

# Holy Family Parish, Askea

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## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Tom Little - 91-31559  
Fr Tommy Dillon - 91-64882  
Sr. Joan Pierse 91-42565

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Emergency Priest on Duty  
087 2588118

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Askea Parish Community  
Centre Phone 91-42565  
087 1269709

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Collections last weekend  
Development: €1,765  
Offertory €1,410.

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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)

*Extract from a poem  
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# Keeping in Touch

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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.

Parish Office - 059 9142565 087 - 1269709.

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## **Anniversaries 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019**

Betty and Andy O'Sullivan, Bennekerry

Fergal O'Connor, Brownshill Road

Maureen Clarke

William and Margaret Wills

## **Palatine GAA Club Lotto** Results 29<sup>th</sup> January

2019. Numbers Drawn 11, 17, 18 & 25. No JACKPOT

WINNER. 4 Lucky Dips €50 each.

Winner

Promoter

Spurs Fan

John Kelly, Bennekerry

Maurice Farrell

Jimmy O'Shea

Vinnie O'Brien

John Kelly, Bennekerry

Erin Hogan

Maria (Top Oil)

Seller's Prize €70 - John O'Gorman. Next Draw Monday

4<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Jackpot €11,800.

## Kildare & Leighlin Weekly Lotto Results

For Wed 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Numbers drawn were 17, 22, 23 & 31. No Jackpot winner. 7 Match 3s won €143 each. Askea/Bennekerry had NO Match 3s

Winner

Promoter

Next week's Jackpot €16,000. 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.

### **Askea Senior Citizens News**

Holiday to Newtown Abbey near Belfast at the end of April.  
Further details from Marian at 059 91 43010.

**New Choir:** A new choir is being formed to sing at the 12 Noon Mass in Askea Church. If you are interested in taking part in this choir please contact Eleanor Curran Lacey on 085 7297088 after 5.30pm.

**Development Envelope Collection:** The boxes of the weekly envelopes will be available in the back of the Church. Your support is greatly appreciated.

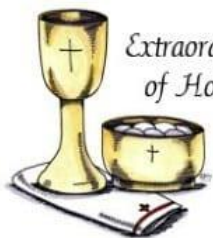
**Asca Juvenile Football** Indoor sessions 3.30pm every Saturday in Presentation College. All ages up to 13 catered for. New members welcome "Everyone gets a game" Contact Peter on 0876142288 or Mick on 0876182061. New members welcome up to u17 in 2019.

**The Three Tenors in Concert,** Borris Church, Co Carlow  
Ireland's Greatest Voices, an evening of popular classic hits from Sinatra, The Dubliners, Pavarotti & Spiritual Favourites!  
Saturday 16th Feb 8.00pm, Tickets €25.

## **Askea Community Games – Upcoming events :**

Area finals for Art & Handwriting take place on 9th Feb 12-4pm , Model making 10th Feb 10-1pm both in Askea Parish Centre. All children from Askea area – welcome to participate. If any child in the area is interested in participating in Swimming County Community Games 23rd Feb please let me know by 3rd Feb on 087 2210530. Like us on facebook page Askea Community games (Area 5) to keep up to date on all activities and all deadline dates for each competition- Basketball, Draughts, Chess, Talent, Mixed Distance Relay Marathon, Table Quiz , Outdoor soccer, Gymnastics , Hurling & Camogie , Gaelic Football, Rounders, Tag Rugby Skittles and Athletics .

**Pro Life Carlow** Talk with Vicky Wall of Every Life Counts in Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow on Thursday February 7th 7:30pm located in the Milford room suite. Organised by Family & Life. Vicky lost a child shortly after birth with life limiting conditions and joined Every Life Counts to offer help and support to children and couples who are expecting a child with short term life diagnosis. All welcome.



*Extraordinary Ministers  
of Holy Communion*

***Would you like to be a  
Minister of Holy  
Communion in the  
Parish?  
Are you already a  
Minister of Holy  
Communion and would  
like a refresher course?***

A three-night diocesan training course, led by Kildare and Leighlin Faith Development Services, will take place in Askea Parish Centre, Carlow on Thursday, February 14, 21 & 28, from 7.30-9:30pm **Booking is essential** For further please contact ***ASKEA PARISH CENTRE 059 91 42565 OR 087 1269709.***

***PLEASE NOTE:*** A completed 'Joint Child and Guardian Consent Form' is required for U18's; available through the parish office.

**Singaloud Childrens' Choir** is now recruiting new members for term 2. Experience singing with a professional voice trainer in this exciting singing ensemble. Come along to the Presentation College on Saturday from 12.30pm to 1.30pm. For further details contact Carlow College of Music 059 9140676  
info@carlowcollegeofmusic.ie

**Aspiro** – Ireland's leading choir for children & young people finally recruiting new members in 2019. Classes resume Tuesday 15th January. Limited number of places available in all groups.  
info@aspirochoir.ie or ph 085-7451111.

**Aspiro Inspired Table Quiz** in Éire Óg Club House at 8pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Great Fun Guaranteed. Table of 4. Price €40 per table. Details from Ellen 087 6109723.

Are you? Struggling with Anxiety or Depression? Finding Life Difficult? Isolated? **GROW is here to help you**  
Our Mental Health Support groups are free and confidential and open to all, no referral or booking needed. Just come along.  
Weekly Meeting Time is: Tuesday @ 7.45pm  
Venue: St Catherine's Social Services Centre Joseph's Road Carlow Town. Contact: Mary 087 2843424

**Kilquan Players Coon, Co Kilkenny** are presenting their 26th Production of drama, which is on 1st, 2nd, 3rd Feb at 8pm sharp in Coon Hall. No bookings. This year's play is a Three Act Comedy called 'Poor Jimmy', and is directed by Benny Mills. Come along and enjoy the performance. Refreshments served afterwards

**Walking football** for men and women over 55 starting in Carlow. The FAI and County Carlow LSP are working together to start Carlow's first ever walking football programme in St Fiaccs Hall! Every Friday in November from 11am – 12pm.  
Every week there will be a post-match cup of tea and a chat!

## **The Everlasting Mercy**

O Christ who holds the open gate,  
O Christ who drives the furrow straight,  
**O Christ, the plough, O Christ, the laughter**  
**Of holy white birds flying after,**  
Lo, all my heart's field red and torn,  
And Thou wilt bring the young green corn,  
The young green corn divinely springing,  
The young green corn forever singing;  
And when the field is fresh and fair  
Thy blessed feet shall glitter there,  
And we will walk the weeded field,  
And tell the golden harvest's yield,  
The corn that makes the holy bread  
By which the soul of man is fed,  
The holy bread, the food unpriced,  
Thy everlasting mercy, Christ.

*John Masefield*

## **CALENDAR**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>: **St Agatha** died a martyr for the faith at Catania in Sicily in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Century. Patron of bell-founders.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>: **St Paul Miki and Companions** martyred at Nagasaki, Japan in 1597. The 6 Franciscans, 17 Franciscan Tertiaries, and 3 Jesuits died suspended on crosses.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>: **St Mel** died in 488. He is said to have been a Briton who came to Ireland with Patrick with whom he worked with until he was ordained in Ardagh. He is one of the earliest Irish saints and gave the religious veil to Brigid.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup>: **St Jerome Emiliani**, d. 1537, after a military career he founded the Clerks Regular of Somaschi for the care of orphans and the poor. Patron saint of orphans.

**St Josephine Bakhita**, 1868-1947, a native of Sudan, brought as a slave to Italy where she became a Christian and later entered the Institute of Canossian Daughters of Charity in Venice.

## **The Splendour of God**

The splendour of God's truth we see  
Like sunlight through the clouds.  
We recognise the good and right  
Yet wrong enthralles the crowds.  
O Light of Christ, shine in our day.  
Your truth we seek and crave.

And in your life may ours be hid  
Who follow in your Way.  
Come swiftly, Lord. Good Shepherd, come.  
Your Church in pain revolves.  
See, shepherds have betrayed the lambs  
And shown themselves as wolves.

O heal your brokenhearted ones  
Bereft and killed by shame.  
Come claim your flock. Defend your own  
Who love your voice and Name.  
Beneath the cross and at the tomb  
And in the upper room.

You pour upon us grace and power  
To triumph over doom.  
Your mother we take as our own.  
On Peter's Rock we stand.  
Oh feed and lead us by your Life  
Into your promised land!  
**Joseph Plunkett**



## **THE FIRST SIGNS OF SPRING**

The first signs of spring bring smiles and joy to us all,  
Its the beginning of nature and the birth of the new season,  
It brings life and renewal back to the cold plains,  
Springing buds that will flourish,  
Then open in full bloom for summer,

The young of the cattle and the spring of the lamb,  
Are all the signs of spring,  
With the snow and freeze temperatures,  
Turning into cool breezes,  
And clear sunny winds blowing,  
Knowing its spring again,

The mundane feelings of winter blues,  
Start to diminish in our seasonal affective winter faces,  
As the sun shines a bit warmer,  
So does the color of our face glow brighter,  
And all show well in the spring of their steps,  
As even the old can get out some more,  
Now spring has arrived with safer passage,

Spring is also a time to clear out,  
The unwanted items in our homes as we spring clean,  
Then there the things to forget or put in the past,  
Is in the spring cleaning of our thinking,  
To clear our thinking better for a clearer future,

Then there's the renewal of forgiving,  
As we forgive and forget, Forgiving to start anew,  
Is the starting again, Or re birthing the past,  
With a new attitude to help,  
Its foundations this time round stronger,

Ellen Ni Bheachain