

# Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

## Come to me... I will give you rest

At certain times we have all felt under pressure, stressed or stretched to our limits. This may have been because of personal or family problems, difficulties, worries, sickness, pressure of work or maybe the lack of work. At some stage we have all felt overburdened by what life throws at us. At times like that we all need a helping hand or an encouraging word. We need human support but we also need something more.

In today's Gospel Christ is offering us a comforting invitation when we feel overburdened: "***Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest.***" Christ's invitation is an open door for us to enter at any time but especially when we feel the pressures of daily living getting too much for us to handle. He invites us to go to Him and he offers us rest and peace.

He invites us to learn from Him because of two beautiful qualities he has – ***gentleness*** and ***humility***. We need these two qualities so much in our world today where aggression and arrogance are often portrayed as necessary virtues if one is to succeed. Today's psalm praises God because "***He is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.***" God's love and compassion took flesh in the person of Jesus Christ. As one writer said: "*Jesus is the compassion of God.*"

Knowing His great love and compassion should encourage us to take up the wonderful invitation Christ offers us today and to learn from His gentleness and humility.

# Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020

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## The Road of Faith

Shine your light O Lord  
So that I may see  
Just where I am heading  
And what's in front of me

Your word is the light  
The lamp unto my feet  
It may not light far ahead  
Nor show me where it's steep

But it gives enough light  
For each step I take  
Just enough to see ahead  
Along this road of faith

For this is what it surely is  
As we walk with Jesus Christ  
The road that we are travelling on  
Is by faith, not by sight

So shine your light O Lord  
So we may see our way  
Though you only show in part  
It's enough for each new day

M.S.Lowndes

# St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

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## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020

### 10.30am Mass

#### Anniversaries:

Aoife Farrell, Johnstown, Bennekerry

The McAssey Family, Johnstown, Bennekerry

#### Month's Mind:

Marie Bermingham, Kernanstown

### 11.30am Mass

#### Anniversaries

Johnny Harmon, Brownhill (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

Danny Pender, Ardnahue (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

Brigid Pender, Rainstown (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

#### 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 bring your donation envelope with you to Mass and return it in the boxes provided at the doors as you enter the Church. 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.

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

Welcome back to everyone returning to public Masses.

Please follow the directions of the stewards.

To maximise the space in the Church you will be directed to your seat.

To minimise contact in the Church we will fill the seats starting at the front and working to the back.

At Holy Communion time the Eucharistic Ministers will go between the seats. If you wish to receive you are asked to stand up.

At the end of Mass we will empty the church starting with the back rows. Please follow directions of the stewards.

Please sanitise your hands as you leave the Church.

Please remember to socially distance both inside and outside the Church.

## **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 7pm. 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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Name of Account: Askea Parish. BIC BOFIE2D

IBAN: IE78BOFI90653118867569

## **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 resumed the K & L Lotto draw last 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.

## **Kildare & Leighlin Weekly Lotto Results for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020.**

Numbers drawn were 12, 18, 30 & 32. No Jackpot winner.

8 Match 3s won €125 each. Askea/Bennekerry had NO Match 3s.

Next week's Jackpot €17,000.

## CALENDAR

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

**St Moninne**:-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.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>:-**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.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>:- **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.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>:-**St Augustine Zhao Rang and Companions**. St Augustine Tchoo, born in 1746, converted to Christianity was ordained priest and martyred in 1815. The memorial celebrates 119 companions, martyred in China over several centuries but especially in the Boxer Risings.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>:-**St Benedict**, 480-547, after living as a hermit at Subiaco he founded the monastery of Moate Cassino. His rule observed by Benedictines and Cistercians is distinguished by its wisdom and balance and those who live by it did much to shape the Europe of today. He was named patron of Europe in 1964.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A twig on its own is fragile and can be easily snapped,  
but many twigs bound together become unbreakable.

### Reflecting on Life

Take time to stop today  
Take time to stop a while  
Reflect on how life changes  
Then take the time to smile  
Know that as the days go by  
These things that challenge you  
Will one day just be memories  
Of times you have gone through  
Look back now on yesterday  
And all you have achieved  
Recognise the strengths you've gained  
The blessings you've received  
One day in the future  
You will think about today  
You'll see just how these challenges  
Have helped you on your way

Written by Michelle Tetley