

Holy Family Parish, Askea

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First Sunday of Advent

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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 & Wed

9.30am, Fri 7.30pm,

Sunday 10am

Deadline for items for
Newsletter is 5pm on
Wednesday by phone to
059 9142565 or email
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Keeping in Touch

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Anniversaries

In Memoriam

We ask the Lord to grant eternal rest to:

**Kathleen Mullins, née Browne, Chaplestown
Tom Kehoe, Ardnehue and Dublin Street, Carlow**

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.

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K & L Diocesan Lotto Results for Wed 23rd November 2022

Numbers drawn were 4, 9, 21 & 22. No Jackpot winner.

18 Match 3s get €56 each. Askea / Bennekerry had NO Match3s.

Winner

Promoter

Next week's Jackpot €20,000.

Ticket for the Lotto are available in the Church.

You can also call to the Parish Centre during the week to buy a ticket.

Gift Lotto tickets are also available in the Parish Centre.

You can buy a ticket for multiple weeks (5 weeks = €10; 10 weeks = €20; etc) and receive a gift card with the details.

Carlow Flower Club Christmas Gala 2022 will take place on Tues Nov 29th at 8pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel. The event will support the Irish Alzheimer's Society. Entry Fee €10 will include Mulled Wine and mince pies. All arrangements will be raffled on the night.

Irish Dancing Mary O'Donohoe School of Irish Dancing takes place in Askea Parish Community Centre on Mondays from 6.30pm - for students of all ages from 4 years upwards.
Contact Mary at 087 2434717.

Christmas Tree Festival in St Mary's Church Carlow. Fri 2nd December 12 Noon-9pm. Sat 3rd 10am-8pm. Sunday 4th 12 noon - 6pm. Official opening on Friday 2nd Dec by Bishop Dennis Nulty at 7pm.

Christmas Fair and Coffee Morning on Saturday 3rd December from 10.30am to 4pm in The Old Schoolhouse, Barrack Street, Carlow hosted by the Elderflower Garden Club. Tea / Coffee, mince pies, sweet treats, unique craft items, handmade Christmas decorations, chat with Santa. Why not join us and start your Christmas with a genuine welcome and seasonal atmosphere.

Carlow Choral Society is back in full voice with a gala performance of Handel's Messiah in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow, on 3rd December 2022 at 8.00pm. Having returned to singing in 2021, Carlow Choral Society is now back in full voice with over 70 members and presents an uplifting performance of Handel's Messiah. Conducted by our Musical Director, Blánaid Murphy, with the Irish Choral Sinfonia, and soloists; Aisling Kenny – Soprano, Laura-Joy Copeland – Mezzo Soprano, Eamonn Mulhall – Tenor and Matthew Mannion – Bass, it promises to be a stirring performance of this beautiful oratorio. Tickets are €20.00 and are available on www.eventbrite.ie and www.carlowchoralsociety.com and from choir members.

Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi 2023 Led by Fr Liam Merrigan and Mgr John McEvoy. Visiting Assisi 25th – 27th May 2023, visiting Rome 27th – 31st May 2023. **Total Price: €1265 per person/ Deposit: €150.** Return air ticket including 10kg luggage and taxes, Sharing twin rooms with private facilities for 2 nights in Assisi on half board basis, Sharing twin rooms with private facilities for 4 nights in Rome on B&B basis, Entrance tickets to the Vatican, Sistine chapel, Catacombs & the Colosseum. Single Supplement subject to availability for €195. For reservations phone Tully's Travel on 059 9136100.

Date for your Diary Daniel O Donnell in concert. Wednesday 23rd August 2023. Venue Mt Wolseley Hotel Tullow Co Carlow. Tickets now available from Carmel Dawson 0872221434.

Graiguecullen Bingo on Tuesday 29th Nov St Fiacc's Hall (R93PO30) @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 50 numbers €4,600; Double number €1,090; Lotto €2,900. Great prizes, bring a friend.

Interested in Piano Lessons? I am a music student at the Royal Irish Academy of Music, Dublin. I have completed my Grade 8 RIAM piano exams and was Piano student of the year with Carlow College of Music 2022. I am looking forward to starting classes and if you or your child is interested in learning how to play, please contact me at 083 0787480. Rates very reasonable. Natalia.

Advent Scripture Sharing 2022 Faith Development Services are delighted to provide the Annual Advent Scripture Sharing Booklet for 2022. The booklet can be downloaded free of charge on <https://www.kandle.ie/advent-scripture-sharing-booklet-2022/>

ALONE are seeking volunteers. Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> For more information, contact Frances on volunteer@alone.ie or on 086 1085965.

Killeshin Craft Fair In Killeshin Community Centre on Friday 2nd December 6pm-9pm.

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The worst bankrupt in the world is the man who has lost his enthusiasm. Let him lose everything but enthusiasm and he will come through again to success.