

Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Times:

Askea 9.30am Mon-Fri.

Sat 7pm.

Sun 9am, 10.30am

& 12 Noon.

Bennekerry

Sat 7pm & Sun 11.30am.

Tinryland Tues & Wed

9.30am, Thurs & Fri 7.30pm,

Saturday 6pm,

Sunday 10am

Deadline for items for

Newsletter is 5pm on

Wednesday by phone to 059

9142565 or email to

office@askeaparish.ie

Website: www.askeaparish.ie

Blackberry-Picking

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For a full week, the blackberries would ripen.

At first, just one, a glossy purple clot

Among others, red, green, hard as a knot.

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Like thickened wine: summer's blood was in it

Leaving stains upon the tongue and lust for

Picking. Then red ones inked up and that hunger

Sent us out with milk cans, pea tins, jam-pots

Where briars scratched and wet grass bleached our
boots.

Round hayfields, cornfields, and potato-drills

We trekked and picked until the cans were full,

Until the tinkling bottom had been covered

With green ones, and on top big dark blobs burned

Like a plate of eyes. Our hands were peppered

With thorn pricks, our palms sticky as Bluebeard's.

We hoarded the fresh berries in the byre.

But when the bath was filled, we found a fur,

A rat-grey fungus, glutting on our cache.

The juice was stinking too. Once off the bush

The fruit fermented; the sweet flesh would turn
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Keeping in Touch

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

Mary and Joseph Doyle, Rutland

John O Mahony, Bennekerry

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

K & L Diocesan Lotto Results **for Wednesday 1st September 2021**

Numbers drawn were 09, 21, 24 & 31.

NO Jackpot winner

8 Match 3s winners get €125 each. Askea/Bennekerry had
One Match 3s.

Winner

Promoter

Mary Dunne

Askea Church

Next Week's Jackpot €18,000.

Tickets for the Lotto

The Lotto draw continues in Portlaoise. We will continue to enter pre-paid tickets in the draw.

Guided Pilgrimages on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path will be offered on Sunday 12th, Wednesday 15th, Saturday 18th & Sunday 26th September and Sunday 3rd October, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option. **Advance booking is essential.** For further information email info@loughderg.org or telephone 071 9861518. www.loughderg.org

Digital IT Zoom Workshops Dates: Monday 4th and 11th of October and Monday 1st and 8th of November. Time: 10.00am-12.00 noon. To book your place contact fdunne@kcetb.ie before September 24th Tutor: Jennifer Fitzpatrick This workshop is sponsored by Carlow ETB.

From next week Mass times in Bennekerry and Tinryland will return to pre- covid times of 11.30am Bennekerry and 10am Tinryland.

Apple Tree pruning in An Gairdín Beo

Tutor: Eddie Byrne Dates: Monday 18th October, and Thursday 21st of October Time: 10.00am-12.00 noon

Practical guidance and hands on experience on how to prune apple trees. Workshop is sponsored by Carlow ETB and is free to participants, but you must book your place in advance by contacting fdunne@kcetb.ie before 1st of October.

Willow Basket Weaving Tutor: Heike Kahle Date: 15th November

Time: 10.00am-5.00pm Each participant will learn weaving skills and will be enabled to make their own basket. This workshop is sponsored by Carlow ETB You need to book your place before Friday 1st of October by contacting

fdunne@kcetb.ie Max 8 participants

Notice of Migrant Sunday Collection Migrant Sunday takes place

on the 26th of September. This year we are holding a collection to support the work of the Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants (IECE) who provides grant funding to Irish organisations overseas working with the most vulnerable of our emigrant community; from the elderly and isolated to the undocumented and those dealing with mental health problems.

South Leinster Money Advice & Budgeting Service

Carlow MABS 72d Tullow Street Carlow Tel: 076 107 2070.

Free, independent, and confidential Money Management and Advice Service. Assisting people in dealing with their existing debts and helping them to begin to manage their own resources.

MABS offers free Debt Relief Advice under Personal Insolvency options. Money Management Sessions provided for Transition/Leaving Cert Students & Community Groups.

Askea Senior Citizens. We have not been able to have any activities over the past year and a half. Unfortunately, after much discussion and thought we are still not able to resume our nights out etc. We feel it is not yet safe or possible to do day trip or holiday yet. We miss you all and as soon as we are able to get back, we will. Hoping you are all well. Stay safe and mind yourselves. we will keep you all updated.

Invitation You are invited to view a selection of Rare Oak Trees at the home of Mr Johnny Couchman of Johnstown House, Bennekerry on Sunday 5th September at 3pm. Suggested voluntary admission fee of €5 with proceeds going to Medicines San Frontiers. Area code R93TK35.

An Gairdín Beo You are invited to COME PICK YOUR OWN project in An Gairdin Beo on the next couple of Wednesdays from 11 a.m. -1 p.m. till the middle of September

The following vegetables are on sale. Beetroot, onions, lettuce, white turnips, beans, potatoes cut herbs, potted herbs, tomatoes, chili growing in pots, kale, cucumber, potted outdoor plants, potted indoor plants, wildflower seeds homemade marmalade and chutneys. In the interest of health, safety, and sustainability you are asked to bring your own bag and tools. You are welcome to enjoy outdoor tea and coffee, containers supplied.

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. We apologise too that no card facility is available. We look forward to meeting you again.

The Eist Cancer Support Centre has moved to [46 Idrone Park, Carlow](#). Eist continues to provide emotional support and practical help to all affected by cancer. To make an appointment or for more information please contact us on 085 8661499 or info@eistcarlowcancersuport.ie.

CE Vacancies

Carlow Regional Youth Services are currently recruiting for the following positions on their CE Programme:

Teenage Youth Support Worker (x1) –based in Tullow

Teenage Youth Support Worker (x1) –based in Bagenalstown

Teenage Youth Support Worker (x1) –based in Carlow

Afterschool's Youth Workers (x2) – based in Carlow Town

These positions are 19.5 hours per week. If you are interested or want to check your eligibility, please call Lisa/Marie on 085 2101494 or 059 9130476 for inquiries.

Assumption Services Ltd Community Employment

Vacancies

CES-2180316 Project Assistant with Barbados, duties to include but not restricted to light shopping, cleaning, light admin duties, setting up for activities, assisting other staff.

CES 2180317 Admin/Cleaner with Askea Parish, duties to include but not restricted to typing, answering phones, taking messages, assisting the public, setting up rooms, cleaning etc.

CES 2810448 Day Care Assistant with Carlow Day Care, duties to include but not restricted to cleaning, helping service users with their personal care, serving meals, entertaining service users, helping on the bus, etc.

CES 2183911 Housekeeper in SVP Men's Hostel, duties to include but not restricted to cleaning of the men's hostel, sweeping, washing floors, dusting etc.

CES 2185459 Cleaner in the Cathedral, duties to include cleaning of the church, sweeping, hoovering, buffing floors, cleaning chairs, setting up for coffee morning (when restrictions are lifted).

CES 2815734 Maintenance, duties to include but not restricted to cutting grass, weeding flower beds, setting up for bingo (after restrictions are lifted), cleaning of the youth centre, helping in other areas of the parish, etc.

Should you need any further information on the above vacancies please contact Jo 9.30am to 4.30pm only on 0858726367.

Legion of Mary the Legion of Mary is celebrating 100 years in existing this year. A Mass to celebrate this occasion will take place in Askea Church on Monday 6th September @ 7.30pm

Childminder Available Mature, responsible, fully experienced lady childminder available to mind and carry out school runs before 9.30am and collect from school and mind after 2.50pm in Carlow town (own job in preschool between these hours) Fully qualified ECCE Practitioner for children with special needs, full clean driving license, FAR training, health & safety training, and Lam user. Contact 085 1640405

Season of Creation 2021: One Simple Step You Can Take

Today The theme for the Season of Creation 2021 is 'Restoring Our Common Home'. During this season we are asked to join together to celebrate creation and protect our common home through prayer, reflection and action. You can find plenty of resources to mark this month at www.kandle.ie

This year we celebrate this season mindful of the fact that our world continues to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic as well as a devastating climate and biodiversity crisis. We look towards two UN Conferences in the Autumn, COP15 (on Biodiversity, due to take place in China) and COP24 (on climate change, Glasgow) in the hope that world leaders take the urgent action that is needed to Restore Our Common Home. Catholics are urged to log on to www.thecatholicpetition.org

to sign the **"Healthy Planet Healthy People"** petition as a key action for this year's Season of Creation.

CALENDAR

Wednesday 8th: -Nativity of The Virgin Mary

Thursday 9th: -St. Ciaran was born in Roscommon around 512. He came to Clonmacnois in January 545 where he founded a monastery which became one of the most renowned in Europe. He died at the age of thirty-three while the monastery was still being built.

Monday 10th: -**St. Peter Claver** born in Verdu, Catalonia in 1580, a member of The Society of Jesus (Jesuits). In 1610 he was sent to Cartagena in Colombia and worked for thirty-three years among slaves until his death in 1624.

THOUGHT for THE WEEK

It's a lifelong process to learn to involve God more in your life and work, and to operate in ways that are effective for your spirit-just like staying fit and healthy physically should be a lifelong priority.

Keep your eye steadily fixed on God, draw from His infinite source of inspiration and strength, and you will find that you are capable of much more than you thought you were.

You never lose by being loving, and you never know how far a loving example will go in someone's life.