January 2024

Kathleen Lawlor, Johnstown, Bennekerry

Maura Nolan, Kernanstown, Bennekerry

Months Mind

Bernadette Stynes, 29 Kernanstown, Bennekerry

Margaret Bolger, Kernanstown

Medjugorje Pilgrimages. 24- 29th May 2024. Spiritual Directors Fr. Yanbo Chen. CC. & Fr Tommy Dillon CC; 11th Sept - Fr. Theodore Tomasik CC. Deposit €200 to be paid before 2nd Feb to avail of discount. Group Leader Noeleen 0862415986.

Bennekerry N.S. Enrolments Bennekerry N.S. are accepting applications for enrolment for the coming academic year. All applications must be made on our Admission Application form which is available from the secretary at 059 -9143495 or email bennekerry@gmail.com

Junior Infant Enrolment – Scoil Mhuire gan Smál, Green Lane, Carlow September 2024. Scoil Mhuire gan Smál in an all-girls' primary school from Junior Infants to Sixth Class located in the Centre of Carlow town with a long-standing tradition of providing a holistic education for its pupils. Enrolment for Junior Infants for September 2024 will open on January 8th, 2024, and closes on February 5th, 2024. Enrolments can be made by phoning the school 059 9142705, by emailing the school (smgscarlow@gmail.com) or via the school office to collect an enrolment form, (R93FP57). See our Twitter or Instagram for an insight into Scoil Mhuire.

Rainbows Spring Programmes Twice yearly, Carlow Rainbows offers a nine- week programme for young people aged 7 to 16 who have suffered the loss of someone close to them, or the separation of their parents. A NEW PROGRAMME is now being offered for those aged 13-16. Held in Askea Parish Community Centre, the programmes are free to participants and will commence on February 12th 2024. For further information contact Anne on 0876636499 or email carlowrainbows@gmail.com.

Yoga For Beginners - New Course with Pam starts Thursday January 18th 7-8 pm. Register at pambutleryoga.com/shop or 086 089 1141.

Graiguecullen Bingo Tuesday 23rd January St. Fiacc's Hall 8.30pm. Jackpot on 46 numbers €1610. Double number €740. Lotto €3450.

K & L Diocesan Lotto Results for Wed 17th January 2024

Numbers drawn were 09, 17, 18, 27. No €15,000 jackpot winner.
18 Match 3s get €56 each. Askea / Bennekerry had one Match 3s.

Winner

Promoter

Aidan Kelly

Margaret Kelly

Next week's Jackpot €16,000. Ticket for the Lotto are available in the Church. You can also call to the Parish Centre during the week to buy a ticket.

Askea Senior Citizens' monthly nights are back Wednesday 31st January at 7pm, Bingo, Music and Cuppa. New members welcome. For News of activities including April holiday, Contact Marian at 059 9143010

Cathedral Evening Prayer for St Brigid February 1st marks the opening of a national year commemorating St Brigid, patron of our diocese and secondary patron of Ireland, 1500 years since her death. Bishop Denis invites people from across the diocese to join him for a special evening prayer in the Cathedral of the Assumption on February 1st at 7:30 pm. Music will be led by Fr Liam Lawton and the diocesan choir.

Training for Extraordinary Holy Communion Eucharistic

Ministers will take place on Saturday 10th February in Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre from 10am-4pm. Anyone who wishes to take part in the training should contact the Askea Parish Centre so that a place can be booked on the course. Other training dates are February 17th in Newbridge Parish Centre and February 24th in Emo National School. Training will be led by Julie Kavanagh and Fr Tom O'Byrne. To help with costs, participants are invited to bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Development Envelope Boxes for the coming year are available in the Church. Your support for the parish is greatly appreciated.

Welcoming the relic of St Brigid As we prepare to celebrate the life of St Brigid on February 1st and on this, the 1500th anniversary of her death, the Brigidine Sisters from their convent in Tullow are very generously loaning their relic of St Brigid to Kildare Parish for the year. The relic will be housed in a specially designed shrine in St Brigid's Church, Kildare. The shrine will be unveiled, and Mass will be celebrated in honour of St Brigid and the generosity of the Brigidine Sisters on Sunday 28th January at 11am. This is seen very much as a home-coming for St Brigid and all are most welcome to attend.

St Brigid's Camino Walk, Monasterevin Parish Takes place on Monday 5th February starting at St Brigid's Shrine, Mountrice at 11am, led by Bishop Denis. The walk will journey to Umeras, reputed birthplace of St Brigid, continue along the new canal Blueway and finish in Sts Peter & Paul Church, Monasterevin with a service of light at 12.30pm. For more details, please contact Monasterevin Parish Office 045-525346

M. Nerney Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 2024 Direct flights to Mostar – Medjugorje. Dublin to Medjugorje in Half the Time. 12th - 19th June 2024 €765. Price increases to €815 after 2nd Feb 2024. Spiritual Director: Fr. Sean Hyland C.C. Contact: Michael Nerney 086 815 7305

Family Carers Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit www.familycarers.ie.

Life in Ducketts Grove We are endeavouring to create an exhibition in Carlow of old photos and stories of the ordinary and perhaps not so ordinary lives of those who lived in and near Ducketts Grove many years ago. We are looking for old photos, stories, or articles or speak with any family members of those who worked in Ducketts Grove. We are also interested in anything, including old posters associated with The Towers at the main entrance to Ducketts Grove which was once a pub, dance and events venue. Please contact us at: ducketts.grove.carlow@gmail.com

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo 25th February 2024. €799.00 pps. Price includes 5 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch/Snack on 2 days. Afternoon Tea at Ashford Castle. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Cong. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 094 9006426 or 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Carlow GAA Car Draw on 27th January and ticket sales closing on Monday 22nd January. So don't miss out and buy your tickets without delay. If you're not in, you can't win! First Prize in the Draw is a fantastic Volkswagen T-Roc worth €44,700 with four other super prizes to be won. Tickets are only €20 each and can be bought from the Carlow GAA website www.carlowgaa.ie Carlow GAA Public Relations Officer, Ger Doyle, at 087-6182062. Thank you for your support.

Mass in Carlow Cathedral on Thursday 25th January starting at 7 pm with Rosary and Divine Mercy for Vocations and World Peace.

Missing Diamond eternity ring. Rose and white gold. Please call Carlow Garda station 059 9136627 or 085 7627147 if found.

Spioraid Naoimh Praying Community Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly Retreat St. Peter and Paul's Parish Church Portlaoise Saturday 27th January 10.00 am to 1.30 pm. Holy Mass 10 am. Confessions available. Retreat continues in Parish Centre from 10.45 am to 1.30 pm. (Exposition, Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena, Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry) Contact: Michael Nerney 086 8157305 Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill P.P All Welcome.

Catholics in the Southeast of Ireland Facebook Group invites you to join our next Book Club Meetup on Saturday 27th January 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Club House Hotel, Kilkenny R95 DX76. Book: Theology for Beginners by Frank Sheed. For more information contact Gissell at 087 7617792.

St.Leo's College is appealing to the community of Carlow for assistance in their fundraising for a New School Bus. 'Make a dent with your copper cents'. We call on all households to donate any copper coins to our appeal. Donations can be delivered directly to St. Leo's College administration office, and all will be greatly appreciated.

www.stleoscarlow.ie

A woman available to clean houses. Contact Paula on 0892781623.

Éire Óg Poker Classic Sun Feb 4th Tickets €30. Light Refreshments provided. Bank Holiday Weekend, draw with numerous prizes on the night.

Piano Lessons Available Royal Irish Academy of Music Grade 8 teacher with over 5 years teaching experience. Beginner and exam students welcome. Contact 089 4997779 for more information.

IRISH GRINDS: Irish grinds required for 5th year student, text or phone 085 7675502 if you have any availability.

CALENDAR

Monday 22nd **St. Vincent**, deacon of the Church at Saragossa, Spain, martyred in 304 in Valencia after prolonged torture.

Wednesday 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.

Thursday 25th **St. 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 peoples.

Friday 26th **Sts. Timothy & Titus**, bishops, were disciples and helpers of St Paul. Tradition makes Timothy the first bishop of Ephesus and Titus the first bishop of Gortyna in Crete.

Saturday 27th **St Angela Merici**, 1474-1540, founder of the Ursulines, devoted herself to Christian education based on love, kindness with firmness and concern for the individual.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

You are a wise man today if you have learned from yesterday's blunders.