

Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Second 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

Deadline for items

for Newsletter is

5pm on Wednesday by

phone to 059

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office@askeaparish.ie

Website:

www.askeaparish.ie

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Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry – Sunday 14th of January
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Newsletter Items - 059 9143881. **Deadline for News items: - 9pm
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Anniversaries 14th January 2024

Martha Fennelly, Palatine

Jim Doyle, Sion Cross, Bennekerry

Bennekerry Senior Citizens' Committee

The Seniors' Christmas party takes place on Sun 14th Jan 2024
in Woodford Dolmen Hotel. Meal served at 7pm.
Please contact committee members if you wish to attend.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Kindness and courtesy can make an average person superior;
indifference and lack of concern can make a superior person
average.

Medjugorje Pilgrimages. 24- 29th May 2024. Spiritual Directors Fr. Yanbo Chen. CC. & Fr Tommy Dillon CC; 11th Sept - Fr. Theodore Tomasik CC. Deposit €200 to be paid before 2nd Feb to avail of discount. Group Leader Noeleen 0862415986.

Bennekerry N.S. Enrolments Bennekerry N.S. will be accepting applications for enrolment for the coming academic year from January 8th, 2023. All applications must be made on our Admission Application form which is available from the secretary at 059 -9143495 or email bennekerry@gmail.com

Junior Infant Enrolment – Scoil Mhuire gan Smál, Green Lane, Carlow September 2024. Scoil Mhuire gan Smál in an all-girls' primary school from Junior Infants to Sixth Class located in the Centre of Carlow town with a long-standing tradition of providing a holistic education for its pupils. Enrolment for Junior Infants for September 2024 will open on January 8th, 2024, and closes on February 5th 2024. Enrolments can be made by phoning the school 059 9142705, by emailing the school (smgscarlow@gmail.com) or via the school office to collect an enrolment form, (R93FP57). See our Twitter or Instagram for an insight into Scoil Mhuire.

Rainbows Spring Programmes Twice yearly, Carlow Rainbows offers a nine- week programme for young people aged 7 to 16 who have suffered the loss of someone close to them, or the separation of their parents. A NEW PROGRAMME is now being offered for those aged 13-16. Held in Askea Parish Community Centre, the programmes are free to participants and will commence on February 5, 2024. For further information contact Anne on 0876636499 or email carlowrainbows@gmail.com.

Development Envelopes The Development Envelopes for the Church collections for the coming year are available in the Church. Please take one. Your support is greatly appreciated.

K & L Diocesan Lotto Results for Wed 10th January 2024

Numbers drawn were 08, 10, 20, 22. No €14,000 jackpot winner.
11 Match 3s get €91 each. Askea / Bennekerry had no Match 3s.
Winner Promoter

Next week's Jackpot €15,000. Ticket for the Lotto are available in the Church. You can also call to the Parish Centre during the week to buy a ticket.

POP UP GAELTACHT 2024:

A céad mile fáilte is on the mat in Teach Bar/Teach Dolmain, Tullow Street on Thursday, 11 January from 8.30pm for the first Pop Up Gaeltacht of 2024. These Irish conversation gatherings meet on the second Thursday of each month at 8.30pm before the trad session commences. Why not drop in on Thursday and share New Year Greetings '*as Gaeilge*'.

Cathedral Evening Prayer for St Brigid February 1st marks the opening of a national year commemorating St Brigid, patron of our diocese and secondary patron of Ireland, 1500 years since her death. Bishop Denis invites people from across the diocese to join him for a special evening prayer in the Cathedral of the Assumption on February 1st at 7:30 pm. Music will be led by Fr Liam Lawton and the diocesan choir.

Piano Lessons Available Royal Irish Academy of Music Grade 8 teacher with over 5 years teaching experience. Beginner and exam students welcome. Contact 089 4997779 for more information.

Welcoming the relic of St Brigid As we prepare to celebrate the life of St Brigid on February 1st and on this, the 1500th anniversary of her death, the Brigidine Sisters from their convent in Tullow are very generously loaning their relic of St Brigid to Kildare Parish for the year. The relic will be housed in a specially designed shrine in St Brigid's Church, Kildare. The shrine will be unveiled, and Mass will be celebrated in honour of St Brigid and the generosity of the Brigidine Sisters on Sunday 28th January at 11am. This is seen very much as a home-coming for St Brigid and all are most welcome to attend.

IRISH GRINDS: Irish grinds required for 5th year student, text or phone 085 7675502 if you have any availability.

St Brigid's Camino Walk, Monasterevin Parish Takes place on Monday 5th February starting at St Brigid's Shrine, Mountrice at 11am, led by Bishop Denis. The walk will journey to Umeras, reputed birthplace of St Brigid, continue along the new canal Blueway and finish in Sts Peter & Paul Church, Monasterevin with a service of light at 12.30pm. For more details, please contact Monasterevin Parish Office 045-525346

M. Nerney Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 2024 Direct flights to Mostar – Medjugorje. Dublin to Medjugorje in Half the Time. 12th - 19th June 2024 €765. Price increases to €815 after 2nd Feb 2024. Spiritual Director: Fr. Sean Hyland C.C. Contact: Michael Nerney 086 815 7305

Yoga For Beginners - New Course with Pam starts Thursday January 18th, 7-8 pm. Register at pambutleryoga.com/shop or 086 089 1141.

Irish and Business grinds available contact Holly at 085 2067077.

Graiguecullen Bingo Tuesday 16th January. St. Fiacc's Hall 8.30pm. Jackpot on 46 numbers €1480. Double number €670. Lotto €3400.

Missing Diamond eternity ring. Rose and white gold. Please call Carlow Garda station 059 9136627 or 085 7627147 if found.

COMHRÁ GAEILGE 2024: The weekly Irish Conversation gatherings continues in Lambert's Café, Dublin Street on Wednesday, 10 January from 12.00-1pm. Fluent speakers and learners welcome along every Wednesday at midday. *Bígí Linn!*

Carlow Choral Society Rehearsals and Seeking New Members

Following an extremely successful 2023 season, Carlow Choral Society is delighted to announce that they are returning to rehearsals on Monday 08 January in the Cathedral Parish Centre, R93 XV10 at 7:45 pm. An open evening will be held in the same location on Monday 15 January from 7:30 pm. We are seeking new members for the coming season and welcome all voice parts, especially tenors and basses. An ability to read music is an advantage but not a prerequisite, as support is provided.

Performances in 2023 included Brahms German Requiem with the RTÉ Concert Orchestra in Carlow Cathedral and Christmas concerts in Carlow Cathedral with The Marlborough Baroque Orchestra and in the National Concert Hall, Dublin with Lyric Opera Ireland.

Discover the benefits of joining our vibrant community choir and being part of a supportive network that fosters wellbeing, collaboration and lifelong connections through singing. For more information about the society visit www.carlowchoralsociety.net or email carlowchoralsociety@gmail.com.

Learn to Jive/Waltz & more Adult Beginner Social Dance 5-week course commencing Thursday 25th January 8-9pm at 'The Academy of Dance Carlow', Carlow Youth Centre, Green Lane R93 V327. No partner required, registration and payment in full on first night €50/person. Booking/Info – 087 27 27 315. Children's ballroom & Latin classes age 4+ every Thursday – 0872727315 for more information.

New Year Resolution – Act Now! Introductory Course on Philosophy & Meditation A 10-week course, focusing on how to live our lives more truly and happily will commence in The Rathaskar Room, McAuley Place, Naas, at 7.30pm on Thursday 18th January 2024. Full details of the Course and Registration via the website, www.practicalphilosophy.ie or phone 01 660 3788 or email info@practicalphilosophy.ie Only €10 for Term! No previous knowledge of the subject is necessary, and all are welcome.

CALENDAR

Tuesday 16th **St Fursa** was born in Ireland and became one of the great monastic missionaries abroad. He went first with his brothers Fóilan and Ultan to live the monastic life in East Anglia. But as great numbers continued to visit him there, he left Fóilan as abbot and sought refuge in France around 644. A patron gave him a hermitage at Lagny on the Marne. He died about 650 at Mezerolles while on a journey. His body was buried in Pèronne, which became a great centre of devotion to him.

Wednesday 17th **St. Anthony**, died 356, ‘Father of Monasticism’, lived a life of solitude but also attracted many others to form communities of hermits.

Saturday 20th **St Fabian**. had been Pope for 14 years when martyred under Decius in the year 250.

St Sebastian may have been a soldier and was martyred in the persecution of Diocletian. He sustained many others in their trials.

In the Bleak Midwinter

In the bleak midwinter
Frosty wind made moan.
Earth stood hard as iron
Water like a stone.
Snow had fallen
Snow on snow,
Snow on snow.
In the bleak midwinter
Long, long ago.

Angels and Arc Angels
May have traveled there,
Cherubim and Seraphim
Thronged the air.
But only his Mother
In her maiden bliss
Worshipped the beloved
With a kiss.

What can I give him ?
Poor as I am
If I were a shepherd
I would give a lamb.
If I were a wise man
I would do my part,
But what I can I give him,
Give him my heart
Give him my heart

Christine Rosetti