

Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

Sunday 25th July 2021

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Humble Bumblebee

Watch closely the odd shaped Bumblebee dart.
with a body too fat and wings too short.

Even scientists say it is easily seen,
this creature is not a flying machine.

But watch it now as it hovers so still,
even a helicopter can't match its skill.

Watch now as it darts like a streak of light,
this Bee shows he knows how to fly all right.

Watch it go, wow; it makes flying look easy,
his wings are so fast they make it breezy.

This Bee is living proof for you and me,
that science can't top the agile Bumblebee.
If you are told that something can't be done,
that if you try it you will look real dumb,
just say, "watch the small humble Bumblebee.
God's proof that the impossible can be."

Robert Hewett Snr.

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Anniversaries

Mary Cassidy, 45 Kernanstown, Bennekerry

Eileen Maher, Leixlip and Ardnahue

Paul O'Brien, Russellstown and England

Tommy Sullivan, An Sruthain, Bennekerry

Gary Pender, Russellstown

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

K & L Diocesan Lotto Results

for Wednesday 21st July 2021

Numbers drawn were 04, 09, 25 & 26.

NO Jackpot winner

12 Match 3s winners get €84 each. Askea/Bennekerry had ONE Match 3s.

Winner

Promoter

Annette Byrne

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Next week's Jackpot €12,000.

Tickets for the Lotto

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

Carlow Rainbows Group offer a ten session **Peer Support Programme** for children aged 7 – 13 who have experienced loss through the **death** of a close relative or the **separation of their parents**. These Programmes are run separately, are free to participants and will commence in Askea Parish Centre when it becomes safe to do so. If you are interested, please contact **Anne** on **087 6636 499** or **Norah** on **087 1269 709**. **In addition, we are now offering similar programmes for teenagers aged 13 to 16.**

The Eist Cancer Support Centre continues to provide emotional support and practical help to anyone affected by cancer, their families, and carers. For more details on the services available please contact us on 085 8661499 or email info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie.

The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path

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. A guided walk experience will be offered on Sunday 25th and Saturday 31st July, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. Further dates for these guided walks will follow for late August and early September. For bookings and further information email info@loughderg.org or telephone (00353) 71 9861518. www.loughderg.org

An Gairdín Beo You are invited to COME PICK YOUR OWN project in An Gairdín Beo on every Wednesday from 11 a.m. -1 p.m. for June, July, and 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. There is also a stall of high-quality accessories available on site. New and barely worn scarves, wraps, jewellery, unwanted and unopened gifts, vintage leather, and designer bags (jaeger, phoenix, cicada, brake burn and a vintage Furl) prices range from €35 downwards. 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.

Carlow Library Summer stars 2021 kicked off 14th June & runs until 27th August, book your 30-minute slot at your local library, and arrange to call in with the kiddies & sign them up for lots of reading incentives, competitions etc. Re-opening Public Libraries Services are being provided to the public in a step-by-step manner in line with public health guidance. Currently, we can provide Call & Collect in all branches and Book a Browse in Carlow, Tullow, and Muinebheag Libraries. library@carlowcoco.ie

The Sisters of Mercy Summer Series The Sisters of Mercy of the Northern Province, Ireland is delighted to announce a Summer Series of comhthionól ar líne (online gatherings) to mark 50 years since the publication of “A Theology of Liberation” (Teología de la Liberación) by Gustavo Gutiérrez. Please find information on the attached link:
<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/summer-series-of-comhthionol-ar-line-online-gatherings-tickets-157753560145>

Cycle Against Suicide – Community Buddy Programme

Cycle Against Suicide is inviting community clubs and associations to complete our free 'Community Buddy' Programme and be trained to provide 'Buddy' support in their community.

The Cycle Against Suicide Buddy Programme prioritises peer-to-peer action to identify and help those who may be vulnerable. Our programme trains and equips participants with the practical, hands-on skills and knowledge they need to deliver support to those in mental health distress in their local communities. Our aim is to train and deploy 'Community Buddies' across Ireland. We invite local clubs and associations that have personnel who are already Garda vetted to nominate themselves to complete our 'Community Buddy' training programme. This training, delivered over 2 days or 4 evenings, is free of charge for your club/association and will equip you to provide much-needed support for those in your community who maybe struggling with mental health distress. To sign up please visit <https://www.cycleagainstsucide.com/community-buddy-club/>

BOOKS AVAILABLE Bibles, Catholic Dictionaries, Encyclopaedia of Church History/Theology/Bible. Psychology/Theology/History/Spirituality books. Suitable for parish reading room/library. Summary of titles can be provided or interested parties can call and select.

If interested please contact: Kieran Coughlan, 8 Court lawns, Tullow. 059 9151608 / 087 6283046 kierancoughlan185@gmail.com

Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 2021 7 Night Pilgrimage Package
18th – 25th August Spiritual Director Fr. Sean Hyland cc
Contact: Michael Nerney 086 8157305 Tour operators Marian Pilgrimages.

CALENDAR

Thursday 29th: -St Martha, sister of Lazarus and Mary, is a woman of faith who made her profession of faith in Christ as the Son of God and in the Resurrection. In welcoming a guest, we welcome Christ we show our Christian spirit of service; and we ready ourselves to be welcomed as guests in the Kingdom of God. Patron of innkeepers, cooks and dieticians.

Friday 30th: -St. Peter Chrysologus, died c.450 Bishop of Ravenna, famous for his preaching.

Saturday 31st: -St. Ignatius of Loyola: -1491-1556, from the North of Spain, and founded the Society of Jesus. By the time of his death, the society had spread widely and had over a thousand members. His great theme was the service of God and God's greater glory. The experience of his conversion led to his writing of The Spiritual Exercises.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God is preparing you today for what you need tomorrow. Handle with wisdom, tact, respect, courtesy, and kindness the hearts of the people you work and meet with regularly; you will win many friends, and you will avoid alienating, offending, or hurting others.

Life is so much more enjoyable, and you are much more pleasant to be around, if you have a happy, joyous spirit.