

Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Emergency Priest on Duty

087 2588118

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Askea Parish Community

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Collections last weekend

Development: €1,532

Offertory €1,356

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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
office@askeaparish.ie

Website: www.askeaparish.ie

The Clock of Life

The clock of life
is wound but once
And no man has the power
To tell just where the hands
will stop,
At late or early hour.
To lose one's wealth
is sad indeed,
To lose one's health is more.
To lose one's soul
is such a loss
As no man can restore.
The present only is our own.
Live, love, toil with a will.
Place no faith in 'tomorrow'
For the clock may then be still.

Robert H Smith

Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

Sunday 7th April 2019

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Forgiveness

My heart was heavy, for its trust had been
Abused, its kindness answered with foul wrong;
So, turning gloomily from my fellow-men,
One summer Sabbath day I strolled among
The green mounds of the village burial-place;
Where, pondering how all human love and hate
Find one sad level; and how, soon or late,
Wronged and wrongdoer, each with meekened face,
And cold hands folded over a still heart,
Pass the green threshold of our common grave,
Whither all footsteps tend, whence none depart,
Awed for myself, and pitying my race,
Our common sorrow, like a mighty wave,
Swept all my pride away, and trembling I forgave!

George William Russell

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

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

Wednesdays Emergency Number for the Priest on Duty 087 2588118.

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Anniversaries 7th April 2019

James (Jim) Sweeney, Friarstown, Bennekerry

Maura Duigan, Francis Duigan and Bridget Nolan,

Bullock Park

Collections last weekend:

Offertory €415 - Development €415

Palatine GAA Club Lotto Results 1st April 2019.

Numbers Drawn 6 ,8, 10,29. No JACKPOT WINNER.

4 Lucky Dips €50 each.

Winner

Promoter

James Murphy

John Kelly Bennekerry

Hughie Murphy

John Fitzpatrick

Kevin Curran

Willie Mullins

Aoife Ryan

Maria Top Oil

Seller's Prize €70 - Liz Nolan. Next Draw Monday 8th April

2019. Jackpot €13,600.

Kildare & Leighlin Weekly Lotto Results

For Wed 3rd April 2019. Numbers drawn were 18, 23, 25 & 31. No Jackpot winner. 5 Match 3s won €200 each.

Askea/Bennekerry had No Match 3s

Winner Promoter

Next week's Jackpot €20,000. 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.

Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to

Lourdes 2019 led by Bishop Denis Nulty. Pilgrimage Director: Fr Paddy Byrne. 1st to 6th August, 2019 – Cost €759. All bookings to be made through Joe Walsh Tours, 143 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2. Forms are available from Askea Parish Community Centre. Payments for the pilgrimage may be made on a phased basis through the Parish Centre.

Mass times for the season of Lent In addition to the weekday morning Mass at 9.30am in Askea Church, an Evening Mass will be celebrated from Monday to Friday at 7pm. Other Services in Askea are: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays from 10am to 7pm. Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Tuesdays after the 9.30am Mass. The Stations of the Cross will be recited before the 9.30am Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays during Lent. The Rosary will be recited before the 9.30am Mass on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent and before the 9.30am Mass on every weekday outside the season of Lent.

“Whisperings of My Soul” – Fr Seán Hyland

Fr. Sean Hyland's book *'Whisperings of My Soul'*, is available in the Sacristy after Mass or from the Parish Centre during the week. This book tells the story of his many heavenly blessings and extraordinary consolations of faith which ultimately led to his ordination in 2014. Book costs €15.

Towards Peace Towards Peace is a service offering spiritual support to those who have experienced abuse perpetrated by Church personnel, individually or institutionally. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space for people and their families, whose spiritual life has been damaged by abuse. It is also a response to the continually growing understanding of the spiritual impact of the trauma of abuse. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. If you have been abused and would like a space to reflect on the impact of the trauma of abuse on your own relationship with God and spirituality, Towards Peace is here for you. www.towardspeace.ie Tel: 01 505 3028. Mobile: 086 7710533. Up to twelve sessions are available and there is no fee.

Carlow Rainbows Group offer a nine session **Peer Support Programme** for children aged 7 – 12 who have experienced loss through the **death** of a close relative or the **separation of their parents**. Programmes are free to participants. If you are interested please contact Anne on **087 6636 499**

The Environment - Climate Change

The Pope Francis / *Laudato Si* Study Group continues on Tuesdays at 7.30pm in Askea Parish Community Centre. All welcome. *Fr Tom Lalor.*

Legion of Mary: Parish Hall Tinryland – Sunday 7th April 2019 from 2pm to 5.30pm. Afternoon of prayer for P.P.C. (Travellers for Christ). Full details on Church notice boards. All are welcome.

In Memoriam

We ask the Lord to grant eternal rest to:

Timmy O'Keeffe, Palatine

and we offer our sympathy and the support of our prayers to all who have suffered the loss of a loved one at this time.

Trócaire boxes are available in the Church.

Lent invites us to personal spiritual renewal, and also to be mindful of our poor, oppressed and persecuted sisters and brothers and to reach out to them in their hour of need.

Thinking of what to do for Lent? Lenten Programme announced for parishes across Kildare and Leighlin Diocese. Bishop Denis is inviting all of us to take this time of Lent to reflect on our celebration of the Mass and to renew our own appreciation of the Sunday Mass as the highpoint of our Christian life. Over the weeks of Lent a whole suite of resources will continue to be added to on www.kandle.ie Look out for iCatholic videos, handouts for take home reading, as well as a parish based four night programme exploring the Mass. This is being hosted by a number of parishes across the diocese and is open to everyone. The nearest venue to us is: **Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre, Tuesdays from 7pm to 8.30pm. All welcome.** *Let's make this Lent make a difference!*

CALENDAR

Thursday 11th: **St. Stanislaus** became bishop of Krakov, Poland in 1072. His outspoken condemnation of corruption resulted in his murder in 1097.

Saturday 13th:- **St. Martin** died in 655 from harsh treatment in exile and prison,

An Invitation to you from Bishop Denis - Chrism Mass

2019 Having journeyed together, 'Digging Deeper' into our Sunday Mass this Lent, I warmly invite each of you to join me for our annual diocesan Chrism Mass on Monday, April 15 at 7:30pm in Carlow Cathedral. The diocese is a family of parishes and on this night, we get to gather as a family, priests and people from our 56 parishes. This is a wonderful celebration of the Mass, rich in music and ritual. Come early to get a seat and stay for a cuppa afterwards!

Are you a Reader in the parish or would like to become one?

"Entrusted with the Word" is a three-night training course offered by Kildare and Leighlin Faith Development Services. Open to new and existing parish readers, the next course will take place in Áras Bhríde, Kildare (beside parish church) on Thursday, May 2, 9 and 16 from 7:30-9:00 p.m. All who attend will receive the Diocesan Guide for Readers, as well as a certificate of participation. Booking is essential through Askea Parish Office. 059 91 42565.

Training Course for New and Existing Parish Baptism Preparation

Teams. Tues, May 7th, Wed 8th May and Tues 14th May in Cathedral Parish Centre, Carlow from 7:30-9:30 pm. This three-night course is open to new and existing teams. It will include an exploration of home visits as well as central preparation meetings. Certificate of Participation in this diocesan programme will be sent to parishes for participants on completion of the course. Booking is essential through Askea Parish Office. 059 9142565.

Concert in Tynock Church Rathvilly Kiltegan Parish host the Celtic Brothers featuring the Willoughbys in Concert on Sat, 27th Apr at 8pm in Tynock Church. Tickets €20. Door Prize €100. Tickets are available from Rathvilly Parish Office 059 9161114.

Coffee Morning hosted by the Parents Group from Holy Family Primary Schools to raise funds for the Homeless takes place in Dolmen Room of Askea Parish Centre on Wednesday 10th April from 10am. All welcome.

Carlow College of Music – Prize Winners’ Concert

on Sunday 7th April 2019 at 4pm in St Mary’s Church, Castle Hill, Carlow. All are welcome. Admission: Adults €7. Children Free.

Priory Institute Holy Week Online Retreat Sign up now to take part in a series of 8 recorded sessions with presenters who will guide you a reflective Gospel reading in the format used by *Lectio Divina*. This online retreat is entirely free of charge. Register by April 12 by emailing enquiries@prioryinstitute.com

Experienced Child Minder available four days a week from September Contact 086 8896427.

2019 Annual Walk – The Columban Way

Saturday 25th May Bunclody to Myshall Village, Carlow. Sunday 26th May Myshall Village to Leighlinbridge, Carlow. Fund Raising Event. Cost €20 for 3 stages or €10 for 1 stage. All money raised goes towards Columban Way trail development. Limited to 100 participants so prior booking is essential. Book through Eventbrite or contact columbanwaymyshall@gmail.com for further details. Accommodation on Saturday or Sunday can be arranged through Carlow Tourism 059 9130411.

Graiguecullen Monster Easter Bingo. Sunday 7th April 2019 @ 3pm. Great Prizes to be won. Easter Eggs left and right of the winner.

Applying for CAO 2019? Visit Carlow College, St Patrick’s Open Evening on April 9th from 5-8pm

Free Public Lecture by Leading US Scholar, Irish Americans in the first Parliament of Religions. Leo D. Lefebure of Georgetown University will speak at Carlow College, St Patrick’s on Monday 8th April at 1.45pm. For more information and registration please visit www.CarlowCollege.ie

Barnardos Carlow – Parents Plus: Early Years Parenting Programme – for parents of 1 – 6 year olds. Free parenting programme starting on Thursday 9th May from 10am to 12.30pm for 7 weeks in Barnardos, 24 Askea Lawns, Carlow. Booking essential. Contact 059 9132868.

Do you have fond memories of playing board games around the kitchen table? Are you looking for an alternative to “the pub” to spend time with other people? Come along to the Community House at the Haymarket in Carlow Town Centre between 8pm and 10pm on Friday nights in April (excluding the 19th). This is a free event and is open to all but for adults only. For more information contact Sinead on (087) 2264202.

Divine Mercy Sunday, Edenderry Church – 28th April 2019
Programme; Confession at 2:00 pm; Rosary; Readings from St. Faustina Diary; Chaplet to the Divine Mercy at 3:00 pm; Holy Mass at 3:20 pm; Veneration of the Image ‘Jesus I Trust in You’; Veneration of the First Class of Faustina Relic; Blessing people with the First-Class Relic of St. Faustina. Also, Divine Mercy Prayer first Sunday of the Month at 2.45pm. Divine Mercy Prayer takes place every Friday at 7.30pm.

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service seeking marriage preparation facilitators. ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation course facilitators. If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church, if you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage Accord wants to hear from you! Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation courses locally. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to info@accord.ie

Do you live with a long term health condition? A 6 week self-management course for people living with a long term health condition starts on the 3rd May in Bagenalstown. Book your place at <https://se-livingwell-carlow.eventbrite.ie>. For more information, contact Lana/Denis on 086 816 3772.

Irish Church Music Association Summer School & Conference ICMA

is celebrating 50 years of existence this year in St Patrick's College, Maynooth. *Rejoice and Sing – Celebrating 50 Years of the Irish Church Music Association - Remembering, Celebrating and Moving Forward* is the theme for this year's celebrations. Celebrations will begin with a two-day Conference beginning 1-2 July. Keynote speakers are Fr Michael Joncas and Professor Lizette Larson-Miller. Fr Michael Joncas continues as the guest director for the Summer School.

FREE ART EXHIBITION: Shaw Room, Carlow Central Library; Mon 8th - Friday 12th April, 10.30-1.30 daily. Local Artists (Service Users) attending Social Farming placements in Co. Carlow, have produced an interpretative visual display of Artwork depicting, an Ancient Mass Pathway, Stone Styles and Green fields along its route. This exhibition of work announces the existence of a Mass pathway located at Kilcoole, Rathoe, Co. Carlow and links ancient settlement sites in neighbouring Kellistown and Graignalug. This project and the works produced have been funded by Creative Ireland: Art Council. Please feel free to pop along in passing the beautiful works on display. For further information you can contact: Simone Webb 085 753 4544

"Tea and Cake this Easter Break" Join Senator Jennifer Murnane O Connor and Brandon Bolger for tea/coffee and baked goods in aid of Aoi bheann's Pink Tie in Graiguecullen Parish Hall on Sunday April 14th after 11.30 am Mass. There will be a special appearance by ten-year-old Brandon's yellow Zetor 6211 tractor which he is using to raise money for several local charities as well as the charity which has given him so much pride, raising money for the sick children in Crumlin hospital, the hospital from which Brandon is receiving treatment for a rare cancer called Ewings Sarcoma. Aoi bheann's Pink Tie provides financial and practical support to children and their families battling cancer in Ireland. All are welcome.

House to rent in Sandhills 3 bed house available to rent from July 1st would suit a family or professionals. Min of 1yr lease required. Contact 086 8362332.

Cork to Carlow Cycle: Cards for the 41st annual wheelchair cycle on the 15th and 16th of June 2019, are available from White's Pharmacy, Tullow Street Carlow, IWA Centre, Kilkenny Road, Carlow or Jack Doyle Cycle Organiser, 086-8402081.

Study Theology Online – Meet current students and teaching staff and attend a lecture in Theology. Open Day 10th November. Is this for you? enquiries@prioryinstitute.com
www.prioryinstitute.com 01 4048124. The Priory Institute, Tallaght Village, Dublin 24

An Gairdín Beo, Old Dublin Rd., Carlow Earth Day 22nd April 2019

Theme: Protect our species. Without our bees our favourite fruits, vegetables and nuts could vanish from our shelves and a third of our food supply will be gone. Bees need your pollinator friendly flowers and plants. Our bees and insects are becoming extinct but you can prevent this extinction by taking the following simple steps in your home: Cut down / cut out use of pesticides; Talk to your family, friends and elected officials; Check out natural remedies to deal with pesticides; Protect your green spaces and start a small wildlife corner in your garden; Use and promote organic products. *'The ecological crisis is a summons to profound interior conversion'* *Laudato Si* (Pope Francis)

Bennekerry NS Charity Clothing Collection for NCBI,

Drop off point: Old School Hall, Bennekerry, Carlow.

Thursday 2nd May 3.15pm - 4pm, Friday 3rd May 3.15pm - 4pm

Saturday 4th May 11am - 12noon, Sunday 5th May 12noon -

12.45pm. **No duvets, pillows, jewellery, books, socks or underwear please.**

Never Lose Hope . . .

If you can look at the sunset and smile,
then you still have hope...

If you can find beauty in the colours of a small flower,
then you still have hope...

If you can find pleasure in the movement of a butterfly,
then you still have hope...

If the smile of a child can still warm your heart,
then you still have hope...

If you can see the good in other people,
then you still have hope...

If the rain breaking on a roof top can still lull you to sleep,
then you still have hope...

If the sight of a rainbow still makes you stop and stare in
wonder, then you still have hope...

If the soft fur of a favoured pet still feels pleasant under your
fingertips, then you still have hope...

If you meet new people with a trace of excitement and optimism,
then you still have hope...

If you give people the benefit of a doubt,
then you still have hope...

If you still offer your hand in friendship to others
that have touched your life, then you still have hope...

If receiving an unexpected card or letter still brings
a pleasant surprise, then you still have hope...

If the suffering of others still fills you with pain and frustration,
then you still have hope...

If you refuse to let a friendship die, or accept that it must end,
then you still have hope...

If you look forward to a time or place of quiet and reflection,
then you still have hope...

If you still buy the ornaments, put up the Christmas tree or cook
the turkey, then you still have hope...

Anger can harm yourself more than any other

A carpenter went home after shutting down his workshop, a black poisonous cobra entered his workshop.

The cobra was hungry and hoped to find its supper lurking somewhere within. It slithered from one end to another and accidentally bumped into a double-edged metal axe and got very slightly injured.

In anger and seeking revenge, the snake bit the axe with full force. What could a bite do to a metallic axe? Instead the cobra's mouth started bleeding.

Out of fury and arrogance, the cobra tried its best to strangle and kill the object that was causing it pain by wrapping itself very tightly around the blades.

The next day when the carpenter opened the workshop, he found a seriously cut, dead cobra wrapped around the axe blades.

The cobra died not because of someone else's fault but faced these consequences merely because of its own anger and wrath.

· Sometimes when angry, we try to cause harm to others but as time passes by, we realise that we have caused more harm to ourselves.

· For a happy life, it's best we should learn to ignore and overlook some things, people, incidents, affairs and matters.

· It is not necessary that we show a reaction to everything.

Step back and ask yourself if the matter is really worth responding or reacting to.

· Let Treat people with kindness even if they hurt you.

· People that show no inclination to change, are best handled with silence and prayer.

If I hurt someone, grant me the humility courage to ask for forgiveness.