

# Holy Family Parish, Askea

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent

Fr. Tom Little - 91-31559

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Sr. Joan Pierse 91-42565

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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: €1,714

Offertory €1,485

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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

Website: [www.askeaparish.ie](http://www.askeaparish.ie)

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# Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018

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## **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**  
**Wednesdays** Emergency Number for the Priest on Duty 087 2588118.  
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### **Anniversaries 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018**

#### **Month's Mind 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

Jim Butler, Kernanstown

### **Anniversaries 25<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

John Kane, Bennekerry

### **Anniversaries 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

Paul Rea, 66 New Oak Estate

Andre Dooley, late of Johnstown

Tom and May Sheehan, Bennekerry

Collections last weekend:

Development €226

Offertory €460

## **Palatine GAA Club Lotto** Results Monday 17<sup>th</sup>

December 2018. Numbers Drawn 2, 4, 5 & 12. No JACKPOT WINNER. 8 Lucky Dips €50 each.

Winner Promoter  
Puddy Nolan Mark Nolan  
John Fitzpatrick Bagenalstown

Gerry O'Neill  
Adrian Woods John Kelly, Bennekerry  
Paul McGrath Jimmy O'Shea  
Micko - Kids John Kelly, Bennekerry  
Norah Tobin Kitty Farrell  
Patrick McGuill John Kelly, Bennekerry  
M O'Toole John Kelly, Bennekerry

Seller's Prize €70 - John Kelly, Bennekerry

Next Draw Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019. Jackpot €10,800.

## **Kildare & Leighlin Weekly Lotto Results**

For Wed 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018. Numbers drawn were 1, 16, 18 & 26. No Jackpot winner. 12 Match 3s won €84 each. Askea/Bennekerry had 1 Match 3s

Winner Promoter  
Liz Doyle Maria O'Sullivan

Next Jackpot €12,000. 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.

## **CHRISTMAS LOTTO ARRANGEMENTS**

No lotto draw on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December & Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019

First draw of 2019 will take place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

We wish everyone a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

## **“Whisperings of My Soul” – Fr Seán Hyland**

Fr. Sean Hyland book *‘Whisperings of My Soul’*, is available in the Sacristy after Mass or from the Parish Centre during the week. This book tells the story of his many heavenly blessings and extraordinary consolations of faith which ultimately led to his ordination in 2014. This is a self-published book by Fr Sean and he is reaching out to everyone in the Diocese asking for your help to spread the word about *‘Whisperings of My Soul’*. Book costs €15.

The annual **Tinryland Parish magazine** “Reaching Out” will be available for 5 euro from today Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December at Tinryland Church, Tinryland G.F.C. Raths Londis superstore Pollerton and Hoseys shop Staplestown Road. This year's edition is another bumper issue in full colour with over 100 photos to mark its 23rd birthday. Congratulations to Maureen Byrne editor, designer Clem Delaney and the many contributors on another superb production which is sure to be a popular stocking filler for Tinryland people at home and abroad.

**All-Ireland Rosary Rally for Faith and Life** is taking place outside Dáil Eireann at 12noon on 1st January 2019. Contact [rosaryrallyforireland@gmail.com](mailto:rosaryrallyforireland@gmail.com) for more details.

**ÉIRE ÓG LOTTO** WINNING NO's Dec 17<sup>th</sup> ...1 16 21 30..

No Jackpot Winner..3 x Match 3s received €50 each...

Andrea Ellis, Ann Walker c/o Don Walker, Paddy Snr c/o John Walsh. .Next week's Match 3 win or share €150...

*Tickets may be purchased from the Club. Bingo every Thur night @ 8.30. NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT €5,150. Wishing all a very happy Christmas. Draw takes place every Monday night in Teach Asca at 8.30pm.*

*Live music every Saturday night with no cover charge.*

## **Christmas Dues Collection**

for the Bishop and priests of the parish will be taken up at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Your support is greatly appreciated

## **Christmas Masses**

### Christmas Eve:

Regular weekday Mass at 9.30am.

Askea 6.30pm and 9pm.

Bennekerry 10pm

Tinryland 8pm

### Christmas Day:

Askea 9am, 10.30am and 12 Noon.

Bennekerry 11.30am

Tinryland 10am

St Stephen's Day - Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Dec  
to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December

Askea - 9.30am

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December - Askea 7pm

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Askea 9am, 10.30am and 12 Noon;

Bennekerry 11.30am

Tinryland 10am

## **Confessions available in Askea Church**

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December from 11am to 12 noon.

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December after the 7pm Mass.

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December from 11am to 12 noon.

## **CALENDAR**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup>:-**The Eve of Christmas**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>:- **The Nativity of Our Jesus Christ**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> :-**St Stephen**, the first Christian martyr, was one of those in charge of the poor and needy. He is outstanding for his forgiveness of his enemies. Patron of deacons, stonemasons and bricklayers.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>:-**St John** brother of James, son of Zebedee, the disciple whom Jesus loved, is traditionally said to have died at Ephesus. He is considered to be the author of the Fourth Gospel, The Book of Revelation and three Letters. The Letter especially teaches the law of love; he is said in his old age to have preached only one message — Love one another. In our community we can touch the Divine, we can come close to God. But we have to learn to live centred on God, with respect and love for each other.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup>:-**The Holy Innocents**, martyrs

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>:-**St Thomas a Becket**, 1118-1170, as Archbishop of Canterbury, came in conflict with Henry 11 over Church rights, He was killed in his Cathedral on this date.

## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - Faith**

If you just take a step by faith to do the right thing, then God will do the rest—the things you can't do.

## **CHILD MINDER**

Part-time Child-Minder required Carlow Town

Contact:-087 903 5067

## **A more spiritual version of the famous Christmas story**

Tw'as the night before Christmas, and all through the town, St.  
Joseph was searching, walking up roads and down; Our Lady was  
waiting, so meek and so mild, While Joseph was seeking a place for  
the Child; The children were nestled, each snug in their beds, The  
grown-ups wouldn't bother, there's no room they said; When even  
the innkeeper sent them away, Joseph was wondering, where they  
would stay; He thought of the caves in the side of the hills, Lets go  
there said Mary, it's silent and still; The moon on the breast of the  
new fallen snow, Made pathways of light for their tired feet to go;  
And there in a cave, in a cradle of hay, Our Saviour was born on that  
first Christmas Day! The Father was watching in heaven above,  
He sent for His angels, His couriers of love; More rapid than eagles  
God's bright angels came; Rejoicing and eager as each heard his  
name; Come Power, Come Cherubs, Come Virtues, Come Raphael,  
Come Thrones and Dominions, come Michael and Gabriel; Now fly  
to the Earth, where My poor people live, Announce the glad tidings  
My Son comes to give; The Shepherds were watching their flocks on  
this night, And saw in the heavens and unearthly light; The Angels  
assured them, they'd nothing to fear, It's Christmas they said, the  
Saviour is here! They hastened to find Him, and stood at the door,  
Till Mary invited them in to adore; He was swaddled in bands from  
His head to His feet, Never did the Shepherds see a baby so sweet!  
He spoke not a word, but the shepherds all knew, He was telling  
them secrets and blessing them too; Then softly they left Him, The  
Babe in the hay, And rejoiced with great joy on that first Christmas  
Day; Mary heard them exclaim as they walked up the hill,  
Glory to God in the Highest, Peace to men of good will!

*Sister St. Thomas, B.N.D. de N*



## **Mary's Dream**

I had a dream, Joseph.  
I don't understand it,  
but I think it was about a birthday celebration for our son.  
The people in my dream  
had been preparing for about six weeks.  
They had decorated the house and bought new clothes.  
They'd gone shopping many times  
and bought many elaborate gifts.  
It was peculiar, though,  
because the presents weren't for our son.  
They wrapped them in beautiful paper  
and stacked them under a tree.  
Yes, a tree, Joseph, right inside their homes!  
They'd decorated the tree with sparkling ornaments.  
There was a figure like an angel on the top of the tree.  
Everyone was laughing and happy.  
They gave the gifts to each other, Joseph, not to our son.  
I don't think they even knew him.  
They never mentioned his name.  
I had the strangest feeling that,  
if our Jesus had gone to this celebration  
he would have been intruding.  
How sad for someone not to be wanted  
at his own birthday party!  
I'm glad it was only a dream.  
How terrible Joseph, if it had been real!

*Archive of Homilies*