

Holy Family Parish, Askea

5th January 2020 Vol 29 No 5

Second Sunday of Christmas

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Emergency Priest on Duty

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Askea Parish Community

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Last week's Collections:

Development: €

Offertory: €

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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

Deadline for items for

Newsletter is 5pm on Wednesday

by phone to 9142565 or email to

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Website: www.askeaparish.ie

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Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

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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.

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Anniversaries 5th January 2020

The deceased members of the Hutton Family,

Rutland Terrace

William, Teresa & Michael Treacey, Ballinakillbeg

Palatine GAA Club Lotto Results 23rd December 2019. Numbers

Drawn 4, 11, 25, & 30. No Jackpot winner.

4 Lucky Dips €50 each.

Winner

Promoter

CCG Healy

Online

Bruno

Maria Top Oil

Plus One

John Kelly, Bennekerry

Jean & Denis Hogan

John Kelly, Bennekerry

Seller's Prize €70 - Kevin O'Hagan.

Palatine GAA Club Lotto Results 30th December 2019. Numbers

Drawn 1, 3, 18, & 27. No Jackpot winner.

4 Lucky Dips €50 each.

Winner

Promoter

Evan Gordan

Online

Ber Tobin

John Kelly, Bennekerry

Sarah Conroy

John Kelly, Bennekerry

Eddie Kelly

Top Oil

Seller's Prize €70 - John Kelly, Bennekerry.

Next Draw Monday 6th January, 2020. Jackpot €11,000.

Kildare & Leighlin Weekly Lotto Results

New Year Lotto Arrangements:

First draw of 2020 will take place on Wednesday 8th January 2020.

Whisperings of my Soul

Fr Seán's book *Whisperings of my Soul* is available to buy in Askea Parish Community Centre or in the Church after Mass – price €15.

Carlow Rainbows Group offer a nine session Peer Support

Programme for children aged from 7 to 13 years of age 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 January 2020. If you are interested please contact Anne on 087 6636 499 or Norah on 087 1269 709. In addition we are now also offering similar programmes for teenagers aged from 13 to 16 years.

Adult Country Jiving, Quickstep & Waltzing dance classes

commencing on Thursday 23rd January 2020. Course runs for 6 weeks 8.00-9.00pm every Thursday. No Partner Required. Registration & Payment (€60) on the night. Academy of Dance, Carlow Youth & Community Centre, Green Lane, Carlow. Phone 0872727315.

Tinryland parish magazine "Reaching Out 2019" The 24th annual Tinryland parish magazine "Reaching Out" is now available and includes many contributions which should prove a nice enjoyable read over the Christmas holiday period. The magazine is available at Hosey's Staplestown Road, Rath's Londis Superstore Pollerton, Tinryland Church, Tinryland G.F.C., Tinryland N.S. and from the editor Maureen Byrne.

For Sale: Grave Accessories – Flower pots, flower vases, Lanterns etc. Polished granite. Top Quality. Contact 087 9027278.

Thanks The Parish Team wish to thank all those who contributed so generously to the Christmas Dues collection. Your support for the Bishop and priests of the parish is greatly appreciated.

Askea Community Games – Upcoming events 2020: If any children from the Askea area are interested in competing in U10 and U13 Boys and Girls Indoor Soccer Area or U13 and U15 Boys and Girls Futsal please contact us 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. Events include Model making, Basketball, Swimming, Art & Handwriting, Draughts, Chess, Talent, Mixed Distance Relay Marathon, Table Quiz, Outdoor soccer, Gymnastics, Hurling & Camogie, Gaelic Football, Rounders, Tag Rugby Skittles and Athletics.

Child minder Required Person required for housework 3 hours per week. Own car and reference essential. Contact Askea Parish Centre for details. 059 91 42565.

Drama Tots Drama and Imaginative Play classes for preschoolers for 3 to 5 years. €5 per class in Askea Parish Community Centre. Contact Deirdre Hickey 085 7736960. Follow us on Facebook SallySoap Suds.

Walking Towards Unity: You are Warmly Invited to this Walk which will start at Carlow Methodist Church, then to St. Mary's Church of Ireland and finally to the Cathedral of the Assumption. Starts at 2.30 pm in Carlow Methodist Church, Athy Road, Carlow on Sunday 19 January 2020.

CALENDAR

Monday 6th:- **The Epiphany of The Lord** is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel Son of God and Saviour of the world. This great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the Wise Men.

Tuesday 7th:-**St Raymond** of Penyafort 1175-1275, was a brilliant lawyer when at the age of forty-seven he became a Dominican. Later he became Master General of the Dominicans and Archbishop of Tarragona.

Saturday 11th:-**Eve of the Baptism of the Lord**

I Am The New Year

Life, I am the new year.

I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.
I am your next chance at the art of living.

I am your opportunity to practice
what you have learned about life
during the last twelve months.

All that you sought
and didn't find is hidden in me,
waiting for you to search it out
with more determination.

All the good that you tried for
and didn't achieve
is mine to grant
when you have fewer conflicting desires.

All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do,
all that you hoped but did not will,
all the faith that you claimed but did not have -
these slumber lightly,
waiting to be awakened
by the touch of a strong purpose.

I am your opportunity
to renew your allegiance to Him who said,
'behold, I make all things new.'

I am the new year.

Author Unknown

God's Grandeur

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil
Crushed. Why do men then now not reckon his rod?
Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;
And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with
toil;
And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell:
the soil
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;
And though the last lights off the black West went
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs
—

Because the Holy Ghost over the bent
World broods with warm breast and with ah!
bright wings.

GERARD MANLEY HOPKINS

A Wish

Mine be a cot beside the hill,
A bee-hive's hum shall sooth my ear;
A willowy brook, that turns a mill,
With many a fall shall linger near.

The swallow, oft, beneath my thatch,
Shall twitter from her clay-built nest;
Oft shall the pilgrim lift the latch,
And share my meal, a welcome guest.

Around my ivy'd porch shall spring
Each fragrant flower that drinks the dew;
And Lucy, at her wheel, shall sing
In russet gown and apron blue.

The village-church, among the trees,
Where first our marriage-vows were giv'n,
With merry peals shall swell the breeze,
And point with taper spire to heav'n.

Samuel Rogers

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Good manners and soft words have brought many a
difficult thing to pass.

Aesop