

Holy Family Parish, Askea

Sunday 3rd August 2025 Vol 36 No 36

Eighteenth 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

9142565 or email to

office@askeaparish.ie

Website:

www.askeaparish.ie

When all the others were away at Mass

When all the others were away at Mass

I was all hers as we peeled potatoes.

They broke the silence, let fall one by one

Like solder weeping off the soldering iron:

Cold comforts set between us, things to share

Gleaming in a bucket of clean water.

And again let fall. Little pleasant splashes

From each other's work would bring us to our

senses.

So while the parish priest at her bedside

Went hammer and tongs at the prayers for the dying

And some were responding and some were crying

I remembered her head bent towards my head,

Her breath in mine, our fluent dipping knives -

Never closer the whole rest of our lives.

Seamus Heaney

Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

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Deadline for News items: – 9pm Wednesdays

Emergency Number for the Priest on Duty 087 2588118.

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Anniversaries 3rd August 2025

Jimmy Doyle, Russelstown

Thought for the Week

Cast all your cares on God; that anchor holds.

Alfred Lord Tennyson

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.

K & L Diocesan Lotto Results draw 30th July 2025.

Numbers drawn were 11, 15, 18 & 26. No €20,000 Jackpot Winner
10 Match 3s get €100 each.

Askea / Bennekerry had 1 Match 3s.

Winner

Bill Casey

Promoter

Askea / Bennekerry

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.

Askea Senior Citizens' News.- 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.

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.

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.

Ballinabranna GAA Family Fun Day – This Sunday 3rd August from 2:30pm at Páirc Liam Dobb. Join us for an action-packed day with the Padraic Carter Memorial Matches, including juvenile games, a legends match and a G4MO exhibition. There'll be a BBQ, live music, ice cream, and entertainment for the kids. All in support of Éist Cancer Support Centre. A great day out for all the family – see you there!

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 Website: www.med-irishcentre.com

Graiguecullen Bingo Tuesday 5th August 2025 St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm Jackpot on 50 numbers € 2780; Double number € 740; Lotto € 1660

Men's Jubilee Camino - Men's hike - Sat Sept 13th 20kms, on greenway, from Dominican abbey (ruin) in Carlingford to Newry (St Catherine's) via Newry Cathedral (Jubilee Indulgence). Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Confessions & Fraternity. Registration & details on www.dominicans.ie/events/ . €70 (Lunch, dinner & bus), over 18's male event. Enquiries to op.evangelisation@gmail.com.

Calling All Senior Citizens : Join our **CHAIR PILATES CLASS** to improve, and balance in a fun and supportive environment. This low-impact exercise is perfect for all fitness levels and can help with mobility and overall well-being. We start back on Monday 25th of August at 10am. New Oak Community Centre, Carlow. Open to all seniors in the Parish. Interested? Contact Sue Dunne: 087 2258 156. Let's stay active and healthy together!

Check your details for the Electoral Register - Even if you receive a polling card, you now need to add your PPSN, date of birth and Eircode to the register. You can update your details at checktheregister.ie or by paper form. If you need assistance, please contact Carlow County Council Register Staff on 059 9170332 / 059 9170308 / 059 9172448 or email register@carlowcoco.ie.

Mattress recycling Event for Householders at Powerstown Civic Amenity Site -

Carlow County Council is pleased to announce a once off Mattress Recycling Event for householders, taking place at Powerstown Civic Amenity Site from Tuesday, 5th August to Saturday, 9th August 2025, during normal opening hours. Tuesday Friday 8.30am -4pm Saturday 8.30am -12.30pm

This initiative offers householders an affordable and convenient way to responsibly dispose of old mattresses at a subsidised cost of just €5 per mattress, (maximum of 3 mattresses per customer). This offer is not available for commercial customers. Maximum of 3 mattresses per customer

Bulky Waste Drop-Off - opportunity for Carlow Households at Powerstown Civic Amenity Site. Carlow County Council is delighted to announce a Bulky Waste Drop-Off event taking place from Monday, 19th August to Friday, 23rd August 2025 at Powerstown Civic Amenity Site, Kilkenny Road, Carlow (Eircode: R93 RF22) during normal opening hours. Please note: This offer is strictly for householders only. Commercial customers will be charged usual rates.

This initiative offers householders a convenient and affordable opportunity to responsibly dispose of large, unwanted items. For a flat fee of €5 per vehicle, residents can drop off a range of bulky household and garden items

For full details on all recycling opportunities at Powerstown Civic Amenity Site please visit www.carlow.ie / Environment/ Recycling. For more information, please contact the team at Powerstown Civic Amenity Site on 059 9172406 or email powerstown@carlowcoco.ie

Pregnancy & Wellness Fair – 24th September 2025 – 9.30 am – 12.30pm.

Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Carlow R93 N207 Support services available on the day to answer your questions. Guest talks, wellness practitioner, vendors and more. Email EVENTSBFRC@gmail.com or call Sarah 083-8972460

Parkinsons Boxing Carlow -- Fighting back against Parkinson's Disease: Saturdays 2pm, Raging Bull Boxing Club, Green Lane, R93 V327. For more information contact Niall Larkin on 0857768716 / parkinsonsboxingcarlow@gmail.com First session free, following sessions €12 PP.

Just Be

Sometimes I admire the littlest things

A simple rock. A blade of grass.

They need no future goals, no tax exemptions

They don't need to go anywhere or be anything

They just are.

Sometimes, especially when I'm reading life insurance policies,

I envy the rocks and the grass

And try to be like them for a moment.

I sit perfectly still and give myself to the wind-

And it whispers in my ear:

Just be.

And for that moment I don't need to go anywhere or be anything.

And at the snap of my fingers,

All the complex widgets and gizmos that make up my life

Fold into paper airplanes and fly off in the wind

Jacob Reinhardt

CALENDAR:-

Monday 4th St. John Vianney, 1786-1859, had to contend with poverty, military service and his own intellectual shortcomings in order to become a priest. In 1817 he was sent to care for the people of Ars, a small, obscure French village. The marvellous gift of the unlearned priest for seeing into the depths of the soul brought the world to Ars. From 1830 on, the curé averaged twelve to sixteen hours a day in the confessional. Patron of priests.

Kildare and Leighlin Today is the anniversary of the episcopal ordination of Most Rev. Denis Nulty, 4 August 2013.

Tuesday 5th The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major. The Basilica was built by Pope Sixtus 111 after the Council of Ephesus (431). It is The first Church in The West named in honour of The Mother of God.

Wednesday 6th The Transfiguration of The Lord

Thursday 7th St. Sixtus 11, pope and his four deacon companions were put to death in 258.

St. Cajetan, 1480-1547, founded the Theatines to renew sacramental life in the Church.

Friday 8th St. Dominic, 1170-1221, a Spaniard who founded the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) to counteract the Albigensian heresy.

Saturday 9th St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) born 1891 at Breslau (now Wrocław, Poland) the youngest of seven children of a Jewish family. A brilliant student, who gained her doctorate in philosophy at twenty-five. She became a Catholic in 1922 and a Carmelite nun. Both Jewish and Catholic, she fled to Holland when the Nazis came to power but she was captured and sent to Auschwitz where she died in its gas chamber on 9th August 1942.

Life's Common Things

The common things of life are all so dear---

The waking in the warm half gloom

To find again the old familiar room,

The scents and sights and sounds that never tire;

The homely work, the plans, the lilt of baby's laugh,

The crackle of the open fire;

The waiting, then the footsteps coming near,

The opening door, your hand—clasp—and your
kiss—

Is Heaven not after all the Now and Here?

The common things of life are all so dear.

Alice E. Allen