

# Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Twenty First 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 9.30am &

Sunday 10am

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Deadline for items for

Newsletter is 5pm on

Wednesday by phone to

9142565 or email to

office@askeaparish.ie

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Liam Furlong, Tinryland Parish

# Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020

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If you can keep your head when all about you  
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;  
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,  
But make allowance for their doubting too:  
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,  
Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,  
Or being hated don't give way to hating,  
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;  
If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;  
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim,  
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster  
And treat those two impostors just the same:  
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken  
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,  
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,  
And stoop and build'em up with worn-out tools;  
If you can make one heap of all your winnings  
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,  
And lose, and start again at your beginnings,  
And never breathe a word about your loss:  
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew  
To serve your turn long after they are gone,  
And so hold on when there is nothing in you  
Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on!"  
If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,  
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,  
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,  
If all men count with you, but none too much:  
If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,  
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,  
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!

– Rudyard Kipling

# St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

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## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020

### Anniversaries

John Jack Nolan, 34 Burrindale

Michael Larkin, Kernanstown

Jimmy Doyle, Russellstown

Ann and John Cullen, Palatine

<p><u>Contact Details for the Parish Office</u> You can contact the Parish Office to book Anniversaries at 059 91 42565.</p>
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**Clouds in our lives are sent to bring showers of Blessings.**

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

You never lose by being loving, and you never know how far a loving example will go in someone's life.

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

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

## **K & L Diocesan Lotto**

### **Kildare & Leighlin Weekly Lotto Results for Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020.**

Numbers drawn were 3, 10, 11 & 16. No Jackpot winner.	
32 Match 3s won €32 each. Askea/Bennekerry had 1 Match 3s.	
Winner	Promoter
Jimmy Fenlon	Askea Parish Centre
Eva Kennedy	Christy Kennedy
Next week's Jackpot €20,000.	

**Tickets for the Lotto** will be available from Stewards at the door of the Church. You are asked to complete the ticket and leave it back with the relevant money in the Collection Box at the door of the Church. If you wish to buy a ticket for a number of weeks it is possible to do so this way and we will confirm the dates your ticket will be in the draw.

### **Mass Times for the coming week**

From Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 Mass times will be as follows:

#### **Bennekerry Church**

Saturday – Mass at 7pm

Sunday – Mass at 11.30am

#### **Askea Church**

Monday to Thursday & Friday 9.30am & 7pm.

Saturday – 7pm; Sunday – 9am, 10.30am and 12 Noon.

#### **Tinryland Church**

Tuesday – 9.30am

Saturday - 6pm

Sunday – 10am

## **Askea Parish Community Centre News**

Welcome back to the staff returning from the Covid-19 lock down. To ensure safety of our staff and visitors we have introduced new measures. Please follow the directions of the Staff in the Centre. The Centre re-opened to the public last week with restricted opening hours of 10.30am to 2.30pm and limited services available. Where possible you are asked to continue to book Anniversaries and Baptisms by telephone – 05991 42565 and limit personal visits to the Centre to essential business only. Visitors to the Centre are always asked to abide by Government regulations adhering to social distancing and hand hygiene.

## **An Gairdín Beo Committee**

*Thank you to everyone who has come to our festival of produce: 'PICK YOUR OWN' and kindly supported by Carlow County Council and Failte Ireland. We are celebrating saving all our produce by ending this festival with a celebration on Wednesday 26th of August. We are firing up the pizza oven to make delicious pizza and making sauces using our organic tomatoes and herbs as a thank you for supporting the garden. Freshly squeezed apple juice will be offered, and you can even bring your own apples to juice! Bring your own bottles to take your own juiced apples away. Health & safety procedures will be adhered to at each stage. All donations go back into the garden for its sustainability.*

Of course, the usual vegetables will also be on sale. There is a beautiful crop of tomatoes now ripe and ready for picking so we hope you will come and avail of same.

We look forward to welcoming you Wednesday August 26th between [10.am](#) and 1.00pm.

## **Sum of Money Found**

Sum of money found on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2020 in dolmen Gardens estate. Contact Askea parish Centre for details. 059 91 42565.

**Archbishop Eamonn Martin has issued this letter for all Parishes.**

## **FACE COVERINGS IN CHURCHES**

At this time, both in Northern Ireland and in the Republic of Ireland, the governments have not formally made mandatory the wearing of face coverings at services of worship. This is, in part, due to the fact that as churches we are committed to maintaining 2 metre physical distancing between household groups and strict adherence to all government guidance on hand hygiene, cleaning, ventilation etc.

It however remains our responsibility to ensure that our services of worship are safe places for all who join with us. It has become increasingly clear that the wearing of face coverings, in conjunction with hand washing etc, is likely to reduce the spread of Coronavirus, thus helping to protect others. Their use is therefore one way in which we can evidence protection for the most vulnerable, support for our health workers and practical love for our neighbours.

Following further recent consultations with public health authorities, I, along with other Christian church leaders all over this island, am formally recommending and encouraging the use of face coverings at all Masses and other liturgical celebrations, along with the ongoing maintenance of 2 metre physical distancing, from Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020, and earlier if practicable.

I understand that some people are exempted from the wearing of face coverings, as outlined in the two jurisdictions:

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-face-coverings> and <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/aac74c-guidance-on-safe-use-of-face-coverings>

I also recognise that whilst it may not be appropriate for the celebrant and some others (for example ministers of the Word) to wear face coverings, they should at all times continue to maintain at least 2 metre physical distancing from one another, and four metres physical distancing from the front row of the congregation.

## 2020 Netwatch Carer of the Year

Family Carers Ireland are now accepting nominations for the 2020 Netwatch Carer of the Year. If you know of someone who is looking after a loved one at home and would like to recognise them for everything that they do, you can nominate online at [www.familycarers.ie](http://www.familycarers.ie) or contact the local office on 0567721424 for a form. Nominations are also being accepted for Young Carer of the Year. Now more than ever it is time to recognise the valuable contribution that family carers bring to society.

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People**ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

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### **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

## CALENDAR

Monday 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.

Tuesday 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

Thursday 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.

Friday 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' grace. Patron saint of theologians.



## **A Child's Evening Prayer**

Ere on my bed my limbs I lay,  
God grant me grace my prayers to say:  
O God! preserve my mother dear  
In strength and health for many a year;  
And, O! preserve my father too,  
And may I pay him reverence due;  
And may I my best thoughts employ  
To be my parents' hope and joy;  
And O! preserve my brothers both  
From evil doings and from sloth,  
And may we always love each other  
Our friends, our father, and our mother:  
And still, O Lord, to me impart  
An innocent and grateful heart,  
That after my great sleep I may  
Awake to thy eternal day! Amen.

Samual Taylor Coleridge

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