

# Holy Family Parish, Askea

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025 Vol 36 No 33

# Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Askea Parish

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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  
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office@askeaparish.ie

Website:

[www.askeaparish.ie](http://www.askeaparish.ie)

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# Keeping in Touch

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*Further details available on the Diocesan website*  
[www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

# **St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry**

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**Deadline for News items: - 9pm Wednesdays**

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## **Anniversaries 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

Betty Doyle, Gurteen Grone, Palatine & Pollerton  
Bridget Brennan, Rutland Terrace and the deceased  
members of the Brennan family.

Joe Ellard and Ellen Farrell, Busherstown

John Somers, Palatine

## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

God looks down well pleases to mark

In earth's dusk each rosy spark,

Lights of home and lights of love,

And the child the heart thereof.

Katherine Hinkson

## **K & L Diocesan Lotto Results draw 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025.**

Numbers drawn were 16, 21, 22 & 27. No €17,000 Jackpot Winner  
7 Match 3s get €143 each.

Askea / Bennekerry had NO Match 3s.

**Winner**

**Promoter**

Next week's Jackpot €18,000. 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](http://www.askeaparish.ie). You can also call to the Parish Centre during the week to buy a ticket.

**Cemetery Masses** St Mary's Cemetery, Carlow – Monday 14<sup>th</sup>  
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 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025 and returning Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025. Passenger names must be exactly as per the VALID PASSPORT.

**24 Hour Silent Vigil for Gaza** from 12 noon Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July to 12 noon Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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** -available from Parish Centre of Sacristy. €6.

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

**Yoga class** in Askea Parish Community Centre starting Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 6:30pm. €12 per class. To register, WhatsApp Leigh on 0851524652. All levels welcome.

**Columban Day Celebrations** This weekend the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin will celebrate St Columbanus at various events in Myshall and Carlow town. While most events are now fully booked all are very welcome to the XXVI Columbanus Day Mass in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow at 10.30am on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>, Bishop Nulty will be the chief celebrant and will be joined by fellow Bishops from Ireland and Europe.

Full programme details on <https://www.kandle.ie>

### **YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO CROAGH PATRICK, 23<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST 2025**

For young adults (16-35) 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 **23<sup>rd</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm in Portlaoise, Naas and Carlow. For full details and to register, visit: [kandle.ie](https://www.kandle.ie).

**St Brigid's 3-day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg 2025:** Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Aug – Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Aug. Bus pick ups at Monasterevin, Kildare, Newbridge, Naas, Sallins, Clane, Kilcock, Maynooth and Dunboyne M3 park and ride. For information and bookings: Tel Joe 0872467594 or email [deirdregleeson@medwise.ie](mailto:deirdregleeson@medwise.ie)

**Carlow Day Care Centre** extends a warm invitation to their open day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> of July at their premises on Brownhill Road, R93 HK53. The event will consist of a coffee morning and sale of work from 10am to 12pm and an open afternoon from 1pm to 3pm. Staff and volunteers will be available to share details of the services available at Carlow Day Care Centre to older adults living in the Carlow area. We look forward to welcoming you.

**Graiguecullen Bingo** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025; St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm  
Jackpot on 50 numbers € 2390; Double number € 530; Lotto € 1450

## CALDENDAR

Monday 15<sup>th</sup>:-**St Bonaventure**, 1221-1274, born in Tuscany, Minister General of the Franciscans, Cardinal Archbishop of Albano, theologian of the Council of Lyons.

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>:-**Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> **St. Apollinaris** in the second century preached the Gospel in the region of Ravenna. He was Bishop of Classis where he suffered martyrdom.

### DUST IF YOU MUST

Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better  
To paint a picture, or write a letter,  
Bake a cake, or plant a seed;  
Ponder the difference between want and need?

Dust if you must, but there's not much time,  
With rivers to swim, and mountains to climb;  
Music to hear, and books to read;  
Friends to cherish, and a life to lead.

Dust if you must, but the world's out there  
With the sun in your eyes, and the wind in your hair;  
A flutter of snow, a shower of rain,  
This day will not come round again.

Dust if you must, but bear in mind,  
Old age will come and it's not kind.  
And when you go ( and go you must)  
You, yourself, will make more dust.

Rose Milligan.

## **SPRAYING THE POTATOS**

The barrels of blue potato-spray  
Stood on a headland in July  
Beside an orchard wall where roses  
Were young girls hanging from the sky.

The flocks of green potato stalks  
Were blossom spread for sudden flight,  
The Kerr's Pinks in frivelled blue,  
The Arran Banners wearing white.

And over that potato-field  
A lazy veil of woven sun,  
Dandelions growing on headlands, showing  
Their unloved hearts to everyone.

And I was there with a knapsack sprayer  
On the barrel's edge poised. A wasp was floating  
Dead on a sunken briar leaf  
Over a copper-poisoned ocean.

The axle-roll of a rut-locked cart  
Broke the burnt stick of noon in two.  
An old man came through a cornfield  
Remembering his youth and some Ruth he knew.

He turned my way. 'God further the work'.  
He echoed an ancient farming prayer.  
I thanked him. He eyed the potato drills.  
He said: 'You are bound to have good ones there'.

We talked and our talk was a theme of kings,  
A theme for strings. He hunkered down  
In the shade of the orchard wall. O roses,  
The old man dies in the young girl's frown.

*Patrick Kavanagh 1904 – 1967*

## **Holy Family National School, Askea, Carlow – Job Vacancy**

Caretaker required for Holy Family National School, Askea, Carlow. 25 hours per week.

Relevant experience and an understanding of health and safety required. The position is subject to Garda Vetting of the successful candidate. Applications (CV and cover letter) by post to :

Chairperson,  
Holy Family National School,  
Askea, Carlow, Co. Carlow, R93 VX27

by **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

**An Gairdin Beo** café and vegetable stall is open every Wednesday from 10.30 am -12.30 pm during the summer months of July and August. We look forward to your visit. Please note there is no onsite parking.

**Discussion** on the life of Matt Talbot will take place in Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre on Thursday 17th July at 7. 30 pm. All welcome.

**Tullow Road Community Development Group** are holding a **Car Boot Sale** in the field behind the Gaelscoil, close to Riverview Close on Saturday 16th August from 10am to 4pm. Traders set up at 9am. Traders needed. Cars €10. Van €15. Chip van, ice cream van, coffee dock and toilets will be available on the day. Booking essential. No water or electricity connection. Contact Anne at 0857107336.



## **CE VACANCIES – A.P.S. CLG**

### **Van Driver – Vincents Shop – Tullow St, Carlow**

- Are you currently unemployed and looking to enter the workforce and gain work experience and training opportunities?
- If you are over 21 years of age & in receipt of a Social Welfare Payment, these working opportunity might be for you. No experience necessary, these are developmental opportunities.
- For further details about the positions below, you can contact [CESupervisor@carlowareace.ie](mailto:CESupervisor@carlowareace.ie) / 085-8726367.
- To register your interest for this position, check out jobsireland.ie and select “register your interest” or contact the Carlow Intreo office on 0818-405060 and quote the above reference number.

#### **Assumption Parish Services – location**

**Vincents, 46 Tullow Street, Carlow - (Reference No: 2400046)**

**Position available – VAN DRIVER**

**A valid driver's licence: a clean driving record is essential.**

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