

# Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Seventeenth 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

9142565 or email to

office@askeaparish.ie

Website: [www.askeaparish.ie](http://www.askeaparish.ie)

**Like treasure hidden in a field.**

Where is the Kingdom of God?

How to recognise it?

Has it an anthem like a country, a flag  
like a nation, a language of its own?

In the middle of the heart of experience  
is found the Kingdom of God.

Through the gaps of life, shines the  
Kingdom of God.

Like treasure hidden in a field.

Glimpsed in the narrow gaps between  
right thoughts

and you're surprised by a new idea.

Glimpsed in the narrow gaps between  
people who know each other

and you're surprised by the newness of  
one you love.

Glimpsed in the narrow gap of acceptance  
of injustice and inequality,

and you're surprised by new initiatives.

There is no flay, no anthem, no language  
separate from

the flag, anthem and language

of our experience of life:

the flag, anthem and language

of love, compassion, truth of the worlds

of justice, of Eucharist.

# Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Pied Beauty

Glory be to God for dappled things -

For skies of couple-colour as a brinded cow;

For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;

Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;

Landscape plotted and pieced - fold, fallow, and  
plough;

And áll trádes, their gear and tackle and trim.

All things counter, original, spare, strange;

Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)

With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;

He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change:

Praise him.

GERARD MANLEY HOPKINS

# St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

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## **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

### **Anniversaries**

Thomas Hurley, 19 Rossmore View, Graiguecullen

T J McCormack, Rutland Terrace & Sharon Avenue

Paul McCormack, Rutland Terrace & Sharon Avenue

Mary Cassidy, Kernanstown

Tom O'Sullivan, Bennekerry

Paul O'Brien, Russelstown

### **Month's Mind**

Frank McGarry, Ballyburn

<p><b><u>Contact Details for the Parish Office</u></b> You can contact the Parish Office to book Anniversaries at 087 1269709.</p>
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## **Mass Times from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

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Friday – 9.30am & 7pm.

Saturday – 7pm; Sunday – 9am, 10.30am & 12 noon.

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## **Church Re-Opening for Public Masses**

Welcome back to public Masses. Please follow the directions of the stewards. To maximise the space in the Church you will be directed to your seat. To minimise contact in the Church we will fill the seats starting at the front and working to the back.

At Holy Communion time the Eucharistic Ministers will go between the seats. If you wish to receive you are asked to stand up.

At the end of Mass we will empty the church starting with the back rows. Please follow directions of the stewards.

Please sanitise your hands as you enter and leave the Church.

Please remember to socially distance both inside and outside the Church.

### **Pods**

In order to comply with the latest regulations and allow the maximum capacity in the Church we have created two PODS in Askea Church. The pods must be kept separate at all times and must be 4 metres apart. You will see ropes down the seats at the centre aisle of the Church marking the 4 metres spacing. You are asked to stay in the side of the Church you enter and, after Mass, leave at the same side. Your cooperation with this will help us to ensure the health and safety of priests, parishioners, visitors and staff in the Church.

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## **Eucharistic Adoration**

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

## **K & L Diocesan Lotto**

The Diocese resumed the K & L Lotto draw on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020. Some of our promoters have expressed concerns at having to go door to door collecting ticket money at this time. We are also unclear as to how we can make tickets available in the Church in a way that will meet with the Government and Diocesan health and safety guidelines. To deal with both of these concerns it has been decided that for the moment we will not be selling paper tickets for the Lotto draw. There are a number of tickets on our computer system that had been pre-paid before the “lock-down”. We will continue to enter these tickets for the duration of their prepayment and will review the situation again at a later date.

We thank all our promoters and ticket holders for their continued support.

## **Kildare & Leighlin Weekly Lotto Results for Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020.**

Numbers drawn were 4, 13, 14 & 22. No Jackpot winner.

26 Match 3s won €39 each. Askea/Benekerry had 1 Match 3s.

Winner

Promoter

Gretta Shannon

Una Bowe

Next week's Jackpot €20,000.

**Vegetable Sale** You are invited to visit the Gairdín Beo every Wednesday in July between 10.00am- 1.00pm for a Vegetable Sale. We ask you to pick your own vegetables using your own utensils and carrier bag. The following produce are available: Onions, cabbage, beans, lettuce, beetroot, kale, garlic, chard, potatoes, and cauliflower. Pesto and chutney (made from garden produce) and homemade jams herbs and flower arrangements will also be available. We regret that we are unable to give change so a donation box will be available for payment. You are welcome to stroll around the garden taking care to observe signage. Think globally act locally!  
Looking forward to seeing you.

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Transition/Leaving Cert Students  
& Community Groups

**I know why the sky is blue. Do you?**

Celebrate the 200th birthday of the great Co. Carlow scientist John Tyndall and learn about his life and contributions to modern science.

On Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August (Tyndall's Birthday) an online lecture will be livestreamed featuring Martin Nevin, Sir Roland Jackson and Dr. Julie Donnelly from the Tyndall National Institute.

This lecture is presented by Carlow County Museum and the Tyndall National Institute, and will be available to watch online at 2pm on Facebook. For more information visit [www.carlowmuseum.ie](http://www.carlowmuseum.ie)

## **My Friend Spike**

I was woken last night by our dog continually barking. I was not pleased as it was three o'clock. I let the hound out just in case it was an intruder or a rat. When the light came on, to my surprise the dog was circling a hedgehog. Great news.

Dogs tend to carry them around the garden in their mouths. Last year our dog suffocated a young one while in his mouth.

Hedgehogs are a great bonus for gardeners. They love slugs and snails, also earwigs and the like. It's great to see empty snail shells on the path as it informs me that my friend was here last night. Slugs have not touched the lettuce, cabbage etc this year. They like nettle seeds and the caterpillars on them.

They look slow and not very nimble but they cover a distance of 3km in a night and in a year their territory is about 200 acres.

If they visit you, do not give them milk and bread but a little cat food would go down well.

One last thing, if you see one on the road, stop and let him get out of the way or give him a hand across. Do a good deed.

*Liam Furlong, Tinryland Parish.*

## **CALENDAR**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>:-**St. Peter Chrysologus**, died c.450 Bishop of Ravenna, famous for his preaching.

Friday 31<sup>st</sup>:-**St. Ignatius of Loyla**:-1491-1556, from the North of Spain, and founded the Society of Jesus. By the time of his death, the society had spread widely and had over a thousand members. His great theme was the service of God and God's greater glory. The experience of his conversion led to his writing of The Spiritual Exercises.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>:- **St. Alphonsus Liguori**, 1696- 1787 founder of the Redemporist Congregation taught much on moral theology and the spiritual life. He is remembered as a popular preacher and influential

## **Thought for the Week**

God wants people to be happy—including you and me. That's one of the reasons why He 'loved the world' and sent Jesus to save us all -to give us true lasting happiness through knowing Him and living eternally with Him.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Listening to the Word God enables us to acquire true wisdom. By it we learn where our true good lies, that means more than silver or gold.*

**The Listeners**

'Is there anybody there?' said the Traveller, Knocking on the moonlit door;  
And his horse in the silence champed the grasses  
Of the forest's ferny floor:  
And a bird flew up out of the turret, Above the Traveller's head:  
And he smote upon the door again a second time;  
'Is there anybody there?' he said.  
But no one descended to the Traveller;  
No head from the leaf-fringed sill  
Leaned over and looked into his grey eyes,  
Where he stood perplexed and still.  
But only a host of phantom listeners That dwelt in the lone house then  
Stood listening in the quiet of the moonlight  
To that voice from the world of men:  
Stood thronging the faint moonbeams on the dark stair,  
That goes down to the empty hall,  
Harkening in an air stirred and shaken By the lonely Traveller's call.  
And he felt in his heart their strangeness,  
Their stillness answering his cry,  
While his horse moved, cropping the dark turf,  
'Neath the starred and leafy sky;  
For he suddenly smote on the door, even  
Louder, and lifted his head:—  
'Tell them I came, and no one answered,  
That I kept my word,' he said.  
Never the least stir made the listeners,  
Though every word he spake  
Fell echoing through the shadowiness of the still house  
From the one man left awake:  
Ay, they heard his foot upon the stirrup,  
And the sound of iron on stone,  
And how the silence surged softly backward,  
When the plunging hoofs were gone.

*Source: The Collected Poems of Walter de la Mare (1979)*