

# Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Sixth 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  
9.30am,  
Sunday 10am  
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Deadline for items  
for Newsletter is  
5pm on Wednesday  
by phone to 059  
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[office@askeaparish.i](mailto:office@askeaparish.ie)  
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## A Prayer in Spring

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today;  
And give us not to think so far away  
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here  
All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard  
white,  
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by  
night;  
And make us happy in the happy bees,  
The swarm dilating round the perfect  
trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird  
That suddenly above the bees is heard,  
The meteor that thrusts in with needle  
bill,  
And off a blossom in mid air stands still.

For this is love and nothing else is love,  
The which it is reserved for God above  
To sanctify to what far ends He will,  
But which it only needs that we fulfil.

**Robert Frost**

# Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

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## **Anniversaries**

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Ann (Nan) Gladney, Kernanstown, Bennekerry

Richard (Dick) Gladney, Kernanstown, Bennekerry

Brendan Lennon, Rutland

### **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 and 10.30am on Sundays.

You can access our webcam at <http://www.askeaparish.ie/our-parish/webcam/>

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

**K & L Diocesan Lotto Results**  
**for Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

Numbers drawn were 17, 22, 23 & 24. No Jackpot winner.  
9 Match 3s winners get €112 each. Askea/Bennekerry had 1  
Match 3s

Winner

Promoter

Olive Lysaght

Margaret Kelly

Next week's Jackpot €13,000.

**Tickets for the Lotto**

The Lotto draw continues in Portlaoise. We will continue to enter pre-paid tickets in the draw.

**Next Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February is Ash Wednesday and the first day of Lent.**

**Evening Mass will be broadcast from Askea Church at 7pm on weekdays during Lent. This Mass is in addition to the 9.30am weekday Mass already being broadcast.**

**Blessed ashes will be available in the Church after the 9.30am Mass.**

**CARLOW TOASTMASTERS:**

Want to overcome your fear of public speaking? Maybe improve your speaking or presentation skills for work or a new job. You can still have fun at the same time with Carlow Toastmasters. We meet online during the Lockdown via ZOOM on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 8pm. Why not join us? New members and guests are always welcome. For further information please call Catherine on 087-696-4374. Alternatively DM Carlow Toastmasters Facebook page.



Have you noticed recently the birds are back singing. It signals the advent of spring. Based on the weather you would think they would not be nesting yet but they are looking at prospective locations. If you have any nesting boxes, see if they have any old nests in them or debris, any such material should be removed.

We should continue to feed them as there is very little available to them in the wild. Fat balls and peanuts are good. I find that if I put the mixed seeds into the feeder the birds are a bit sloppy and drop some seeds which results in a visit from rodents within a few hours.

If you feed birds expect a visit from birds of prey like a Sparrow Hawk or Buzzards. I have a very cheeky Buzzard at the moment who does not move if I get near him. Of course these boys are after the small birds. Why not put up a nest box or two. I put up a ball with a hole in it and a wren made a nest. Surprising but truly amazing!

Liam Furlong (Tinryland)

## CALENDAR

Wednesday 17th:-Ash Wednesday

### **‘Living Christian Faith’**

**Lenten Conversations Online**

*A new series of online discussions to engage you during Lent.*

***What nurtures our faith and what challenges it today?***

***Where do we find hope and joy in our lives?***

***How can our faith build mental strength, wellbeing and resilience?***

***How has the Covid pandemic impacted upon our faith?***

These are just some of the questions that will be explored over the 6 weeks of Lent with a new series of online discussions on the topic of ‘Living Christian Faith’. Faith Renewal at Knock Shrine is all about reaching out to people. These conversations will offer discourse on contemporary issues of faith and church life.

**Talks will be streamed at [www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live)**

**8.30pm every Thursday during Lent.**

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Try to replace critical thoughts with positive ones, and you’ll be amazed what a difference it will make in your day, your spirit, and your life.

Actions to help transform our world

## Sustainable Development Goal

### Number 11



31. Learn how to make your village, town or city greener.
32. Promote car-pooling in areas with limited public transport.
33. Make use of your local recreational spaces.