

Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

Sunday 4th July 2021

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Blessing

May the light of your soul guide you
May the light of your soul bless the work you do with the
secret love and warmth of your heart.

May you see in what you do the beauty of your own soul.
May the sacredness of your work bring healing, light and
renewal to those who work with you and to those who see and
receive your work.

May your work never weary you.
May it release within you wellsprings of
refreshment, inspiration and excitement.
May you be present in what you do.
May you never become lost in the bland absences.

May the day never burden.
May dawn find you awake and alert,
approaching your new day with dreams, possibilities and
promises.
May evening find you gracious and fulfilled.
May you go into the night blessed, sheltered and protected.
May your soul calm, console and renew you.

John O'Donohue (1956-2008)

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Anniversaries

Bridget Pender, Rainestown, Bennekerry

Johnny Harmon, Links Road, Browneshill

John Sommers, Palatine

Daniel Pender, Rathvilly and Ardnehue

Baby Aoife Farrell, Johnstown, Bennekerry

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

K & L Diocesan Lotto Results

for Wednesday 23rd June 2021

Numbers drawn were 09, 12, 15 & 21. No Jackpot Winner
27 Match 3s winners get €38 each. Askea/Bennekerry had
1 Match 3s

Winner

Promoter

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Next week's Jackpot €20,000.

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.**

Lough Derg 2021

Registration is now open to "Do Lough Derg from wherever you are" from 3rd to 5th July. The Prior, Fr La Flynn, will do the Three-Day Pilgrimage on the Island during these days. To offer a live link by webcam in support of those who will choose to do the pilgrimage wherever they are, some of the Lough Derg staff will do the pilgrimage in St. Mary's Church in Pettigo. To register or for further information please email info@loughderg.org, telephone(00353)719861518. www.loughderg.org

An Gairdin Beo

COME PICK YOUR OWN project has started in An Gairdin Beo on every Wednesday from 11 a.m. -1 p.m. for June, July, and August

As well as a limited supply of fresh vegetables potted herbs and. flowers will be on sale.

Some chutneys made from garden produce will also be available.

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, however we ask you to bring your own mug/cup.

Donation boxes will be at the cob oven area. All proceeds go back into the development and maintenance of An Gairdin 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.

Looking forward to seeing you again

Think Globally. Act Locally.

Are you being called to the Permanent Diaconate?

Permanent Deacons are ministers of the Word, the altar and service.

Bishop Denis is inviting expressions of interest in learning more about formation for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin.

The Permanent Diaconate is open to men aged between 30 and 60 who have a genuine sense of vocation to this calling. Deacons are self-supporting and continue in their family lives and secular employment. A new programme of discernment and formation for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese will commence in October 2021.

For further information please contact Rev. John McEvoy before Saturday July 31st. Tel: 059 9161114 Email: permanentdiaconate@kandle.ie

‘You did not choose me, but I chose you’ – John 15:16

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>

Irish Church Music Association Virtual Summer School –'Songs of Love, Faith, Trust & Praise' - July 7th-10th 2021

Streaming on ICMA Facebook and YouTube with workshops Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at 8pm and on Saturday at 2pm, followed by closing Eucharist. No booking required. Free event. An ICMA virtual choir will accompany the summer school. This project is open to all and we hope lots of you will join us for 4 days of music workshops, prayer, and liturgical input as we explore the psalms of love, faith, trust, and praise!

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

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.

As part of the Healthy Ireland At Your Library Programme of events, there is a free Webinar on Zoom on Thursday 15th July at 7pm with Dr. Mary O’Kane, Dr Mary O’Kane is a Lecturer in Psychology and Education. She runs a monthly Parenting Slot on Ireland AM discussing a broad range of parenting and childhood issues. She is also a regular contributor to the Alison Curtis Show on Today FM. Her first book, *Perfectly Imperfect Parenting: Connection not Perfection*, was published in April 2021. This talk is based on her new book *Perfectly Imperfect Parenting*. Places are limited so booking is essential to library@carlowcoco.ie

Clothes Collection Supporting Friends of Calcutta (CHY NO: 13218)

We had a fantastic response to the clothing collection last week.

Thanks to all who kindly donated. It is very much appreciated. Michael Hopkins 087-9073074

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

If you rejoice even in the midst of pain or problems, that joy becomes your strength, your help, your comfort, and your solution.

CALENDAR

Monday 5th: **St Anthony Mary Zaccaria** 1502-1539, was a medical doctor before becoming a priest in Milan. He founded the Barnabites.

Tuesday 6th: **St Maria Goretti**, 1890-1902, stabbed to death in defence of her virtue. She forgave her attacker on her deathbed.

St Monnine: -of Killeavey was one of Ireland's early women saints. After instruction on the religious life, she founded a community which consisted initially of 8 virgins and a widow with a baby at Sliabh Guillion, Co. Armagh. They lived an eremitical life, based on that of Elijah and St John the Baptist. Moninne died in 517 or 518.

Wednesday 7th: **St Maelruain** (Maolruain), bishop and abbot, founded the monastery of Tallaght, Co. Dublin in 774 which introduced a reform. Important liturgical and spiritual writings emerged from this movement known as Céili dé Reform. He died in 792.

Thursday 8th: **St Killian** was probably born in the parish of Mullagh in the diocese of Kilmore. With eleven companions he left Ireland and became known as the apostle of Thuringia and Eastern Franconia. With two others he was put to death c 688. There is a very strong devotion to him in Wurtzburg, where his remains lie, and also throughout the Bavarian countryside.

Friday 9th: **St Augustine Zhoo Rang and Companions**. St Augustine Zhoo, born in 1746, converted to Christianity, was ordained a priest and martyred in 1815. The memorial celebrates 119 companions, martyred in China over several centuries but especially in the Boxer Uprisings.