

Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Seventeenth 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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www.askeaparish.ie

As we celebrate Word Day of Grandparents and the Elderly here are some quotes:

Grandparents hold our hands for just a little while, but our hearts forever.

Anon

Grandparents can be very special resources. Just being close to them reassures a child, without words, about change and continuity, about what went before and what will come after.

Fred Rogers

Because grandparents are usually free to love and guide and befriend the young without having to take daily responsibility for them, they can often reach out past pride and fear of failure and close the space between generations.

President Jimmy Carter

An hour with your grandchildren can make you feel young again. Anything longer than that, and you start to age quickly.

Gene Perret

Intercom Magazine – July August 2025

Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

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Sea Fever

I must go down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and the sky,
And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by,
And the wheel's kick and the wind's song
 and the white sail's shaking,
And a gray mist on the sea's face, and a gray dawn breaking.

I must go down to the seas again,
 for the call of the running tide
Is a wild call and a clear call that may not be denied;
And all I ask is a windy day with the white clouds flying,
And the flung spray and the blown spume,
 and the sea-gulls crying.

I must go down to the seas again, to the vagrant gypsy life,
To the gull's way and the whale's way,
 where the wind's like a whetted knife;
And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow-rover,
And quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick's over.

John Masefield

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

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Anniversaries 27th July 2025

Paul McCormack, Rutland, Bennekerry & Sharon Avenue

T J McCormack, Rutland, Bennekerry & Sharon Avenue

Thomas Hurley, Rossmore View, Graiguecullen

Michael Doyle, Tullow & formerly of Arles

Christina Doyle, Arles

Mary Cassidy, Kernanstown

Jack Hade, Carlow (1st Anniversary)

Eileen Shannon, Duckett's Grove

Joe Roche, Ballylinan, Milford

Michael & Ellen Bergin, Duckett's Grove

May Teehan, Coppengh

Tom Sullivan, an tSruthain, Bennekerry

Thought for the Week

When you work with God as your partner on the job, you're working with the most multitalented, multitasking partner in the universe.

And he truly can do everything.!

K & L Diocesan Lotto Results draw 16th July 2025.

Numbers drawn were 8, 15, 18 & 28. No €20,000 Jackpot Winner
16 Match 3s get €63 each.

Askea / Bennekerry had Match 3s.

Winner

Mary Tracey

Maureen Hickson

Promoter

Ann Dunne

Una Hade

Next week's Jackpot €20,000. 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.

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.

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.

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.

Yoga class in Askea Parish Community Centre on Thursdays at 6:30pm. €12 per class. To register, WhatsApp Leigh on 0851524652. All levels welcome.

Daily Mass Hymn Books -available from Parish Centre of Sacristy. €6.

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO CROAGH PATRICK, 23rd 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 **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, Naas and Carlow. For full details and to register, visit: kandle.ie.

Carlow County Council in partnership with O Keefe Social

Research, are currently undertaking research to promote circular economy activities in our communities. We hope to generate an interactive map, identify best practices, acknowledge achievements, and identify how groups can access more supports. We are asking everyone in Carlow Town and County to get involved by sharing information about any activities in your area that promotes:

- Repair, reuse or upcycling.
- Sharing or Swapping initiatives (Clothing, construction, gardening or office equipment or materials, Tool / machinery banks, Toy, or book libraries).
- Community gardening, composting or food waste reduction.
- Sustainable living or Zero waste practices. (Including refill stations, bike libraries, community fridges or food sharing).
- Environmental education or awareness events. (Workshops, film nights, community challenges).

In order to create a profile of community-based circular economy activities throughout the County, we ask you to identify your projects and send details of same to via email Brendan and Ann Marie at oksocialresearch@gmail.com on or before Friday 1st August.

So whether you are hosting sewing classes, furniture repair courses, have a Mini Community Library or are teaching your community to grow their own food, we urge you to get involved and get news of your activity out to the wider community of Carlow.

For further information please email Jannette at jobrien@carlowcoco.ie

Fund Raiser in aid of Drug Rehabilitation Unit, Cuan Mhuire, Athy Co Kildare – empower recovery – sponsor hope at our addiction treatment fundraiser. Saturday 9th August 2025 – 10am to 4pm in An Gairdin Beo, Dublin Road, Carlow. Clothes, bags, shoes, books, jewellery, household items. 80% new items. Big raffle – wonderful prizes. Free entry. Donation buckets throughout the hall.

Woman available to do cleaning or babysitting. Please contact Paula 0892781623.

South East Technological University (SETU) is promoting SETUStudentPad.ie to homeowners in the Carlow, Waterford and Wexford areas. **SETUStudentPad.ie** is a website that helps homeowners rent out spare rooms in their homes to students attending SETU.

Homeowners who rent out a room can earn up to €14K per year tax free. Just log in to <https://setustudentpad.ie/Accommodation> There is a minimal charge of €10.00 annually, to register your property on this website and you will be helping our students to live in the area local to their campus.

Men's Monthly Rosary Carlow (first Sat each month) – 2nd August at the Liberty Tree (opposite McDonald's) at 1.30 p.m. in unison with 24 venues in Ireland and in the World. Men's Rosary Of Reparation and for the Conversion of Ireland and for World Peace. All are welcome.

WIN A TRIP TO MEDJUGORJE Medjugorje Irish Centre Free Prize draw. Prize for one person includes 7 nights B&B, return airport transfer and flights up to €300. To enter go to prize draw page on website www.med-irishcentre.com

Tel. 07860 465386 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com

WhatsApp No: 00387 63 630 604 Email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com

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Askea Senior Citizens' News

Monthly Night Out on Wednesday 30th July at 7pm. Bingo, music and cuppa. New members welcome. Transport available. Contact Marian 059 9143010. Our **annual Day Trip** is on Wednesday 27th August to Kilmore Quay in Wexford. Names and money to be in by 20th August. Our **autumn holiday** is to Tralee on 6th October. Booking starting now. Contact Marian 059 91 43010.

Two Hearts Communion of Reparation Vigil on Friday 1st August in Carlow Cathedral starting with 8pm Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart which includes Anointing of the Sick. This is followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 9 offices of the Sacred Heart, Rosaries, Confession and Benediction. Finishes with 12am Mass in honour of the Immaculate Heart. All welcome.

Blood Donation Clinic – Talbot Hotel, Carlow. Monday 28th July 2025, Tuesday 29th July 2025, Wednesday 30th July 2025, Thursday 31st July 2025 from 3,45pm to 8pm. Check your eligibility and book your appointment at giveblood.ie or call us on 1800 222 111.

Bennekerry Senior Citizens' Summer party takes place on Sunday 17th August in Woodford Dolmen Hotel. Meal will be served at 7pm followed by music from Pat Costello. Will you let your usual committee member know if you will be attending please. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Graigecullen Bingo Tuesday 29th July 2025 St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm
Jackpot on 50 numbers € 2650; Double number € 670; Lotto € 1550

CALDENDAR

Tuesday 29th **Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus** welcomed Jesus as a family friend. Martha generously offered Him hospitality, Mary listened attentively to His words and Lazarus promptly emerged from the tomb at the command of the One who humiliated death.

Wednesday 30th:-**St. Peter Chrysologus**, died c. 450 Bishop of Ravenna, famous for his preaching.

Thursday 31st:-**St. Ignatius of Loyola**:-1491-1556, from the North of Spain, and founded the Society of Jesus. By the time of his death, the society had spread widely and had over a thousand members. His great theme was the service of God and God's greater glory. The experience of his conversion led to his writing of The Spiritual Exercises.

Friday 1st:- **St. Alphonsus Liguori**, 1696- 1787 founder of the Redemptorist Congregation thought much on moral theology and the spiritual life. He is remembered as a popular preacher and influential writer of theology.

Saturday 2nd **St. Eusebius of Vercelli** is renowned for his preaching against Arianism.

St. Peter Julian Eymard, 1811-68, a fervent disciple of the Eucharistic Mystery, established The Blessed Sacrament Fathers and, with the help of Marguerite Guillot, the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Humble Bumblebee

Watch closely the odd shaped Bumblebee dart.

with a body too fat and wings too short .

Even scientists say it is easily seen,

this creature is not a flying machine.

But watch it now as it hovers so still,

even a helicopter can't match its skill.

Watch now as it darts like a streak of light,

this Bee shows he knows how to fly all right.

Watch it go, wow; it makes flying look easy,

his wings are so fast they make it breezy.

This Bee is living proof for you and me,

that science can't top the agile Bumblebee.

If you are told that something can't be done,

that if you try it you will look real dumb,

just say, "watch the small humble Bumblebee.

God's proof that the impossible can be."

Robert Hewett Snr.