

# Holy Family Parish, Askea

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## Twenty Sixth 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 & Wed 9.30am,  
Fri 7.30pm, Sunday 10am

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Deadline for items for  
Newsletter is 5pm on Wednesday  
by phone to 059 9142565 or  
email to [office@askeaparish.ie](mailto:office@askeaparish.ie)  
Website: [www.askeaparish.ie](http://www.askeaparish.ie)

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# Keeping in Touch

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# St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

Fr Tom Little PP - Ph 059 9131559. Fr Tommy Dillon PE 059 9142565  
Newsletter Items - 059 9143881. **Deadline for News items: - 9pm  
Wednesdays** Emergency Number for the Priest on Duty 087 2588118.  
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## **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

### **Anniversaries**

Kathleen Brennan Jnr, Kernanstown, Bennekerry.

Frances Ffrench, Brownshill Ave

Paddy Cassidy Snr, 45 Kernanstown, Bennekerry.

Christy O'Brien, Russellstown.

John & Annie O'Keefe, Palatine

& their grandson Andrew O'Keefe, Crew, England.

Molly Rossiter, Kernanstown.

Philomena (Dilly) Nolan, Kernanstown.

### **In Memoriam**

We ask the Lord to grant eternal rest to:

Betty Doyle Gurteen Grone, Palatine & Pollerton

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.

## Weekday Masses in Askea Church

The priests of the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin will attend a retreat from Sunday evening 25<sup>th</sup> September until Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Because of this, there will be a Prayer Service with the distribution of Holy Communion from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September to Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September included at 9.30am in Askea Church instead of the morning Mass.

## K & L Diocesan Lotto Results for Wed 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022

Numbers drawn were 02, 08, 15 & 18.

**There was NO Jackpot winner.**

24 Match 3s get €42 each. Askea/Benekerry had Match 3.

Winner

Promoter

Next Week's Jackpot €14,000.

## Autumn Dues for Priests & Bishop of the

**Parish:** can be handed in at all Masses this weekend. Your support is very much appreciated.

**Flower Rota in Askea Church** Volunteers to help with flower arranging in the Church would be most welcome. If interested, please leave your name and details in the Sacristy after Mass or ring the Parish Centre on 0599142565.

**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 0876636499**. **We are now offering similar programmes for teenagers aged 13 to 16**. Programmes will commence on Monday, October 3rd.

**Yoga with Pam Butler**, Askea Parish Community Centre, Thursdays 6:30pm - 7:30pm from September 29<sup>th</sup>. Contact Pam on 086 089 1141 or book your spot at [pambutleryoga.com/shop](http://pambutleryoga.com/shop). Beginners welcome!

**Askea Senior Citizens news** Monthly night out on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 7pm to 9.30pm. Bingo, music, and a cuppa. Transport available contact 059 91 43010.

**Irish Dancing** Mary O'Donohoe School of Irish Dancing returns to Askea Parish Community Centre from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October from 6.30pm catering for students of all ages from 4 years upwards. Further details from Mary at 087 2434717.

**Féile an Fhómhair/Autumn Festival '22** The Autumn Bilingual Festival takes place from 30<sup>th</sup> Sept – 7<sup>th</sup> Oct. Events include screenings of the acclaimed films 'An Cailín Ciúin' and 'Róise & Frank'; set dancing and sean-nós; storytelling; walking; Irish conversation; quizzes and more. Full Féile programme on [facebook.com/glor.cheatharlach](https://www.facebook.com/glor.cheatharlach). Free copies in Carlow Library, Carlow Tourism and VISUAL. Enquiries to 085 1340047, 087 2857048 or [emma@glorcheatharlach.ie](mailto:emma@glorcheatharlach.ie)

**Irish Classes / Ranganna Gaeilge** Final chance to enrol for the autumn series of Irish Language Courses for adults. Classes commence this week in the Cathedral Parish Centre from 7 – 9pm. Elementary level on Mondays and Intermediate level on Tuesdays. Register on [www.gaelchultur.com](http://www.gaelchultur.com) or contact Glór Cheatharlach on 085 1340047, 087 2857048.

**Comhrá Gaeilge:** Céad míle fáilte to the weekly gatherings every Wednesday at 12 noon in Lamberts Coffee House, Dublin St for an hour of Irish Conversation over a *cupán caifé*. Irish speakers and learners are welcome.

**Carlow Flower Club** Carlow Flower Club meet on Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Sept at 8pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Kilkenny Road, Carlow. New members always welcome. The Club meets on the last Tuesday of every month. Annual membership €40. (Visitors €10 per night). The September Demonstrator will be Sharon O'Sullivan AOIFA Demonstrator and Teacher. Looking forward to welcoming back all our members and friends.

**Rathvilly & Castledermot Garden & Flower Club** meet on Thurs, Sept 29th in Teach Diarmada, Castledermot, Eircode R14 YF61, at 7.30pm. Speaker is Gavin Moore of Dublin Alpine Society. The talk will feature Alpine plants, both growing & showing etc. Admission €5 & Raffle €5. Tea, Biscuits & chat afterwards.

**Healing Through Scripture** Understand and unlock the treasures of God's Holy Word with Catholic lay preacher Brother Johnson on Monday October 3rd from 6.30pm to 9.30pm @ Dalton's, Colt, Portlaoise, R32W14F. All are welcome.

**Alpha Online** Is there more to life than this? For questions like this, try Alpha. Alpha is a series of 10 interactive sessions, exploring Christianity and Faith. Each sessions consists of a 30 mini video followed by a 30min open discussion and sharing of experiences. For more details click on the link <https://alphaireland.org/try> Starting Thursday 29th September for one hour 8pm to 9pm. All are welcome. Please register by supplying your name, email and phone number to the presenters:- Des O'Doherty, [odohertydes@gmail.com](mailto:odohertydes@gmail.com) or 087-122-1345 Kevin Kiernan, [kevinkiernan9@gmail.com](mailto:kevinkiernan9@gmail.com) or 086-244-6436 We will then send you the link to the zoom meeting.

## CALENDAR

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> **St. Cosmas and St. Damien** early martyrs in Syria, patrons of physicians. They were known as the Anargyri (the holy moneyless ones) in the East since the never took money for their medical services.

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> **St. Vincent de Paul** 1580-1660 founded The Congregation of the Mission (The Vincentians) and Daughters of Charity (1633), the first sisters to work out side their convents in active service. He is patron of charitable works

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>:-**St.Wenceslaus** 905-25, Prince of Bohemia, killed by his brother, patron of brewers.

**Ss Lawrence Ruiz and Companions.** During the period 1633-1637 these sixteen martyrs shed their blood out for Christ in the city of Nagasaki, Japan.

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>:-**St Michael, St.Gabriel and St. Raphael**, Archangels.

Friday 30<sup>th</sup>:-**St Jerome**, 340-420, translated the Bible into Latin, and wrote commentaries on Scriptures. Patron of librarians.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>:-**Thérese of Lisieux.** Marie Francois Thérèse Martin died at the Carmel in Lisieux on 30th September 1897. She was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope John Paul 11 in 1979. Patron saint of missions, florists, aviators and France.

## **The Most Beautiful Flower (Poem)**

The park bench was deserted as I sat down to read  
Beneath the long, straggly branches of an old willow tree.  
Disillusioned by life with good reason to frown,  
For the world was intent on dragging me down.  
And if that weren't enough to ruin my day,  
A young boy out of breath approached me, all tired from play.  
He stood right before me with his head tilted down  
And said with great excitement, "Look what I found!"  
In his hand was a flower, and what a pitiful sight,  
With its petals all worn – not enough rain, or too little light.  
Wanting him to take his dead flower and go off to play,  
I faked a small smile and then shifted away.  
But instead of retreating he sat next to my side  
And placed the flower to his nose and declared with overacted surprise,  
"It sure smells pretty and it's beautiful, too.  
That's why I picked it; here, it's for you."  
The weed before me was dying or dead.  
Not vibrant of colours: orange, yellow or red.  
But I knew I must take it, or he might never leave.  
So I reached for the flower, and replied, "Just what I need."  
But instead of him placing the flower in my hand,  
He held it mid-air without reason or plan.  
It was then that I noticed for the very first time  
That weed-toting boy could not see: he was blind.  
I heard my voice quiver; tears shone in the sun  
As I thanked him for picking the very best one.  
"You're welcome," he smiled, and then ran off to play.  
Unaware of the impact he'd had on my day.  
I sat there and wondered how he managed to see  
A self-pitying woman beneath an old willow tree.  
How did he know of my self-indulged plight?  
Perhaps from his heart, he'd been blessed with true sight.  
Through the eyes of a blind child, at last I could see.  
The problem was not with the world; the problem was me.  
And for all of those times I myself had been blind,  
I vowed to see the beauty in life, and appreciate every second that's mine.  
And then I held that wilted flower up to my nose  
And breathed in the fragrance of a beautiful rose  
And smiled as I watched that young boy, another weed in his hand,  
About to change the life of an unsuspecting old man.

*(Author Unknown)*