

Holy Family Parish, Askea

6th June 2020 Vol 29 No 30

Trinity Sunday

Fr. Tom Little - 91-31559

Fr Tommy Dillon - 91-64882

Sr. Joan Pierse 91-42565

Emergency Priest on Duty

087 2588118

Askea Parish Community

Centre Phone 91-42565

087 1269709

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

Feast of the Holy Trinity

What was the Incarnation, if not God's compassion in human form? Today, the Feast of the Trinity, we hear the well-loved passage from John's Gospel:

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.'

In giving Jesus, God immersed himself fully in our world and in our humanity. Not only that, but he experienced humanity in its most broken form, all the way to suffering and death. And all of this, he did out of love and compassion for us.

We have only to look at how he treated those who were most marginalised in his own time. He was with people in their brokenness, in their fear and suffering. He became weakness itself. We are called to do the same. True compassion means entering into the brokenness of the world. You will have heard the expression that we can't truly understand another person until we have walked a mile in their shoes. Before we judge others for their choices or their situation in life, we must really understand them, be with them, and share in their experiences. That is true compassion.

Triona Doherty – Intercom Magazine

Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

Sunday 6th June 2020

Trinity Sunday

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we are reminded that the mystery of the Trinity is an invitation to live and to love. Once we have incorporated the Trinitarian life into our personal and communal life, we come to understand the mystery of the Trinity better.

The more we live lives of faith, the more we understand the Trinity.

The more we live in unity as family and as parish community, the more we understand the Trinity.

The more we love, the more we understand how we are loved by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Our whole Christian life is caught up in the life of the Trinity. In our liturgy, we pray to the Father through Jesus and in unity with the Holy Spirit. And we are taught to imitate the Trinity, which means entering more and more fully into the life of God, a life which is never selfish, but generous and compassionate. Trinity Sunday is an opportunity to remind ourselves of this truth that we sometimes easily forget. Family and community form an image of the Trinity. The love and compassion of family and community give witness to the love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

So we are invited today to share in the life of the Trinity, the very life of God. We are invited to live in a way that reflects this divine love. Let us stay close to Jesus, because only in Him can we begin to understand, however little, this immense mystery of God's love for us.

Every time we make the sign of the Cross, we are expressing our belief in the Trinity. Often we do this carelessly, without any thought of what we are doing. When you make the sign of the Cross today, take a moment to pay reverence to the great mystery of the Holy Trinity. It brings together in so few words and a simple movement of the arm all that we believe in and all that we live for.

Intercom Magazine

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

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.

Parish Office - 059 9142565 087 - 1269709.

Website: www.askeaparish.ie; email: office@askeaparish.ie

Anniversaries 6th June 2020

Billy Fitzpatrick, Ballylennon

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

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 hold on to your donation envelope and return it to the Church when things get back to normal. 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.

Trócaire

Trócaire boxes can be returned to Askea Church on Wednesdays in June between 10am and 5pm. 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 5pm. 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.

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 hold on to your donation envelope and return it to the Church when things get back to normal. Your support for the Parish is greatly appreciated.

Bank Name and Address: Bank of Ireland, Shamrock Plaza, Carlow
Name of Account: Askea Parish. BIC BOFIIIE2D
IBAN: IE78BOFI90653118867569

Kildare & Leighlin Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine – Trinity Sunday 7th June 2020

This weekend the Diocese had planned to hold their Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine. You can still take part in a virtual pilgrimage and watch live online at www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live.

Light a Candle – Lighting a candle at Knock and taking a few moments to pray for a loved one is a very special and prayerful experience. As we are unable to visit Knock in person, we invite you to light an online prayer candle.

Place a Petition – Place your petition online. Online petitions are included with all petitions received at Our Lady's Shrine and prayed for during Mass.

Mass Enrolments – Remember a loved one with a Mass Enrolment in Knock Shrine Friends Association. Members will share in two Masses daily at the Shrine for one year. This is a lovely way to remember a deceased loved one, to celebrate family occasions or simply to let someone know that you are thinking about them.

Smell the roses, hear the birds

Without doubt one of the upsides of the Covid 19 lockdown has been the improvement in the atmosphere worldwide. Closer to home the benefits have been plentiful from:

- * Hearing the beautiful songs of our song birds.
- * Watching the antics of those same birds.
- * The plentiful supply of Bumblebees early in the year.
- * The bountiful flowering of trees, especially the apple trees.

It is hard to imagine that Ireland's biodiversity is in dire trouble, but *Birdwatch* Ireland have been studying what exactly this means and here are some results:

- * Two thirds of bird species are in trouble with some of them heading for extinction.
- * One third of our wild bee species threatened with extinction.
- * 85% of our EU protected habitats have "Bad Status".

In May 2019 the Irish Government declared a Biodiversity and Climate emergency but as a country we are failing to put in the necessary resources to protect our biodiversity. Yet we hear and read about families who have discovered the beautiful bird songs and seeing nature for the first time during the Covid crisis. Imagine waking up in five years' time and not be able to hear the Dawn Chorus simply because we ignored the needs of these beautiful creatures. Everyone can help to improve the biodiversity around our houses, estates, roads, ditches etc.

Putting pressure on our politicians through persistent lobbying could yield great benefits- just something to think about.

Liam Furlong – Tinryland Parish