

Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Fifth 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

Deadline for items for
Newsletter is 5pm on
Wednesday by phone to 059
9142565 or email to
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Website: www.askeaparish.ie

THE FIRST SIGNS OF SPRING

The first signs of spring bring smiles and joy to us
all,
Its the beginning of nature and the birth of the new
season,
It brings life and renewal back to the cold plains,
Springing buds that will flourish,
Then open in full bloom for summer,

The young of the cattle and the spring of the lamb,
Are all the signs of spring,
With the snow and freeze temperatures,
Turning into cool breezes,
And clear sunny winds blowing,
Knowing its spring again,

Spring is also a time to clear out,
The unwanted items in our homes as we spring
clean,
Then there the things to forget or put in the past,
Is in the spring cleaning of our thinking,
To clear our thinking better for a clearer future,

Then there's the renewal of forgiving,
As we forgive and forget,
Forgiving to start anew,
Is the starting again,
Or re birthing the past,
With a new attitude to help,
Its foundations this time round stronger,

Ellen Ni Bheachain

Keeping in Touch

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

Sunday 7th January 2021

Andy and Betty O'Sullivan, Bennekerry

John Kelly, Bennekerry

Pat Walsh, Ballyvere

Gerry Fitzpatrick, Kilmeade, Athy

Broadcast Mass times:

We continue to broadcast Mass from Holy Family Church, Askea on Monday to Friday at 9.30am. Rosary is recited immediately before Mass at 9.05am.

Weekend Masses will be broadcast at 7pm on Saturdays and 9am and 10.30am on Sundays.

You can access our webcam at

<http://www.askeaparish.ie/our-parish/web-cam/>

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

K & L Diocesan Lotto Results

for Wednesday 3rd February 2021

Numbers drawn were 07,09,26 & 32. No Jackpot winner of €12,000.

10 Match 3s winners get €100 each. Askea/Bennekerry had 1 Match 3s

Winner

The Goats

Promoter

Una Hade

Next week's Jackpot €13,000.

Tickets for the Lotto

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

Priory Institute

Interested in studying Theology on line? – Registrations for our spring semester are closing Tuesday 9 February - For more information see <https://youtu.be/RITTrHeeqp8> or www.prioryinstitute.com

CARLOW TOASTMASTERS:

Want to overcome your fear of public speaking? Maybe improve you speaking or presentation skills for work or a new job. You can still have fun at the same time with Carlow Toastmasters. We meet online during the Lockdown via ZOOM on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 8pm. Why not join us? New members and guests are always welcome. For further information please call Catherine on 087-696-4374. Alternatively DM Carlow Toastmasters Facebook page.



Have you noticed recently the birds are back singing. It signals the advent of spring. Based on the weather you would think they would not be nesting yet but they are looking at prospective locations. If you have any nesting boxes, see if they have any old nests in them or debris, any such material should be removed.

We should continue to feed them as there is very little available to them in the wild. Fat balls and peanuts are good. I find that if I put the mixed seeds into the feeder the birds are a bit sloppy and drop some seeds which results in a visit from rodents within a few hours.

If you feed birds expect a visit from birds of prey like a Sparrow Hawk or Buzzards. I have a very cheeky Buzzard at the moment who does not move if I get near him. Of course these boys are after the small birds. Why not put up a nest box or two. I put up a ball with a hole in it and a wren made a nest. Surprising but truly amazing!

Liam Furlong (Tinryland)

CALENDAR

Monday 8th:-**St Jerome Emiliani**, d. 1537, after a military career he founded the Clerks Regular of Somaschi for the care of orphans and the poor. Patron saint of orphans.

St Josephine Bakhita, 1868-1947, a native of Sudan, brought as a slave to Italy where she became a Christian and later entered the Institute of Canossian Daughters of Charity in Venice.

Wednesday 10th:-**St Scholastica**, died in 543, sister of St Benedict. She spent her life as a consecrated virgin. Patron of convulsive children.

Thursday 11th:-**Our Lady of Lourdes** On this day in 1858, 150 years ago this year, Our Lady first appeared the 14-year-old Bernadette Soubirous. Later Bernadette was to learn that the mysterious lady was the Blessed Virgin and to hear from her lips, 'I am the Immaculate Conception'. In 1992 Pope John Paul 11 instituted the World Day of the Sick to be held on the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes.

St Gobnait is one of the best loved Irish saints in West Cork but only tradition concerning her life survives. The main part of her life was spent in Ballyvourney, Co. Cork where there has always been deep devotion to her and which is a place of pilgrimage on this day and on Pentecost. Her gifts of caring for and curing the sick have been a significant part of her life cult through the centuries. Happily, her memorial coincides with the World Day for the Sick.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Challenges in life come in three broad categories:- easy, difficult, and impossible. Those who take on only the easy have a safe and boring life. Those who take on the difficult have a tough but satisfying life. Those who take on the impossible are remembered.

Actions to help transform our world

Sustainable Development Goal

Number 11



31. Learn how to make your village, town or city greener.
32. Promote car-pooling in areas with limited public transport.
33. Make use of your local recreational spaces.