

# Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Emergency Priest on Duty

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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)

## The face of Christ

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*Triona Doherty - Intercom Magazine*

# Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

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Newsletter Items - 059 9143881. **Deadline for News items: - 9pm Wednesdays**

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## **Anniversaries 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

### **Church Collections**

In response to the many queries we have received about Church collections we are listing the parish account details below. If you are making a donation directly to the parish through the Bank please put your name and address in the reference box. You can also hold on to your donation envelope and return it to the Church when things get back to normal. Your support for the Parish is greatly appreciated.

Bank Name and Address: AIB Bank, Tullow Street, Carlow

Name of Account: Bennekerry Parish. BIC AIBKIE2D

IBAN: IE25AIBK93310401334017

### **Contact Details for the Parish Office**

You can contact the Parish Office to book Anniversaries at 087 1269709.

## **Askea Church Re-Opening for Public Masses**

A team of volunteers have been trained to prepare for the reopening of the Church for Public Masses. New procedures have been put in place to ensure your health and safety and the safety of our staff and volunteers.

Entry to Askea Church will be through the door on the Parish Centre side and we are currently limited to 50 people at each Mass. Exit will be through the middle doors of the Church. As you enter the Church you will be invited to sanitize your hands at the battery operated machine and a steward will guide you to your place. Please wear a mask, where possible. Seats will be filled from the front of the church to the back. Spaces have been reserved for those with mobility issues.

You are asked to remain in your seats at all times during the Mass. Communion will be distributed by Ministers moving between the seats and the priest will invite those who wish to receive to indicate their wish by standing up in their places. .

At the end of Mass you will be asked to remain in your seats until the stewards direct you to leave. The congregation will exit the Church, with the back seats emptying first then row by row as indicated by the stewards. Please remember to keep the social distancing as you exit both inside and outside the Church. You will again be asked to sanitize your hands as you leave.

We look forward to welcoming our congregation back and celebrating Mass in the Church once more.

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## **After the Covid -Allotments .**

As a Cocooner I know that I am not the only one of a certain age who is struggling to keep their garden in order. A few years ago I was struggling with a part of my garden that I was trying to cultivate but by mid-June the weeds were winning and by August you could not see the vegetables.

Frustration! What should I do?

Eventually I came up with an idea that I would offer some land, about the size of a suburban garden, free of charge to some Polish friends to cultivate. I kept about the same size of ground for my own vegetables. I knew that many of our Polish friends would like to have a garden to grow vegetables but their accommodation did not have that facility, so it was a win-win situation for everyone.

I found a lot of positives to this, security was improved around our property due to the regular presence of workers, and the fact that part of our garden was no longer overgrown it would have been easy to spot a possible intruder. It's also nice that you could possibly share or swop the produce with each other or have a chat or cup of coffee with your gardeners, the relationship being more friendship than business.

Access could possibly be a problem so it would work best if there is side or rear access to your property. Just something to consider, and maybe a good idea to have a chat with your solicitor if you are considering this gesture.

All in all I have found this to be a very fulfilling thing to do, and definitely gaining more than I have given. Something to consider post Covid 19!

*Liam Furlong, Tinryland Parish*

## **Trócaire**

Now that the Church is open for public Masses Trócaire boxes can be returned during any of the Masses. Your support for the Trócaire organization is much needed and very much appreciated.

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

Eucharistic Adoration takes place in Askea Church on Wednesdays from 10am to 5pm. The regular group of people who have committed to observing an hour at Adoration are asked to let the Parish Office know if they are still available to do so. New volunteers are always very welcome. 087 1269709.

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## **Lough Derg Retreats & Pilgrimages Online**

During the month of June, Lough Derg is offering opportunities to have an experience of retreat and pilgrimage from wherever you are. Online Retreat Days continue on 13 and 18 June. From 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June people can do the Three Day Pilgrimage from afar, along with the Prior and team. To register for this historic event and for full details of what is happening during June go to [www.loughderg.live](http://www.loughderg.live) Tel. 0 (0353) 71 9861518 Email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org)

## **Garden Produce for Sale**

The committee of An Gairdín Beo invites you to come and pick your own produce in the garden. Due to Health and Safety Guidelines from the Government you are asked to bring your own carrier bag, scissors and trowel and to observe the signage directions.

We plan that the sale will continue every Wednesday in July from 10.00am - 1.00pm .

The following produce are now available:

Potted and loose herbs, lettuce, garlic, chad, kale, beans, gooseberries, raspberries,

Home-made chutney will also be on sale.

We regret that there is no parking permitted on site. .

We look forward to welcoming you.

## **K & L Diocesan Lotto**

The Diocese plan to resume the K & L Lotto from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020. Some of our promoters have expressed concerns at having to go door to door collecting ticket money at this time. We are also unclear as to how we can make tickets available in the Church in a way that will meet with the Government and Diocesan health and safety guidelines. To deal with both of these concerns it has been decided that for the moment we will not be selling paper tickets for the Lotto draw. There are a number of tickets on our computer system that had been pre-paid before the “lock-down”. We will continue to enter these tickets for the duration of their prepayment and will review the situation again at a later date.

We thank all our promoters and ticket holders for their continued support.