

Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Fourteenth 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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Is sinking down in its tranquillity;
The gentleness of heaven broods o'er the
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Listen! the mighty Being is awake,
And doth with his eternal motion make
A sound like thunder—everlastingly.
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If thou appear untouched by solemn
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Thy nature is not therefore less divine:
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Keeping in Touch

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Anniversaries 6th July 2025

John Somers, Palatine

Baby Aoife Farrell, Johnstown

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A twig on its own is fragile and can be easily snapped, but many twigs bound together become unbreakable.

K & L Diocesan Lotto Results draw 25th June 2025.

Numbers drawn were. 2, 4, 12 & 28. No €16,000 Jackpot Winner
33 Match 3s get €31 each.

Askea / Bennekerry had 2 Match 3s.

Winner

Promoter

Margaret Dunne

Askea Parish Centre

Ingrid

Kevin Keating

Next week's Jackpot €16,000. 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.

Cemetery Masses

St Joseph's Church, Tinryland – Friday 4th July at 8pm.

St Mary's Church, Bennekerry – Friday 11th July at 7.30pm.

St Mary's Cemetery, Carlow – Monday 14th July at 7.30pm

The Parishes of Askea Bennekerry and Tinryland pilgrimage to

Lourdes 2025 We plan to join with Leighlinbridge Parish this year for the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes. Travelling Tuesday 7th October 2025 and returning Saturday 11th October 2025. Hotel Eliseo. Four nights B&B and evening meal. Cost €725 per person sharing. Supplement for single occupancy €180. Booking through Tully's Travel, Tullow Street, Carlow. Deposit required to secure place. Full balance due on or before 25th July 2025. Passenger names must be exactly as per the VALID PASSPORT.

Bennekerry Senior Citizens' Committee are organising a bus trip to Waterford / Tramore on Tues 15th July. We will stop briefly in Waterford to allow anyone who wants to spend the day in Waterford to get off. The rest of the group will spend the day in Tramore returning to Dooley's Hotel Waterford for food at 5pm and to meet the rest of the group. We hope to be back in Bennekerry about 8pm. Due to cancellations there are now a limited number of seats available. The bus is free on the day, but any other costs incurred are at person's own expense. If you are interested in going, please contact Monica at 087 9151650 before 7th July or any other Committee member.

Columbanus Day Celebrations

All paths lead to Carlow this July when the town hosts the XXVI Columbanus Day celebration from 11th July to 13th July 2025. This significant occasion honours St Columbanus, one of Ireland's most influential early missionaries, recognised for his contributions to the spiritual and cultural foundation of Europe. St Columbanus, patron saint of the Missionary Society of St Columban, was born in Myshall. The three-day event promises a rich blend of cultural, spiritual and communal experiences. Highlights include the launch of the exhibition 'Ireland and the Birth of Europe,' a symposium exploring the relationship between creation and spirituality given by Columban missionary Fr Sean McDonagh, and a walk along the picturesque Columban Way. Visitors can also look forward to engaging talks, such as *'Columbanus, the Man from Myshall,'* by former President Dr Mary McAleese, taking place in the Holy Cross Church in Myshall. The celebrations culminate with the XXVI Columbanus Day Mass at the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow on Sunday 13th July. We very much look forward to hosting the International Columbanus Weekend, when pilgrims from all over Europe will gather here in our diocese to honour this great Saint.

Come and See Day A day to explore priesthood: talks, time for prayer, answering your questions, discerning a vocation, Knock House Hotel F12 R6Y5, Sunday 13th July 11.00am to 4.30pm. Bookings only through Vocations.ie. For more information contact: carol.king@vocations.ie

24 Hour Silent Vigil for Gaza from 12 noon Saturday 19th July to 12 noon Sunday 20th July at Clane Church Plaza space. Prayer, silence and reflection in solidarity with the people of Gaza. More details from our Suaimhneas Centre, Clane.

Daily Mass Hymn Books - We have taken delivery of a new supply of Daily Mass Hymn Books. These are available from the Parish Centre of Sacristy. Cost €6.

Graigecullen Bingo Tuesday 8th July 2025 St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm
Jackpot on 50 numbers € 2260. Double number € 460. Lotto € 1400

Praise Resounds Concert A gathering of reflection, music and song, celebrating the legacy of Saint Columbanus, Saturday 12th July @ 8.00 pm in the Cathedral of the Assumption, College Street, Carlow.

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO CROAGH PATRICK

Youth Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick – 23rd August 2024 For young adults (18-35) in the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin. Join us for a day of faith, challenge and community as we undertake the ancient pilgrimage to the summit of Croagh Patrick on **Friday, 23rd August**. Buses will depart from: Naas, Carlow and Portlaoise. This spiritual journey offers an opportunity for prayer, reflection and connection with fellow young Catholics. Whether you're seeking personal renewal, physical challenge or simply to experience this sacred tradition, all are welcome. Spaces are limited. Registration is essential and a short meeting for all 16-18 year old pilgrims and a parent/guardian will take place on Thursday 14th August at 7.30pm in Portlaoise, Nass and Carlow. For full details and to register, visit: kandle.ie.

Join Our Team: St. Conleth's Parish Manager

St. Conleth's Parish, Newbridge, Co. Kildare, is seeking a skilled and dedicated Parish Manager to oversee the day-to-day operations of our Parish. If you have excellent administrative and leadership skills, we'd love to hear from you.

Key Responsibilities:

1. Support the Parish Priest and Parish Community
2. Manage Parish Administration including Finances, Staffing and Payroll
3. Oversee the Maintenance of all Parish facilities
4. Management of the Parish Centre

Apply Now: If you are interested in this rewarding role, email: parishmanager@newbridgeparish.net for further details. We look forward to hearing from you.

- **Top Ten Ways to Help Pollinators: Create nesting habitats for pollinators**

Wild pollinators nest in hedgerows, wild areas, dry stone walls, and even in the ground. To make a nesting habitat for them, just scrape back some bare earth, leave some areas to grow wild, or simply drill holes 10cm deep in unvarnished wood for solitary bees.

pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/

CALENDAR

Monday 7th:-**St Maelruain (Maolruain)**, bishop and abbot, founded the monastery of Tallaght, Co. Dublin in 774 which introduced a reform. Important liturgical and spiritual writings emerged from this movement known as Céili dé Reform. He died in 792.

Tuesday 8th :- **St Killian** was probably born in the parish of Mullagh in the diocese of Kilmore. With eleven companions he left Ireland and became known as the apostle of Thuringia and Eastern Franconia. With two others he was put to death c 688. There is a very strong devotion to him in Wurtzburg, where his remains lie, and also throughout the Bavarian countryside.

Wednesday 9th :-**St Augustine Zhoo Rang and Companions**. St Augustine Tchoo, born in 1746, converted to Christianity was ordained priest and martyred in 1815. The memorial celebrates 119 companions, martyred in China over several centuries but especially in the Boxer Risings.

Friday 11th:-**St Benedict**, 480-547, after living as a hermit at Subiaco he founded the monastery of Moate Cassino. His rule observed by Benedictines and Cistercians is distinguished by its wisdom and balance and those who live by it did much to shape the Europe of today. He was named patron of Europe in 1964.

Birds' Nests

The skylark's nest among the grass
And waving corn is found;
The robin's on a shady bank,
With oak leaves strewn around.

The wren builds in an ivied thorn,
Or old and ruined wall;
The mossy nest, so covered in,
You scarce can see at all.

The martins build their nests of clay,
In rows beneath the eaves;
While silvery lichens, moss and hair,
The chaffinch interweaves.

The cuckoo makes no nest at all,
But through the wood she strays
Until she finds one snug and warm,
And there her egg she lays.

The sparrow has a nest of hay,
With feathers warmly lined;
The ring-dove's careless nest of sticks
On lofty trees we find.

Rooks build together in a wood,
And often disagree;
The owl will build inside a barn
Or in a hollow tree.

The blackbird's nest of grass and mud
In brush and bank is found;
The lapwing's darkly spotted eggs
Are laid upon the ground.

The magpie's nest is girt with thorns
In leafless trees or hedge;
The wild duck and the water-hen
Build by the water's edge.

Birds build their nests from year to year,
According to their kind,
Some very neat and beautiful,
Some easily designed.

The habits of each little bird,
And all its patient skill,
Are surely taught by God Himself
And ordered by His will.

Anonymous