



# Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## First Holy Communion

We welcome the boys and girls who are due to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion in Bennekerry Church.

We wish them well on their faith journey and also to all the students who received First Holy Communion over the summer months.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Class Students**

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September – 11.30am Mass

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Class Students**

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 11.30am

# St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

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## **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

### **Anniversaries**

John and Annie O'Keeffe, Palatine and their  
Grandson Andrew O'Keeffe, Crewe England

Philomena (Dilly) Nolan, 7 Kernanstown

John Nicholas Byrne, Ardnahue

Paddy Byrne, Kernanstown and Grange Grove

Mary Doyle, Sion Cross, Bennekerry

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

## **K & L Diocesan Lotto Results** **for Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Numbers drawn were 20, 27, 30 & 31.

NO Jackpot winner

5 Match 3s winners get €200 each. Askea/Benekerry had No Match 3s.

Winner Promoter

Next Week's Jackpot €20,000.

**Digital IT Zoom Workshops Dates:** Monday 4th and 11th of October and Monday 1st and 8th of November. Time: 10.00am-12.00 noon. To book your place contact [fdunne@kcteb.ie](mailto:fdunne@kcteb.ie) before September 24th Tutor: Jennifer Fitzpatrick This workshop is sponsored by Carlow ETB.

**Applied Math's lessons** will be run in the CBS on Tuesday afternoons from 4.30 to 6.30. Anyone that is interested can contact [mrcoughlan@cbscarlow.net](mailto:mrcoughlan@cbscarlow.net) or phone the school at 0599142419 between 9am - 4pm.

**Notice of Migrant Sunday Collection** Migrant Sunday takes place on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September. This year we are holding a collection to support the work of the Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants (IECE) who provides grant funding to Irish organisations overseas working with the most vulnerable of our emigrant community; from the elderly and isolated to the undocumented and those dealing with mental health problems.

**The Eist Cancer Support Centre** has moved to 46 Idrone Park, Carlow. Eist continues to provide emotional support and practical help to all affected by cancer. To make an appointment or for more information please contact us on 085 8661499 or [info@eistcarlowcancersuport.ie](mailto:info@eistcarlowcancersuport.ie).

**Carlow Hospice Tea Day** Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2-5pm at Tucker's home Brownhill Ave R93 V0Y7. Donations welcome.

### **Are you worried about someone's drinking?**

The Al-Anon Family Groups can offer support to Family and friends of problem drinkers. We meet on Monday at 8pm at St. Catherine's Community Centre, Station Road and Thursday at 8pm at Askea Parish Centre, Brownhill Road, Carlow Town.

**Safeguarding Sunday** on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September the Diocese celebrates Safeguarding Sunday. On this day we turn the spotlight on safeguarding and remind our communities and parish personnel that protecting vulnerable people is at the heart of the Christian message. Safeguarding Sunday is about creating an opportunity for parishes to find out all the positive work that has been happening in terms of safeguarding over the past year. Safeguarding in each parish could not happen without the commitment and work of many paid and volunteer personnel including local safeguarding representatives, sacristans, youth leaders, choir leaders and priests. We remember those who have experienced abuse in our Diocese and remind people of the Towards Healing confidential and free counselling service, Ph. 1800 303 416, Monday to Friday 11.00am to 6.00pm. They provide face to face counselling, structured phone counselling, family counselling and a counselling helpline. The Safeguarding Committee has produced a short video to mark this day, and this will be available to view on [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

**Towards Healing** is an independent organisation providing professional support for people who have experienced institutional, clerical, or religious abuse in Ireland. The service is provided by lay, independent and fully accredited therapists. Freephone 1800 303416. Hearing impaired Text Line Number: 085-8022859 [www.towardshelaing.ie](http://www.towardshelaing.ie)

**Carlow Rainbows Group** offer a ten session **Peer Support Programme** for children aged 7 – 13 who have experienced loss through the **death** of a close relative or the **separation of their parents**. Programmes are free to participants, are organised by age and will commence in Askea during October. If you are interested, please contact **Anne 0876636499** or **Norah 087 1269 709**. **In addition, we are now offering similar programmes for teenagers aged 13 to 16.**

**Plant ID walk An** Gairdin Beo- Old Dublin Rd Carlow - Community Garden Plant ID walk. Would you like to learn more about how to use the plants & weeds to help heal you & your family. Come join local Herbalist Laura Darcy from Yarrow Lane Herbs on Sunday the 19th & Sunday 26th @ 2PM for a walk around the gardens no need to book just arrive. Bring a notepad & pen. Donation basic - Weather Permitting - Contact Laura on 085 8183582 [yarrowlaneherbs@gmail.com](mailto:yarrowlaneherbs@gmail.com)

## CALENDAR

Monday 20<sup>th</sup>: -**Andrew Kim Taegon**, the first Korean priest, Paul Chong Hasang, a catechist, and one hundred and one others were martyred during the persecutions of the Church in Korea, 1839-1867.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> **St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)** died on the 23rd of September 1968. Capuchin friar, stigmatist, confessor, friend of all who suffer.

**St Eunan (Adomnan)** was born in Donegal around 624 and died in 704. He became a monk in Iona and was chosen abbot there in 679. One of his writings is the life of Colum Cille.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>: -**St Finbarr** came to Loch Irce (Gougane Barra) and probably lived there as a hermit. When disciples gathered round him, he moved to Cork at the mouth of the Lee where he founded a monastery which became a famous centre of learning.

## THOUGHT for THE WEEK

People are more likely to become what you encourage them to be than what you nag them to be.

Memory is a wonderful treasure chest for those who know how to pack.

### **Sonnet 73:**

That time of year thou mayst in me behold  
When yellow leaves, or none, or few, do hang  
Upon those boughs which shake against the cold,  
Bare ruin'd choirs, where late the sweet birds sang.  
In me thou see'st the twilight of such day  
As after sunset fadeth in the west,  
Which by and by black night doth take away,  
Death's second self, that seals up all in rest.  
In me thou see'st the glowing of such fire  
That on the ashes of his youth doth lie,  
As the deathbed whereon it must expire,  
Consum'd with that which it was nourish'd by.  
This thou perceiv'st, which makes thy love more strong,  
To love that well which thou must leave ere long.

*William Shakespeare*

### **Nothing Gold Can Stay**

Nature's first green is gold,  
Her hardest hue to hold.  
Her early leaf's a flower;  
But only so an hour.  
Then leaf subsides to leaf.  
So, Eden sank to grief,  
So, dawn goes down to day.  
Nothing gold can stay.