



# Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

## A Blessing

May the light of your soul guide you

May the light of your soul bless the work you do  
with the secret love and warmth of your heart.

May you see in what you do the beauty of your own soul.

May the sacredness of your work bring healing,  
Light and renewal to those who work with you  
and to those who see and receive your work.

May your work never weary you.

May it release within your wellsprings of  
refreshment, inspiration, and excitement.

May you be present in what you do.

May you never become lost in the bland absences.

May the day never burden.

May dawns find you awake and alert,  
approaching your new day with dreams, possibilities and  
promises.

May evening find you gracious and fulfilled.

May you go into the night blessed, sheltered, and protected

May your soul calm, console and renew you.

*John O'Donohoe (1956-2008)*

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**Anniversaries**

**Eucharistic Adoration** takes place in Askea Church on  
Wednesdays from 10am to 5pm.

## **K & L Diocesan Lotto Results** **for Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

Numbers drawn were 15, 23, 28 & 31.

NO Jackpot winner

18 Match 3s winners get €56 each. Askea/Bennekerry had  
TWO Match 3s.

Winner

Promoter

Mary Woods

Norah Holohan

Lisa Cole

Askea Parish Centre

Next Week's Jackpot €16,000.

### **Tickets for the Lotto**

The Lotto draw continues in Portlaoise. We will continue to enter pre-paid tickets in the draw.

### **The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path. [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)**

The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path on the lough shore is now open daily. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option, and several information boards highlight features of particular interest. Leaflets are available at the Visitors Centre. Dates for a guided walk experience will follow for late August and early September. For bookings and further information email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or telephone (00353)719861518

### **Accord Recruiting Volunteers as Marriage Facilitators**

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. Accord is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to [info@accord.ie](mailto:info@accord.ie). The closing date for receipt of registration of interest forms to be included in Selections for this year is Friday 27 August. Additional information is available on [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

**An Gairdín Beo** You are invited to COME PICK YOUR OWN project in An Gairdín Beo on the next couple of Wednesdays from 11 a.m. -1 p.m. till the end of August.

The following vegetables are on sale. Beetroot, onions/scallions, lettuce, turnips, rhubarb, strawberries, spinach, cabbage, broad beans, cut herbs, potted herbs sage, thyme, basil, coriander, lemon balm, potted outdoor plants, potted indoor plants, homemade marmalade, and chutneys. We hope tomatoes will also be available.

A cooking demonstration will also be given by Byrne Jindong from Shanghai, China. A lovely Grong Bao chicken dish with rice. Don't miss it and bring a friend. In the interest of health and safety and sustainability you are asked to bring your own bag and tools. You are welcome to enjoy outdoor tea and coffee, containers supplied. Donation boxes will be at the cob oven area. All proceeds go back into the development and maintenance of An Gairdín Beo, if you have a surplus of produce in your garden, you are welcome to donate it to garden on the Wednesday mornings. We regret that we cannot accommodate cars on the premises. We apologise too that no card facility is available. We look forward to meeting you again.

**An Gairdín Beo** invites you to an **Outdoor Demonstration** given by Arun and Santo on how to make beetroot chutney and beetroot poriyal using the beetroot grown in the garden. This will happen during Pick Your Own Produce.

We look forward to seeing you there and bring a friend.

**Digital IT Zoom Workshops Dates**: Monday 4th and 11th of October and Monday 1st and 8th of November. Time: 10.00am-12.00 noon. To book your place contact [fdunne@kcetb.ie](mailto:fdunne@kcetb.ie) before September 24th Tutor: Jennifer Fitzpatrick This workshop is sponsored by Carlow ETB.

## **Apple Tree pruning in An Gairdín Beo**

Tutor: Eddie Byrne Dates: Monday 18th October, and Thursday 21st of October Time: 10.00am-12.00 noon

Practical guidance and hands on experience on how to prune apple trees. Workshop is sponsored by Carlow ETB and is free to participants, but you must book your place in advance by contacting [fdunne@kcetb.ie](mailto:fdunne@kcetb.ie) before 1st of October.

## **Willow Basket Weaving Tutor:** Heike Kahle Date: 15th November

Time: 10.00am-5.00pm Each participant will learn weaving skills and will be enabled to make their own basket. This workshop is sponsored by Carlow ETB You need to book your place before Friday 1st of October by contacting

[fdunne@kcetb.ie](mailto:fdunne@kcetb.ie) Max 8 participants

## **Notice of Migrant Sunday Collection** Migrant Sunday takes place

on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September. This year we are holding a collection to support the work of the Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants (IECE) who provides grant funding to Irish organisations overseas working with the most vulnerable of our emigrant community; from the elderly and isolated to the undocumented and those dealing with mental health problems.

## **South Leinster Money Advice & Budgeting Service**

**Carlow MABS** 72d Tullow Street Carlow Tel: 076 107 2070.

*Free, independent, and confidential Money Management and Advice Service.* Assisting people in dealing with their existing debts and helping them to begin to manage their own resources.

MABS offers free Debt Relief Advice under Personal Insolvency options. Money Management Sessions provided for Transition/Leaving Cert Students & Community Groups.

**Askea senior citizens**. We have not been able to have any activities over the past year and a half. Unfortunately, after much discussion and thought we are still not able to resume our nights out etc. We feel it is not yet safe or possible to do day trip or holiday yet. We miss you all and as soon as we are able to get back, we will. Hoping you are all well. Stay safe and mind yourselves. we will keep you all updated.

**Tinryland craft fair & family fun day** A Craft Fair and Family Fun Day, highlighting many of the talented crafters in the community, will take place in Tinryland Park, Tinryland Village on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 from 12noon to 5pm (weather permitting). This outdoor event will cater for all the family and will include bespoke handmade items and some amazing local producers of crafts and food. Together with a bric a brac stall, music, fun football, face painting and lots more. ENTRY IS FREE - ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. Carparking will be available in the church/village carparks. As COVID-19 continues to impact and to ensure the safety and protection of all attending, this event will comply with the appropriate measures required under the HSE Guidelines for Outdoor Events. *Volunteers are required to help with the preparations or assist on the day. Please contact: E mail: [tinrylandpark@gmail.com](mailto:tinrylandpark@gmail.com) or Tel. 087 6319398.*

**Invitation** You are invited to view a selection of Rare Oak Trees at the home of Mr Johnny Couchman of Johnstown House, Bennekerry on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm. Suggested voluntary admission fee of €5 with proceeds going to Medicines San Frontiers. Area code R93TK35.

### **Thought for The Week**

Future victories begin with embracing change today, followed by change tomorrow, and change the day after that as well.

## **CE Vacancies**

Carlow Regional Youth Services are currently recruiting for the following positions on their CE Programme:

Teenage Youth Support Worker (x1) –based in Tullow

Teenage Youth Support Worker (x1) –based in Bagenalstown

Teenage Youth Support Worker (x1) –based in Carlow

Afterschool's Youth Workers (x2) – based in Carlow Town

These positions are 19.5 hours per week. If you are interested or want to check your eligibility, please call Lisa/Marie on 085 2101494 or 059 9130476 for inquiries.

## **Assumption Services Ltd Community Employment**

### **Vacancies**

CES-2180316 Project Assistant with Barbados, duties to include but not restricted to light shopping, cleaning, light admin duties, setting up for activities, assisting other staff.

CES 2180317 Admin/Cleaner with Askea Parish, duties to include but not restricted to typing, answering phones, taking messages, assisting the public, setting up rooms, cleaning etc.

CES 2810448 Day Care Assistant with Carlow Day Care, duties to include but not restricted to cleaning, helping service users with their personal care, serving meals, entertaining service users, helping on the bus, etc.

CES 2183911 Housekeeper in SVP Men's Hostel, duties to include but not restricted to cleaning of the men's hostel, sweeping, washing floors, dusting etc.

CES 2185459 Cleaner in the Cathedral, duties to include cleaning of the church, sweeping, hoovering, buffing floors, cleaning chairs, setting up for coffee morning (when restrictions are lifted).

CES 2815734 Maintenance, duties to include but not restricted to cutting grass, weeding flower beds, setting up for bingo (after restrictions are lifted), cleaning of the youth centre, helping in other areas of the parish, etc.

Should you need any further information on the above vacancies please contact Jo 9.30am to 4.30pm only on 0858726367.



## CALENDAR

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>: -**St. Rose of Lima** 1586-1617, Dominican tertiary, and recluse, helped the poor and marginalised. Seen as originator of social services in Peru.

**St. Eugene (Eoghan)** lived in the 6<sup>th</sup>.century and was said to have been taken by pirates to Britain. On obtaining his freedom he went to study at Candida Casa. Returning to Ireland he made a foundation at Kilnamanagh in the Wicklow hills, but his principal foundation was at Ardstraw (Ard Sratha), Co. Tyrone.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>: -**St Bartholomew's** name occurs in the Synoptic Gospels only, in the list of apostles. He is probably to be identified with the Nathaniel of Cana, whom Philip brings to our Lord. He preached the Gospel in India. Patron of plasterers, tanners, and leather workers.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>: -**St Louis**, 1214-1270, King of France, father of 11 children, Franciscan Tertiary man of integrity died in Tunisia on his second Crusade. Patron of French monarchy and military, and of barbers.

**St Joseph Calasanz**, 1556-1648, founded the Piarists to run free schools. Patron of Catholic schools

Friday 27<sup>th</sup>: - **St Monica**, 332-387, converted her pagan husband Patricius to the faith and by her prayers and tears brought her son St Augustine to Christianity and a moral life. Patron saint of mothers.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>: -**St Augustine**, 354-430, Bishop of Hippo, where he lived with a community until his death. His theological influence has been most significant in the Church, especially on the understanding of God's grace. Patron saint of theologians.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Keep your eye steadily fixed on God, draw from His infinite source of inspiration and strength, and you will find that you are capable of much more than you thought you were.