

Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday

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Emergency Priest on Duty

087 2588118

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Askea Parish Community

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Collections last weekend

Development: €2,035

Offertory €1,408

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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

*"I know my own,
and my own know me,
just as the Father
knows me and I know
the Father...."*

'Knowing' here means being caught up in one indivisible flow of divine life and love that is relational.

We can't get away from it – Jesus is relationship.

To know Jesus is to have entered a loving relationship with him, and with his Father, but it also means simultaneously entering an inseparable loving relationship with all the other people who make up Jesus' 'own', our brothers and sisters in the Church.

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Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

Sunday 22nd April 2018

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The Shepherd

How sweet is the shepherd's sweet lot!
From the morn to the evening he strays;
He shall follow his sheep all the day,
And his tongue shall be filled with praise.

For he hears the lambs' innocent call,
And he hears the ewes' tender reply;
He is watchful while they are in peace,
For they know when their shepherd is nigh.

William Blake

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
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Anniversaries 22nd April 2018

Kathleen Sullivan, Bennekerry

Thomas Murphy, Kernanstown, Bennekerry

Collections last weekend:

Development €170. Offertory €250.

Palatine GAA Club Lotto

Results Monday 16th April 2018.

Numbers Drawn 3, 15, 17 & 22.

No Jackpot winner. Four Lucky Dips €50 each.

Winner	Promoter
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Ger Dowling	Valerie Treacy
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Alan Cullen	M Brennan
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Marian Kelly	M Treacy
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Alan Gordan	Barry Gordan
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Seller's Prize €70 - John Kelly, Bennekerry.

Next Draw Monday 23rd April 2018.

Jackpot €6,800.

Kildare & Leighlin Weekly Lotto Results

For Wed 18th April 2018. Numbers drawn were 8, 19, 20 & 29.

No Jackpot Winner. 15 Match 3s won €67 each.

Askea/Benekerry had 4 Match3s. Next week's Jackpot €13,000.

Winner

Promoter

Maureen Kelly

Joan Fitzharris

Agnes Downey

James Downey

Ann Crowley

Marie Lynch

Rosemary Boran

Agnes Broderick

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.

In Memoriam

We ask the Lord to grant eternal rest to:

Margaret Ann (Nancy) O'Loughlin (née Donnelly),

Dundrum, Dublin

(mother of Mary Minnock, Dublin Road)

Liam Rice, 3 Talbot Terrace, Brownshill Road

Reginald (Reggie) Lennon, 15 Springfield Drive,

Rathnapish

and we offer our sympathy and the support of our prayers to all who have suffered the loss of a loved one at this time.

Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to

Lourdes 2018 Led by the Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin Most Reverend Denis Nulty. 16th to 21st July 2018. Cost €739. Bookings can be made through Joe Walsh Tours Office 01 2410802 or Askea Parish Centre. Booking and regular payments can be made through the Parish Centre. Please contact 059 91 42565 for further details.

Aspiro in collaboration with **Carlow College of Music** and the Royal Irish Academy of Music present Benjamin Britten's Community Opera 'Noye's Fludde' in Carlow Cathedral on Sunday 29th April 4.30pm as part of the choir's 20th Anniversary concert celebrations. Tickets €12.50 / €7 and Family 2+2 €30 available www.eventbrite.ie.

Social Dancing – hosted by Carlow Lions Club in Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow on Tuesday 24th April, 2018 at 9pm. Admission €8. Music by "John & Terry". Raffle on the night. Proceeds to Barnardos, Carlow.

Solemn Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help:- Our

13th Solemn Novena continues on this Monday 16th April. We invite people to place their petitions in the petition boxes in St Clare's Church, Graiguecullen. During our Novena, through the prayers of our Faith Community and the intercession of Our Lady we will ask Jesus to relieve whatever burdens we carry.

The theme for this year's Novena is 'Witnessing the message of Jesus in the Ireland of Today'

Our guest speaker this week is:- Kate Ascough, Iona Institute – former president of UCD Student's Union.

Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Ireland, Kildare Branch,

church gate collection this weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Askea Senior Citizens' Group

Monthly Nights Out are on the last Wednesday of each month in Askea Parish Centre 7pm to 10pm. Bingo, music and cuppa. New members welcome. Transport available. Next Night out will be on Wednesday 25th April, 2018.

May Holiday – Sunday 13th May to Thursday 17th May to Castle Hotel in Macroom. 5 days / 4 nights. B/B/D and Tours. There are a few places available. Reductions for Members. Contact Marian at 059 91 43010 for details on any of the above.

Membership Due for 2018. Thank You.

Knock Shrine Sunday 6th May, 2018. To secure a seat €25 must be paid in advance. Pickup at Askea 8am. Contact Vera 087 7634521 or John 087 2632324.

Kildare and Leighlin Diocese Family Fun

Day 16th June 2018. *Free Event – Sport – Music – Food – Art – All Welcome. Carlow College, St Patrick's from 2pm to 6pm. Let us gather together as we prepare for the World Meeting of Families 2018.*

Sponsored Carlow & District Vintage Tractor, Car and Bike Run

Carlow Day Care Centre wish to thank everyone who supported the recent sponsored Tractor, Car and Bike Run. Thanks to everyone who took part and to all the staff and volunteers who helped to make this a memorable day.

Legoin of Mary Weekly Meetings in Askea Parish Community Centre on Tuesday at 7.45pm. All welcome.

Bake Sale in the Cathedral Parish Centre after 10am Mass on Thursday morning April 26th in aid of Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind. All support welcome.

Athletics training for Askea Area 5 Community

Games takes place in St Laurence O'Toole's AC every Tuesday & Thursday, kids U8 6-7pm and older kids 7-8 pm. The cost is €3 per week or €5 per family. If you have any questions please call Patrice @ 086 3743709.

Carlow Town Community First Responder Group

The Carlow Town Community First Responder (CFR) Group was set up in February of this year and is currently comprised of 24 volunteers. Community First Responder groups work alongside the National Ambulance Service (NAS) responding to Cardiac Arrest, Heart Attack, Stroke and Respiratory Arrest calls in their local community. Carlow Town CFR is currently in its final phase of training and intends to go 'live' and begin responding to calls before the end of May 2018. Over the next number of weeks and continuing into the future, Carlow Town CFR will require additional volunteers and funding in order to provide and maintain a fit for purpose Community First Responder capability for the residents of Carlow Town. All funding required for the purchase of equipment and the training of our volunteers must be raised by the members of the group with all money raised going towards the purchase of defibrillators and other necessary equipment.

If you would like to become a volunteer, wish to donate to Carlow Town CFR or you would like to find out more information you can contact us by email: carlowtowncfr@gmail.com, on Facebook:

@Carlow.Town.CFR.Group

or on Twitter: @CarlowTownCFR

WMOF Icon of the Holy Family

Comes to Kildare and Leighlin

People across the diocese can visit the WMOF icon, recently blessed in Rome by Pope Francis, in three churches in our diocese between April 27-May 7. Prayer petitions can be left with the Icon and they will be brought to the World Meeting of Families in August. **See Kandle.ie (and parish notice board) for a detailed timetable for the visit.**

Bishop Denis will lead the Liturgies opening and closing the icon in each church as follows:

Cathedral of the Assumption:

Friday, April 27, 7 pm, Taizé Prayer Service of Welcome for the Icon:

Monday, April 30, 12 noon, Schools Liturgy and Closing of the Icon

SS Peter and Paul Church, Portlaoise:

Monday, April 30, 7:30 pm, Mass of Welcome for the

Icon:

Thursday, May 3, 10 am, Mass with Closing of the Icon

Visit to Staff and prisoners in Midlands Prison

St Conleth's Church, Newbridge: Thursday, May 3, 7:30 pm, Taizé

Prayer Service of Welcome for the Icon

Monday, May 7, 11 am, Mass with Closing of the Icon

Éist Cancer Support Centre at The Waterfront, Mill Lane, Carlow, is taking part in this year's VHI Women's Mini Marathon Dublin, on Sunday 3rd June 2018, starting at 2pm. If you are taking part and interested in supporting Éist, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact us at 05991 39684 for further information or check out our Facebook page.

We will provide a bus, T-shirts and sponsorship cards and we ask that you please register yourself online

at <https://www.vhiwomensminimarathon.ie>.

Pre-Marriage Course ACCORD Carlow are now taking bookings for the following courses: June 8th & 9th; Sept 7th & 8th and Oct 19th & 20th. There are no courses in July & August. Bookings on www.accord.ie For further information phone: Mary 059 9138738

Qualified Bereavement and General Counsellor available at reasonable rates based at Askea Parish Centre. Phone Mary on 087 3910411 to arrange appointment. All calls answered or returned as soon as possible.

Fun Table Quiz & Raffle will be held in Foran's Bar aka Noeleen's Church Street, Tullow on Friday 27th April @ 9pm. Table of 4 €40.00 prizes for 1st & 2nd. Franny Corcoran is MC on the night. Looking forward to seeing you. All proceeds go to Bethany House Alzheimer Day Care Centre Carlow.

The Three Tenors-In Concert, Borris Church, Sat 12th May at 8.30pm. An Evening of Popular Classic Hits from Sinatra, The Dubliners, Pavarotti & Spiritual Favourites! Ireland's Most Popular Trio- RTE award-winners Shane Morgan, Dominic McGorian, Derek Moloney, promise you a night to remember! Their noted friendliness & connection with their audience makes this a unique Tenors concert. Tickets €25 available from The Parish Centre, Borris, O'Sheas Centra Borris, Brophy's Shop Borris, The Little Shop Bagenalstown & Doran's Supervalu Graiguenamanagh. This is a Fundraiser for Borris Church.

Christmas Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 19th – 27th December 2018 Taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem (Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Last Supper Room and Calvary), Mount Tabor, Cana, Nazareth, Jericho, River Jordan, Dead Sea and Sea of Galilee. Contact James Treacy 061-921470 or 0860572216 payments can be made in instalments.

Tai Chi classes commencing in Talbot Hotel on Wed 25th April - 8pm to 9.30pm and in Mandala Yoga Studio, [No.1 Tullow Street, Carlow](#) on Friday morning, 4th May - 7.30am to 8.40am and 9.30am to 10.40am. Contact Rosaleen on 0860789241
Email: info@rosaleenfadden.com

NCBI Charity shops nationwide help to fund services for people who are blind or vision impaired. As a not for profit organisation all monies raised in our shops goes direct to help fund these services.

We rely heavily on volunteers and are urgently seeking volunteers for our Carlow shop. We would welcome all help. Every hour you can volunteer is much appreciated and helps directly fund these life changing services. You can also learn new skills and meet new people. If you can spare any time please contact Pauleen on 087 7083871 or shopvolunteer@ncbi.ie. The shop is located on Castle Street in Carlow Town if you want to drop by. Thank you

Alzheimer Society Annual Tea Day will be held on Thursday 4th of May 10.30am - 2.30pm in Bethany House Barrack Street Carlow. Bring your friends and drop in for a cuppa and some nice treats or if you are working have your coffee break with us we'd love to see you. Let's make this the best Tea Day party ever. Your continued support is very much appreciated. Thank you. **Support Group meetings** are held the first Tuesday of each month @ 11am in Bethany House please ring Susan/Moira/Caroline 0599134736 for support & information.

Thanks

Carlow Branch of Multiple Sclerosis Society of Ireland extends their sincere gratitude to all who contributed generously to the recent Church Gate collection. Many thanks to all our collectors also. A total of €280 was collected.

CALENDAR

Monday y 23rd:-**St George** was venerated as a soldier saint of Lydda in the Holy Land where he was probably martyred round 300. His cult may have been popularised in England and Ireland by returning crusaders. He is patron saint of England, Portugal, of soldiers and the Scout Movement

St Adalbert born in 956, after being bishop of Prague, went as a missionary among the Prussians on the Polish coast where he was martyred in 997.

Tuesday 24th:-**St Fidelis of Sigmaringen**, 1578-1622 a Capuchin who preached to the Calvinists in Switzerland, where he was killed by a group of extremists.

Wednesday 25th:-**St Mark Evangelist** was closely connected with the preaching's of Ss Peter, Paul and Barnabas. His Gospel was probably written at Rome when he was with Paul, and is traditionally viewed as representing St Peter's approach to the preaching of the good news. Later tradition has him as an interpreter for St Peter. His symbol is a winged lion.

Friday 27th:-**St Asicus** was St Patrick's expert craftsman in metal work and accompanied him on his journeys. He was left in charge of the Church in Elphin, Co. Roscommon which Patrick was said to have founded.

Saturday 28th:-**St Peter Chanel**, born in France 1803 joined the Marists. He worked on the Island of Futuna, Oceania, where he was clubbed to death for baptising the chief's son. He is honoured as the first martyr of the Church in Oceania.

St Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort 1673-1716, was a priest whose calling was to preach missions. More important was the spirit of prayer which he instilled especially with the recitation of the Rosary.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - Faith

Without faith, we are stained glass windows in the dark.

Extracts from Bennekerry N.S Newsletter

School Website

Suíomh Idirlíne na Scoile: You may have noticed several additions to our website in recent times. Some of the staff have been busy bringing the site up to date and adding interesting snippets of information as well as policies and photographs. I want to especially thank Mrs. Elaine Murphy and Ms. Michelle Nolan as they have been particularly generous with their expertise and time in this area. Check it out at **www.bennekerry.ns.ie**

Seachtain na Gaeilge: Nationalistic pride is running high at the moment as we enjoy the enormous success of our rugby team and also the many Irish winners in the Cheltenham Festival. Seachtain na Gaeilge provides an opportunity for us to celebrate all things Irish; our music, dance, national sports, literature and of course our language. It was lovely to walk around the school over the past few weeks and hear so many activities going on which did just that. Hopefully the pupils will continue to use the “cúpla focal” as often as possible outside of school and we ask you to encourage and support them in their efforts.

Bailiucháin Éadaí: Following on from a very successful used clothing collection in the autumn, the Parents’ Association have decided to have another collection during the week of 12th April. If you decide to do a bit of spring cleaning, please keep this in mind and save your bags of unwanted clothes for us at the school. Further details are attached.

Reflecting on Life

Take time to stop today
Take time to stop a while
Reflect on how life changes
Then take the time to smile
Know that as the days go by
These things that challenge
you
Will one day just be memories
Of times you have gone
through
Look back now on yesterday
And all you have achieved
Recognise the strengths
you've gained
The blessings you've received
One day in the future
You will think about today
You'll see just how these
challenges
Have helped you on your way

Michelle Tetley

A Little Song of Life

Glad that I live am I;
That the sky is blue;
Glad for the country
lanes,
And the fall of dew.

After the sun the rain;
After the rain the sun;
This is the way of life,
Till the work be done.

All that we need to do,
Be we low or high,
Is to see that we grow
Nearer the sky.

Lizette Woodworth Reese