

Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Body and Blood of Christ

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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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The Body and Blood of Christ

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Triona Doherty – Intercom Magazine

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Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

Sunday 14th June 2020

The Body & Blood of Christ

At the end of March this year, a host of Irish sports stars came together to urge people to 'unite by staying apart.' *'We're all in this together... Now it's time for us all to unite and rise to the occasion by keeping our distance and by staying at home,'* they said in a video message. It seems like such a paradox: how can we be united when we are all so far apart? It is hard, when we are used to living in community, supporting others and being supported, to accept the idea that we can be apart, yet together.

It was a particular challenge for Christians across the globe, as the coronavirus outbreak saw Masses and church services cancelled and the faithful called upon to stay at home. Physically, we were separated from our church community, but thankfully most of us were able to tune in to live-streamed Masses on TV, radio or online, where we could unite with the church in prayer. For me, it brings to mind the experiences of all those who are unable to attend Mass for various reasons, perhaps because they are housebound or in hospital or living in a place where there is no priest available, but who are nonetheless united in communion with the Body of Christ.

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Newsletter Items - 059 9143881. **Deadline for News items: - 9pm Wednesdays**

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Anniversaries 14th June 2020

Church Collections

In response to the many queries we have received about Church collections we are listing the parish account details below. If you are making a donation directly to the parish through the Bank please put your name and address in the reference box. You can also hold on to your donation envelope and return it to the Church when things get back to normal. Your support for the Parish is greatly appreciated.

Bank Name and Address: AIB Bank, Tullow Street, Carlow

Name of Account: Bennekerry Parish. BIC AIBKIE2D

IBAN: IE25AIBK93310401334017

Contact Details for the Parish Office

You can contact the Parish Office to book Anniversaries at 087 1269709.

Trócaire

Trócaire boxes can be returned to Askea Church on Wednesdays in June between 10am and 5pm. Your support for the Trócaire organization is much needed and very much appreciated.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration takes place in Askea Church on Wednesdays from 10am to 5pm. The regular group of people who have committed to observing an hour at Adoration are asked to let the Parish Office know if they are still available to do so. New volunteers are always very welcome. 087 1269709.

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Name of Account: Askea Parish. BIC BOFIE2D

IBAN: IE78BOFI90653118867569

Lough Derg Retreats & Pilgrimages Online

During the month of June, Lough Derg is offering opportunities to have an experience of retreat and pilgrimage from wherever you are. Online Retreat Days continue on 13 and 18 June. From 27th – 29th June people can do the Three Day Pilgrimage from afar, along with the Prior and team. To register for this historic event and for full details of what is happening during June go to www.loughderg.live Tel. 0 (0353) 71 9861518 Email info@loughderg.org

The benefits of Elderflower.....

This morning I had some Elderflower on my porridge. Tomorrow I will increase the strength and get a greater benefit from it.

Right now if you stand still for a few seconds and look around you, particularly if you live in the countryside, you will see at least five Elderberry trees. They grow everywhere and don't need a lot of good soil so you will often see them growing on chimneys and derelict sites.

In every supermarket and fashionable cafe Elderberry Cordial is for sale. Of course you can make the same Cordial in a little time with very few ingredients. The Cordial was used by many countries going back to Roman times.

Why is it still in demand? Elderflower is used for sinuses, viruses, bronchitis and constipation and like the Dandelion is good for urine production. Many people make a medicine from the cordial and use it for colds and fevers.

When the berries arrive again you can make an anti-viral medicine, very appropriate right now. Why use a pharma product when this is available free of charge. Of course, if you are fearful about allergies go to your supermarket and try a glass of cordial.

Enjoy experimenting with this great natural resource.

Liam Furlong, Tinryland Parish

A Graduation Prayer for the Class of 2020!

We Bless You as You Go.

Gracious God,
look with love on all our Sixth Class Girls and Boys.
It has been a very different end to your time with us
in our school.

You have stayed home, worked hard, been creative,
learned new skills and remained strong.

Together but apart you have continued to make us proud.

Today, as we celebrate all that you have been and all that
you will become, we ask that God's blessing will wrap each
one of you in a cloak of love and protection.

We give thanks for the last eight years.

We will always remember you, the class of 2020.
We will hold you in our hearts and in our prayers as you take
the next steps on your lifelong journey of learning.
We know that you will make the very best of your time
in your new schools.

We pray that you will always know
that you are loved by God, who wants you to be
the very best that you can be
so that you can set the world on fire.

May God bless you and keep you safe until we meet again.
Amen.