

Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Third Sunday of Advent

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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 9.30am,
Sunday 10am

Deadline for items for
Newsletter is 5pm on
Wednesday by phone to
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Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

Sunday 13th December 2020

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Give God your heart, your soul, and your mind, and then discover the joy and fulfilment that come with this surrender to Him.

CALENDAR

Monday 14th: **-St John of the Cross**, 1542-1591, a Carmelite who suffered much in his work of spreading the reform of the Carmelites, a man of prayer, outstanding poet, spiritual writer declared doctor of the Church.

Friday 18th: **-St Flannin** lived in the 7th century and was the son of the King of Thomond. He entered Molua's monastery at Killaloe and later became abbot there. He is remembered as a great preacher.

Mass Schedule for Christmas

Penitential Holy Hour – Monday 21st December at 7pm in Askea Church.

Thursday 24th December – Mass at 7pm

Friday 25th December – Mass at 11.30am

Saturday 26th December – Mass at 7pm

Sunday 27th December – Mass at 11.30am

Diocesan Advent page

The diocesan website, www.kandle.ie, has a dedicated Advent page that will be added to throughout the season of Advent. Parishioners are invited to access this page for a weekly Advent bulletin, Scripture Sharing reflections from Fr Liam Lawton, videos on making and blessing an Advent wreath and on creating an Advent prayer space in the home and more!

Samaritans Light Up Campaign

Samaritans provide a 24-hour helpline service for people who are in distress, struggling to cope and who are in need of emotional support, including those who are feeling suicidal. Every Christmas we mark the Winter Solstice on December 21st with an event called the Longest Night. Through this we let our callers know that we're there for them during their darkest hours, especially over the festive period. This year we are appealing to local authorities, businesses and church leaders to light up their buildings in green or where colour change is not possible, a light or lantern on to support us. Samaritans can be contacted 24 hours a day, seven days a week, of freephone 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.ie

Broadcast Mass times:

We continue to broadcast Mass from Holy Family Church, Askea on Monday to Friday at 9.30am. Rosary is recited immediately before Mass at 9.05am.

Weekend Masses will be broadcast at 7pm on Saturdays and 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon on Sundays.

You can access our webcam at

<http://www.askeaparish.ie/our-parish/web-cam/>

Eucharistic Adoration takes place in Askea Church on Wednesdays from 10am to 5pm.

K & L Diocesan Lotto Results for Wednesday 9th December 2020.

Numbers drawn were 9, 15, 20 & 22. No Jackpot winner.	
20 Match 3s won €50 each. Askea/Benekerry had NO Match 1.	
Winner	Promoter
Tommy Kelly	Breda, Askea Parish Centre
Next week's Jackpot €20,000.	

Tickets for the Lotto

Tickets for the Lotto are available in the Church.

You can also call to the Parish Centre during the week to buy a ticket.

St Vincent de Paul Society

The St Vincent de Paul Society, Holy Family Askea Conference wish to advise that due to the Covid-19 pandemic they are unable to collect non-perishable food this year. Instead of preparing hampers to distribute they wish to raise funds so that they can provide food vouchers. A Go fund Me page has been set up in conjunction with the Lions Club. To donate to the fund please go to :

<https://ie.gofundme.com/f/CarlowLionsSVPChristmasFoodAppeal>

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Diocesan Carol Service Radio Broadcast

A Diocesan Carol Service in the company of Bishop Denis Nulty and Bishop Dermot Farrell - an evening of music, song, prayer and reflection on the Christmas story from the parishes of our two dioceses. Sunday, 20th December, 8pm live on KCLR 96fm. Congratulations to all involved.

Remember your loved one with a ribbon on The Remembrance Tree. (Safety measures will be in place.)

The Remembrance Tree

Fairgreen entrance, Barracck Street. To make a donation online visit [idonate.ie/RemembranceTreeCarlow](https://www.idonate.ie/RemembranceTreeCarlow)
All donations to local and Rotary charities.

Choose gifts wisely

How many presents turn out to be of no use?

Why? - because we have no need or we don't like that sort of thing. As a result the charity shops receive lots of these items to be sold on. I suppose we all should put a little more thought into what we give.

Do you have someone who likes flowers? Instead of buying cut flowers, why not buy an indoor or outdoor plant or one that you can sow outdoors in the spring. Many of the cut flowers are imported from South America or Africa. That's a lot of air miles! In contrast, many of the potted plants are grown here in Ireland. If you give a plant the receiver will remember you for months while the cut flowers are dead in a few days.

The other option for a non-gardener is to give some micro greens seeds and a few small bowls. The only other thing needed is some compost, a kilogram will do for a couple of months.

These can be grown on a windowsill indoors. Not alone are you giving the gift of something really interesting to start doing but there is evidence that microgreens help in halting the aging process so you'll be very popular. The total cost with five varieties of seeds would be about €30 max which will provide many sowings.

Of course, you can step up for an avid gardener. You can buy a small propagator to sow plants indoors. These are good for sowing the likes of tomato seeds in February when the weather is too cold for outdoor sowing.

If you have a seasoned gardener in mind you could push the boat out and purchase the electric version which has heat and light but costs close to €300.

Any gardener would welcome a packet of flower or vegetable seeds but listen to her/him before you purchase. Seeds cost very little but will probably be scarce early next year due to Brexit. Years ago a logo existed called "Buy Irish", so it might be a good idea to adopt.

Liam Furlong, Tinryland Parish

A SPECIAL INVITATION FROM THE CATHEDRAL PARISH

Parishioners across the whole diocese are invited to join Bishop Denis for a livestream of the Cathedral Parish Carol Service on Sunday, December 20 at 8pm. The service can be accessed on iCatholic Facebook page <https://facebook.com/iCatholic> and the KANDLE facebook page , <https://www.facebook.com/KANDLEi/> as well as on the YouTube channel <https://youtube.com/c/icatholicplayer>

Candles

The days of the future stand in front of us
Like a line of candles all alight----
Golden and warm and lively little candles.
The days that are past are left behind,
A mournful row of candles that are out;
The nearer ones are still smoking,
Candles cold, and melted, candles bent.,
I don't want to see them; their shapes hurt me,
It hurts me to remember the light of them at first.
I look before me at my lighted candles,
I don't want to turn around and see with horror
How quickly the dark line is lengthening,
How quickly the candles multiply that have been put out.

Constantine P. Cavafy

Carlow Christmas Light Experience in association with Ballinabranna GAA and kindly sponsored by Supermacs Carlow, 10-14th December & 17-20th December. €30 per car. Ticket only event and advanced booking is required. A spectacle of over 200 Christmas Trees, Christmas lights, Santa's grotto, elves naughty and nice, hot chocolate and surprises. Book your tickets on Eventbrite via Ballinabranna GAA Facebook page or www.carlow-christmas-light-experience.myshopify.com

12 Days of Kindness

Carlow Mental Health Association are asking you to help us spread joy this Christmas with our daily countdown of Random Act of Kindnesses.

- Dec 13th Reach out to someone you haven't spoken to in a while
- Dec 14th Give a random person a gift.
- Dec 15th Buy from a local shop.
- Dec 16th Let someone ahead of you in a queue
- Dec 17th Donate something small to a charity.
- Dec 18th Bring some treats to work / school.
- Dec 19th Bring a friend out to lunch or coffee.
- Dec 20th Take a walk with a loved one.
- Dec 21st Buy a coffee for a stranger.
- Dec 22nd Pick up some rubbish on your street, at work or school.
- Dec 23rd Smile at a stranger.
- Dec 24th Choose your own Act of Kindness.

Tell us how you get on.

Tag us on #cmhachristmaskindess

Carlowmentalhealth@hotmail.com

085 8181353

Askea Christmas Mass Schedule

Monday 21st December – 7pm – Penitential Holy Hour

Thursday 24th December – 9.30am Morning Mass

Christmas Eve – 4pm, 6pm and 9pm.

Friday 25th December – 9am, 10.30am & 12 Noon.

Saturday 26th December – 7pm.

Sunday 27th December – 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon.

Christmas Reflection - 1 Corinthians 13

- A Christmas Version.

If I decorate my house perfectly with fancy bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny ornaments, but do not show love to my family. ***I'm just another decorator.***

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of mince pies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautiful adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, ***I'm just another cook.***

If I work in the soup kitchen, sing carols in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, ***it profits me nothing.***

Love stops the cooking to hug the child. **Love** sets aside the decorating to spend time with family. **Love** is kind, though harried and tired.

Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way but is thankful they are there to be in the way.

Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust, but giving the gift of love will endure.

Some thoughts as you prepare for Christmas !

EXTRACT from Tinryland Parish Newsletter.

13th December 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Be patient, Brother until the Lord’s coming” (Jn 5:3)

A laminated copy of this Newsletter will be posted in the Main porch of the Church each week. The newsletter is also available on line at askeeparish.ie/currentnewsletter – and scroll to find Reaching Out.

If you wish to have a copy of the newsletter emailed to you, please submit your email address to tinrylandparish@gmail.com, and we will be happy to send on a copy to you.

Anniversaries:

Sunday 13th December

Rita Farrell, Ballycarney, Black Bog Road
Christine (Tina) Broderick, St Joseph’s Terrace.

Friday 18th December 2020

John & Susan Nolan, Tinryland

Sunday 20th December 2020

Mary Farrell, Ballickmoyler and Linkardstown and her Mother Esther (Edie) Farrell
Fr Tom McDonald PP Tinryland (1972-1975).



Mass Times

Monday 14th December

No Mass

Tuesday 15th December

Mass at 9.30am

Wednesday 16th December

Mass at 9.30am

Thursday 17th December

Mass at 7.30pm

Friday 18th December

Mass at 7.30pm

Saturday 19th December

Mass at 6.00 pm

Sunday 20th December

Mass at 10.00 am

Offertory – Sunday 6th December - €127. Envelopes - €1075.

Christmas Envelopes for the support of the Priests of the Parish are been distributed at present. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Kildate & Leighlin Lotto Results – Wednesday 9th December, 2020. No Jackpot Winner.

No's 9,15,20,22. 20 Match 3's - €50 each – One Tinryland winner – Nanny Lyons, Promoter Anne Lyons. Final draw before Christmas will be Wednesday 23rd December, 2020

South Leinster Money Advice and Budget Service CLG. (MABS)

Carlow Office – 72D Tullow Street, Carlow - opening hours 9.00am to 5.00pm.

Carlow Family Support Group: You are Not Alone. Drugs and alcohol abuse effects families regardless of status in life. Help is available for living with this disease – Call **085 7872730.**

The Tinryland GFC Lotto will re-commence tomorrow Monday 14th December with a Jackpot of €5700. Tickets can be purchased from any committee member or online.

The HSE Covid Testing Centre will cease in the Club on Saturday 19th December.

COVID-19 – Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of Covid-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open 7 days per week from 8.00am to 8.00pm by calling **0818 222024.**

Living Well – This is a free on line self-management group programme for adults with long term health conditions. For more information please contact Ciara on 087 4088325/e.mail. www.HSE.ie/livingwell.

Waiting in Hope – An Advent Bulletin for the home:- The diocesan website, www.kandle.ie has a dedicated Advent page that will be added to throughout the season of Advent. Parishioners are invited to access this page for a weekly Advent bulletin, Scripture Sharing reflections from Fr. Liam Lawton, videos on making and blessing an Advent wreath and on creating an Advent prayer space in the home.

Christmas Concert Get into the festive cheer with the Portarlington Christmas Carollers broadcast of their 2019 Christmas Concert. Premiering on YouTube at 4:00pm on Dec 20th. Though we can't be physically together, we can share in the experience, live comment during the broadcast, and sing along to all our Christmas Favourites. Type in the following to view online: <https://youtu.be/avwCwjbM8Dk>

Samaritans - WE ARE HERE FOR YOU THIS CHRISTMAS - Every hour, every day, a Samaritan is waiting to answer your call. This Christmas our volunteers will be here to listen 24/7, allowing you to talk without judgement, to relieve distress and reach a better understanding of your situation. We hear from men and women of all ages who feel stressed, lonely, bereaved, have family or financial worries, or are suicidal. Please don't suffer in silence. We are here today, and all over Christmas, on free phone 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.ie Samaritans Kilkenny/Carlow are 25 years old and we want to thank all our volunteers – past and present - and our supporters for their time and dedication.

Ladies ring found in Cemetary.

We ask that people would wear Face Coverings in our Church