

Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

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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

9142565 or email to

office@askeaparish.ie

Website: www.askeaparish.ie

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They are all in the process of building nests, laying eggs, sitting on the eggs or feeding their young. I presume when they have completed this important work they will return and delight us with their colours and antics.

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Keeping in Touch

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

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Anniversaries 17th May 2020

Pierie Wall, The Forge

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

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IBAN: IE25AIBK93310401334017

Triduum of preparation for Pentecost

Bishop Denis and the Diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation are delighted to announce three evenings of preparation for the Feast of Pentecost.

Faith, Hope and Love - Living Pentecost Today.

Households across the diocese are invited to dress their front doors with red ribbons for Pentecost Sunday. An image of a dove can be downloaded and added to the ribbons also. If you have a wind-chime in your garden you may like to add it to the decoration or place it near your door. Once more, people are invited to send their photos on Pentecost Sunday into the kandle Facebook page.

Three evenings of prayer, music and reflection

Live streamed from a different church in the diocese each night at 7:30 pm concluding with Vigil Mass for Pentecost Sunday live from Carlow Cathedral, led by Bishop Denis.

Live streamed at 7.30pm from

Naas on 27th May <https://www.naasparish.ie/our-parish/naas-webcam/>

Portlaoise on 28th May <http://www.portlaoiseparish.ie/web-cam/>

and Graiguecullen on 29th May

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/graiquecullen-killleshin-parish-carlow>

Vigil Mass for Pentecost Sunday on 30th May at 6.15pm live from Carlow Cathedral <http://www.carlowcathedral.ie/webcam/>

VINCENT DE PAUL CARLOW

- URGENT FUNDRAISING APPEAL.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul has launched an urgent fundraising appeal, as all its normal fundraising events are now cancelled due to the CORONAVIRUS .

They appreciate that this is a difficult time for everyone but if you can help in any way you can donate as follows. Thank you for your support.

DONATE BY POST:

Please send cheques to Carlow St. Vincent de Paul 46 Tullow Street Carlow R93 N153.

DONATE AT BANK: Bank of Ireland, Carlow. A/C Name: St. Vincent de Paul Carlow . A/C Number: 96663342; Sorting Code: 90-65-31; Bank Identifier Code: BOFIIIE2D; IBAN Code: IE28BOFI90653196663342.

DONATE BY PHONE and credit/debit card. Please specify that your donation is for St. Vincent de Paul Carlow. Just call 0818 176 176

KILDARE AND LEIGHLIN HOUSEHOLDS INVITED TO UNITE WITH OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN AND CREATE A MAY ALTAR IN

THE HOME Children preparing for First Holy Communion across the diocese have been invited to create a May altar in their home and to pray the Joyful Mysteries with their family. This invitation is extended to the whole of the Kandle family. Why not set aside a space in your home to place a statue or image of Mary. You might like to include flowers, candles, rosary beads... The next steps is to set aside a time to pray the Rosary each day, either alone or with other members of your household. Send us a photo! We would love to receive photos of your May altar to share with the rest of the Kandle family. Images can be sent to our @KANDLEi Facebook page.

Contact Details for the Parish Office

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

Laudato Si.....

This week marks the 5th anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis' encyclical on Care for Our Common Home. Catholic communities worldwide have been asked to celebrate *Laudato Si'* Week in some way from 16 to 24 May.

Laudato Si is a beautiful document, inspired by the words of St Francis of Assisi,
'Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs.'

In this document, Pope Francis asks us to listen to the cry of the earth, to really awaken to what is happening to God's creation. We live in extraordinary times, where vast ecosystems are being destroyed and global warming poses a threat to life, all due to human activity. Young people are calling on us to take action in order to ensure a sustainable future for all.

In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis says that this environmental crisis is, in reality, a spiritual crisis, because we have forgotten who we are and where we come from. We need a conversion of heart where our relationship with nature is concerned. He invites us to re-awaken a child-like sense of awe and wonder and to remember that *'the entire material universe speaks of God's love... soil, water, mountains: everything is a caress of God'* (LS 84).

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: 'This is the Spirit of truth... He abides with you and He will be in you.' Let us begin again to see God present within ourselves, in others and in all of creation. We start here, for we will only protect what we love.

How will you celebrate *Laudato Si'* week this week in your home and in your parish community?

Spend time in nature, plant a tree, read *Laudato Si'*...

Pope Francis has asked that each family pray the Rosary at home especially during the month of May. He suggests that these prayers are prayed after the Rosary.

FIRST PRAYER

O Mary,
You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus' suffering,
and persevered in your faith.
"Protectress of the Roman people",
you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.
For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection.
Amen.

*We fly to your protection,
O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from every danger,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.*

SECOND PRAYER

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God".

In the present tragic situation,
when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety,
we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother,
and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us
amid this coronavirus pandemic.
Comfort those who are distraught
and mourn their loved ones who have died,
and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply.
Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who
are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the
disease, cannot be close to them.
Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the
future and the consequences for the economy and
employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father
of mercies, that this great suffering may end
and that hope and peace may dawn anew.
Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana,
so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted,
and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers
who are on the frontline of this emergency,
and are risking their lives to save others.
Support their heroic effort and grant them strength,
generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day,
and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the
Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.
Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women
engaged in scientific research,

that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need.

Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves,
O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

Resources for Praying with and Reflecting on the Daily Readings

The first and primary resource is, naturally, the readings themselves. If you don't have a Daily Missal, you will find the readings for the Mass of the Day on the Askea Parish website.

Sacredspace.ie This Irish based website and app from the Jesuits offers a guided daily prayer based on the scriptures of the day. *Living Space* is the area of the Sacred Space website where you will find commentaries on the daily and Sunday scripture readings.

Pray as you go.org Another Jesuit website and app based in England. Again it offers the readings of the day with reflections and music (audio available), as well as a suite of other prayer resources and online retreats for different age groups.

Wordonfire.org offers short daily Gospel reflections from Bishop Robert Barron.

ncronline.org , the website of the national Catholic Reporter in the US, offers a daily column, *Pencil Preaching*, with a commentary on the readings each day. Like the Word On Fire reflection, you can sign up to receive this each day.

Free Access to newspapers and magazines through Carlow

Libraries More & more are taking the opportunity to access the free online services at Carlow Libraries whilst at home. Find info on how to sign up at www.carlowlibraries.ie The benefit of online access to library services is evident in these difficult times. Check out all services on offer. You'll be happily surprised at the range available.

Bishop to lead live streamed prayer service for Leaving Cert

students Bishop Denis will lead a prayer service for Leaving Cert students in Holy Family Church, Askea at 7 pm on Thursday, May 21. Students from across the diocese will be able to virtually join together to be supported and uplifted through music, prayer and reflections. A special blessing for students will be given by Bishop Denis during the liturgy. Access to the prayer service will be through a variety of platforms, including Facebook and webcam. More details to follow.

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Helpdesk Phone Line

Carlow County Council through the 'Carlow Covid-19 Community Response Forum' has established a helpdesk that will respond to the needs of the vulnerable members of our community by linking State agencies, the community and voluntary sectors to vulnerable people's needs. Freephone in confidence 1800-814-300 from 8am – 8pm Monday to Sunday or Email:covidsupport@carlowcoco.ie

One important measure in preventing the spread of Covid-19 is cocooning. This is a measure to protect people who are over 70 years of age or those who are extremely medically vulnerable not leaving your house.

Freephone **1800-814-300 to arrange shopping and / or pharmacy deliveries.**

An Act of Spiritual Communion

During this time although we cannot be present at Mass to receive Communion we can receive Jesus spiritually.

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My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.