

Holy Family Parish, Askea

Sunday 18th May 2025 Vol 36 No 25

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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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Website:

www.askeaparish.ie

Weathers

This is the weather the cuckoo likes,

And so do I;

When showers betumble the chestnut spikes,

And nestlings fly;

And the little brown nightingale bills his best,

And they sit outside at 'The Traveller's Rest,'

And maids come forth sprig-muslin drest,

And citizens dream of the south and west,

And so do I.

This is the weather the shepherd shuns,

And so do I;

When beeches drip in browns and duns,

And thresh and ply;

And hill-hid tides throb, throe on throe,

And meadow rivulets overflow,

And drops on gate bars hang in a row,

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Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

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Anniversaries 18th May 2025

Kathleen Farrell, Fenagh, formerly Kernanstown

Month's Mind

**Kathleen (Kathryn) Ward née McGuill, late of
Bennekerry and Kilpedder, Wicklow**

We ask the Lord to grant eternal rest to:

**Sarah Dowling (née Dowling)
Bennekerry, Carlow**

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.

K & L Diocesan Lotto Results draw 14th May 2025.

Numbers drawn were 04, 09, 19 & 32. **One €18,000 Jackpot Winner. Promoter Newbridge Parish Centre - Winner Assumpta Whelan.**

17 Match 3s get €59 each.

Askea / Bennekerry had two Match 3s.

Winner

Paul McCarthy

Veritas

Promoter

Kevin Keating

William Fitzgerald

Next week's Jackpot €10,000. Tickets for the Lotto are available in the Church and can be bought for multiple weeks. Tickets are also available to buy online on the parish website www.askeaparish.ie. You can also call to the Parish Centre during the week to buy a ticket.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Luxembourg honouring Carlow Trained St

Willibrord Join Fr Thomas O'Byrne and our ecumenical friends from the Diocese of Leighlin as the Diocese and the Cathedral Parish travel to Luxembourg to partake in the Annual Hopping Procession in honour of Carlow trained St Willibrord, Patron Saint of the Netherlands and the First Apostle of the Netherlands, from Sunday June 8th to Wednesday June 11th, 2025. St Willibrord spent twelve years in Co Carlow at Rath Melsigi, in the Parish of Tinryland, before leaving for the continent in 690AD. He is highly regarded in Belgium, Germany, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. Every year the town of Echternach, where he is buried, holds a centuries old UNESCO World Heritage Status Hopping Procession in his honour. The procession is known as the *People Who Pray With Their Feet*. In 2017 the people of Echternach presented Carlow Cathedral with his Relic which is on permanent display. There is a display about him in Carlow County Museum. His story features on the new Tinryland Audio App. Bookings for this unique pilgrimage through Tully's Travel, Tullow Street, Carlow Town, Tel: 059 9136100, €685.00 per person sharing.

Graigucullen Killeshin Parish Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Our 20th Annual Parish Solemn Novena will take place in St. Clare's Church, Graigucullen continues on Monday 19th May. We invite people to place their petitions in the petition boxes in St Clare's Church or send them by email to gkparish@gmail.com. Through the prayers of our faith community and the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, we ask Jesus to relieve whatever burdens we carry. The rosary will be recited at 7.10pm and Mass begins at 7.30pm. Our Guest Speaker will be Niall Quinn - Former professional footballer, businessman and sports pundit.

First Holy Communion Season

We welcome the children and their families to Sunday Mass as they receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion. The students from Gaelscoil Ceatharlach will attend the 12 Noon Mass on Sunday 18th May. The students from Askea Boys' and Girls' National Schools will attend the 10.30am Mass from

Sunday 18th May until Sunday 15th June 2025 inclusive. The students from Bennekerry National School will attend the 11.30am Sunday Mass from Sunday 18th May until Sunday 15th June 2025 inclusive.

Carlow Little Theatre Society are delighted to be returning to the stage of the George Bernard Shaw theatre later this month, with Michael Frayn's classic farce/comedy *Noises Off*. Performing Thursday 22nd - Sunday 25th May 2025 at 7.30pm. Admission €24 | €22 concessions (including OAPs). Bookings via visualcarlow.ie or 059-917200 boxoffice@visualcarlow.ie

Sharing from the Table of the Lord Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: This diocesan programme will be led by Fr Tom O'Byrne and Julie Kavanagh on Saturday, 24th May from 10am to 4 pm in Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre. Attendees are asked to bring a lunch – tea/coffee will be provided. Suitable for people new to this ministry in the parish or for existing ministers who would like a refresher. If you would like to take part in this training, please contact your local parish office/priest.

Carlow Flower Club will welcome Eva Holmes from Kilkenny for our May meeting. Eva will be talking on "Flowers- growing and arranging". Eva is an AOIFA teacher and demonstrator, the owner of the beautiful Darver House Nursery. Eva has a wealth of gardening knowledge.

The competition on the night for all classes is "An Arrangement that includes Manipulated Leaves" Visitors welcome, €10 visitor entry fee.

Carlow College of Music Summer Concert featuring The Staves Orchestra 'No Strings Attached' Brass, Sing Aloud & Sing on Sunday 25th May at 3:30pm in St Clare's Church, Graiguecullen. Donations to the 25th Anniversary Lourdes Fund. All are welcome.

Retired Priests Fund A collection will be held next Sunday, the 25th of May.

ACTING CLASS FOR ADULTS Following our successful 5 week acting class for adults in Carlow with actor, writer and director Jimmy Smallhorne in winter, a second term will begin on Monday, 12th May for 5 weeks. This term will focus on acting for camera. Known for his TV work on Love/Hate, Cardboard Gangsters, Taken Down and Dead Still, Jimmy is the writer of the Hollywood film The Miracle Club starring Kathy Bates, Laura Linney and the late great Maggie Smith. Though a resident of Carlow Town, Jimmy spent over twenty years in New York and has directed for off-Broadway as well as winning Sundance with his film 2by4. Using improvisational games and techniques, scene work from films and plays, the aim will be to have a fun-filled evening that will be suitable from the absolute beginner to those with more experience. Places are limited and the class will be held every Monday evening 7-9 at the Askea Parish centre. The course fee is 95 euro. For bookings call 085 715 5047 or email carlowactingclass@gmail.com

Glór Cheatharlach - summer events 'as Gaeilge' 2025

A full programme of events '*as Gaeilge*' suitable for young people from tiny tots to teenagers will take place in Carlow in July.

Coláiste Samhraidh/Summer College suitable for 5th Class - Junior Certs will run from 30th June – 4th July. Fee is €120.

Campa na nÓg /Junior Camp for infants from 7th -10th July. Fee is €50.

Campa Samhraidh /Summer Fun Camp for children in 1st - 5th class will take place from 14th -17th July. Fee is €70.

For full details and to reserve places contact Glór Cheatharlach on 087 2857048, 085 1340047 or email emma@glorcheatharlach.ie

Graiguecullen Bingo Tuesday 20th May. St. Fiacc's Hall 8.30pm. Jackpot on 44 numbers €1350. Double number €1440. Lotto €1050.

Irish Cancer Society's Transport Service – Volunteer Drivers Needed

The Irish Cancer Society's Transport Service is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers in your community. Your time can help to continue the vital service of providing transport for patients attending cancer treatment appointments. If you have a minimum of 2 days per month to spare, a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you're the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Your generosity can ease the journey for many during a challenging time, offering comfort and support when it's needed most. Full training will be provided. There are a number of essential post-drive administration tasks that will require either existing knowledge of basic computer or IT skills, or the willingness to acquire such skills (such as scanning and uploading documents or attending virtual meetings). For more information and to become a volunteer driver, contact Monica at volunteer@irishcancer.ie.

Knock Shrine Event “Be united, in mind and purpose” A synodal approach to building up Parish Councils - A Day exploring authority, corporate wisdom and the quest to grow in unity with international speaker, teacher, catechist and author David Wells on Saturday, May 24th from 10.30am to 4pm in Knock Prayer Centre. Cost per person: €10. Limited places available and advance booking is required. For enquiries and bookings, email Nicola Mitchell at faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie or phone ext 408 at 094 93 88100. Online bookings at www.knockshrine.ie

What did the Final Document of the Synod actually say? The School for Synodality in England is hosting a weekly online book club 'Reading the Final Synod Document Together' from 21st May – 25th June 2025. 7:30pm - 9:00pm. Join them each week as Avril Baigent and invited speakers take sections of the Final Synod Document and unpack it, with time for questions afterwards. These webinars can be joined live or watched in your own time. It's easy to take part – just register for access at <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/schoolforsynodality/1592165>

CALENDAR

Tuesday 20th **St. Bernardine** born in 1380. As a young man he took charge of a hospital in Siena during a plague. Then he became a Franciscan, travelled through Italy, preaching with great success. He promoted devotion to the Holy Name and to St. Joseph. He died in 1444.

Wednesday 21st **St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions.** These twenty-five priests and laymen were executed in 1927 in Mexico.

Thursday 22nd **St. Rita of Cascia**, 1386-145, was married for eighteen years. Her husband was an ill-tempered and abusive man, was murdered. Later Rita entered the Augustine convent in Cascia and spent forty years in prayer and charity and working for peace in the region.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Change the things that need changing, leave as they are things that don't need changing, and ask God to help you know the difference.

The Darling Thrush

I leant upon a coppice gate
 When Frost was spectre-gray,
And Winter's dregs made desolate
 The weakening eye of day.
The tangled bine-stems scored the sky
 Like strings of broken lyres,
And all mankind that haunted nigh
 Had sought their household fires.

The land's sharp features seemed to be
 The Century's corpse outleant,
His crypt the cloudy canopy,
 The wind his death-lament.
The ancient pulse of germ and birth
 Was shrunken hard and dry,
And every spirit upon earth
 Seemed fervourless as I.

At once a voice arose among
 The bleak twigs overhead
In a full-hearted evensong
 Of joy illimited;
An aged thrush, frail, gaunt, and small,
 In blast-beruffled plume,
Had chosen thus to fling his soul
 Upon the growing gloom.

So little cause for carolings
 Of such ecstatic sound
Was written on terrestrial things
 Afar or nigh around,
That I could think there trembled through
 His happy good-night air
Some blessed Hope, whereof he knew
 And I was unaware.

Thomas Hardy