

Holy Family Parish, Askea

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The Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Last week's Collections:

Development: €

Offertory: €

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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

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office@askeaparish.ie

Website:

www.askeaparish.ie

To Daffodils

Fair Daffodils, we weep to see

You haste away so soon;

As yet the early-rising sun

Has not attain'd his noon.

Stay, stay,

Until the hasting day

Has run

But to the even-song;

And, having pray'd together, we

Will go with you along.

We have short time to stay, as you,

We have as short a spring;

As quick a growth to meet decay,

As you, or anything.

We die

As your hours do, and dry

Away,

Like to the summer's rain;

Or as the pearls of morning's dew,

Ne'er to be found again.

Robert Herrick

Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

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

Emergency Number for the Priest on Duty 087 2588118.

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Anniversaries 1st March 2020

Gavin Brennan, 36 Kernanstown

Ester Brennan, Raheendoran

Jean Dooley, Johnstown

Thomas and Brigid Hade, Palatine

Palatine GAA Club Lotto Results 24th February 2020. Numbers Drawn . 14, 20, 23 & 30. No Jackpot winner.

4 Lucky Dips €50 each.

Winner

Anne Doyle

Mick Byrne

Joseph Hayden

Val Brooks

Seller's Prize €70 - Aggie Dowling

Next Draw Monday 2nd March 2020. Jackpot €12,400.

Promoter

Nicola Top Oil

Mick Byrne

Jimmy O'Shea

Pat Kane

**Mass at 9.30am in Bennekerry every
Thursday during Lent.**

Kildare & Leighlin Weekly Lotto Results

For Wed 26th February 2020. Numbers drawn were 02, 04, 05 & 29.

No Jackpot winner. 14 Match 3s won €72 each. Askea / Bennekerry had NO Match 3s.

Winner

Promoter

Next week's Jackpot €13,000. Tickets €2 each – available from Askea Parish Centre.

Please note the draw takes place on Wed at 4.30pm in Portlaoise. Tickets must be returned by 5pm each Tuesday to Askea Parish Centre.

Askea Senior Citizens

Bookings now being taken for our next holiday to Killarney in April. More details in next week's newsletter. Contact Marian at 0599143010.

If anyone has baskets they are not using we would appreciate them being left into Askea Parish Centre.

Whisperings of my Soul

Fr Seán's book *Whisperings of my Soul* is available to buy in Askea Parish Community Centre or in the Church after Mass – price €15.

Oberammergau 2020

Fr Liam Morgan of Naas parish is leading a group to attend the Passion Play in Oberammergau from Aug 7th to 14th, 2020. The total cost is €1750 per person sharing a twin room which includes return flights from Dublin to Munich, private transfers, walking tour of Salzburg, five night stay in Kitzbuhel – half board, two night stay in Oberammergau – half board and Category 1 tickets for the Passion Play on Aug 13th. There are a few places available, if interested please contact Tullys Travel, Carlow 059 9136100

Askea / Bennekerry / Tinryland Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Spiritual Director Fr Tommy Dillon – Depart Dublin Tuesday 23rd June 2020 and return on Sunday 28th June – 5 nights staying at the Hotel Solitude.

Breakfast, lunch and evening meal. Return coach from Carlow to Dublin airport. Cost €765 per person sharing. Sing Room Supplement €200 subject to availability. Required to book: Valid passport and Non-Refundable deposit of €100 per person. Contact Tully's Travel, Tullow Street, Carlow. 059 91 36100 or www.tullys.ie.

St Willibrord Echternach Pilgrimage 31st May to 4th June 2020

Spiritual Directors Bishop Denis Nulty and Bishop Michael Burrows.

Participate in the UNESCO recognised 'Hopping Procession' in honour of St Willibrord (reliquary in Carlow Cathedral), trip includes 3 nights B&B in Luxembourg, 1 night B&B in Utrecht, city tour of Cologne to include Cologne Cathedral. Cost €745pps. The Hopping Procession is a great experience in the beautiful town of Echternach, all who travelled on the first pilgrimage in 2017 loved it. Our group will once again be led in the procession by the Presentation School Band from Carlow. Book with Tully's Travel Carlow 059 9136100.

Caring for our Common Home – Bringing Laudato Si to Life in our Parish Communities. *“Truly much can be done!”* Pope Francis, Laudato Si, 180. Join us for this conference with dynamic speakers, practical exhibits, workshops, funding ideas and more. Wednesday 4th March 2020. Dolmen Hotel, Kilkenny Road, Carlow. Registration 10am (conference begins at 10.30am) – 4.30pm. For registration please contact: Mary.Boyce@trocaire.org. 01 6293333.

52nd International Eucharistic Congress Join the official Irish Pilgrimage with Bishop Kevin Doran to the 52nd International Eucharistic Congress 2020 in Budapest, Hungary. Prices from €1050 pps for 9 nights. Departs Dublin Saturday 12th September, returns Monday 21st, more information is available from Joe Walsh Tours on 01-2410800, www.joewalstours.ie or email info@joewalstours.ie

Carlow Citizens Information Centre provides a free and confidential information service to the people of County Carlow. We are currently recruiting volunteers. If you are interested in helping people and have some time to give, please contact us for further details. Telephone Sarah Drea at 087 193 5276. The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 20 March 2020.

Women’s World Day of Prayer 2020 takes place on Friday 6th MARCH AT 8 o’ clock in the Community House Haymarket Carlow. All are welcome.

Annual point to point will be run on 1st March in Borris House, Borris. First Race is at 12 Noon. Prizes for most appropriately dressed lady and gentleman with prizes from Detail Menswear Carlow and Savana Boutique, Carlow. A great family fun day! Further details Contact Liz Doran 086 1992457.

Adult Learners Week “Aontas”, 2nd to 8th March, there is a workshop by Glosna House being held at Carlow Library. on Monday 2nd March at 11.30am ‘Maternal Health, Pregnancy, Birth & Beyond, all welcome!

“Pro Life Talk - Speakers: Carol Nolan and Michael Dwyer from Family Life. Thursday March 5th at 7:30pm at Portlaoise Parish Centre in the Campur Room. All welcome

Clonfert There will be a bus going to the Emmanuelle House of Providence, Clonfert on Saturday **7th March** for a Day of Prayer & Healing with Fr Michael Kennedy. Contact Lily 9151245.

Askea Community Childcare Centre are now taking enrollments for September 2020. We have full time, part time and ECCE sessions available. Contact 059 91 35206 or drop in and talk to us. Brownshill Road, Askea, Carlow.

Bennekerry ICA next meeting is on Tuesday 3rd of March at 8pm at Palatine Clubhouse. The competition is to take a Picture that you can hang on the wall.

Graigucullen Monster Bingo. Tuesday 3rd March @ 8.30pm Great prizes. Bring a friend.

Marian Movement of Prayers for Priests takes place in St Fiaccs House, Graiguecullen, Carlow on Tuesday 3rd March 2020 at. 7 30pm. Mass, Rosary and Benediction. All Welcome

WILD Askea/Bennekerry/Tinryland

Its wonderful that so many people are working for the environment. Lots of wild flowers are being sown and less use of toxic weed killers. That's great but what some of us have forgotten that we must be just as careful if we are making changes to our gardens, farms or around industrial and other premises. Seen recently was the removal of at least 50 mature trees. Twenty of these trees were used as a rich supply of honey etc. Bumblebees loved these trees and when the flowers were out hundreds of them would be buzzing about on the trees. The question is what are the bumblebees to do this year. It will mean less bumblebees. We know that the population has dropped by fourteen per cent and seven species are at risk. Less bumblebees means less apples and other crops. The trees were cut down without thinking about the environment. You do not need to be an expert just watch what is happening daily around you or of course consult Mr Google.

St Mary's Community Games St Mary's area art final will take place on Friday, March 6 in St Joseph's NS. Registration from 6.30pm. For more information or to take part in any upcoming community games events with St Mary's contact the area secretary on 086 6066368

Presentation School Band would like to thank all who so generously supported their Church Gate collection last weekend.

Coláiste Ghaeilge na Bearú, a local Summer Irish College will reopen in July in the grounds of Presentation De La Salle, Bagenalstown. Coláiste Ghaeilge na Bearú is running a fun- filled Irish Course for 10-15 year olds from July 1st-12th 2019. For more information please contact Paula/ Jennifer on [0851234476](tel:0851234476) or email cgnb18@gmail.com Family discount available.

EASTER CAMP: Full day camp at Rathoe Community Childcare running 9.30am to 4pm each day over the Easter holidays. All welcome. €25 per day (reduced rate if you are registered for the National Childcare Scheme). Activities will include Easter Egg Hunt, face painting, baking, Easter arts and crafts plus much more. Contact 059-9148879 to book.

Actions to help transform your world

1. If you can, buy Fairtrade products and support sustainable trade.
2. Try to buy clothes from shops that help charities
3. Consider donating food to a food bank.
4. Educate yourself. Understanding the causes of hunger can help us solve the problem.
5. Support local farmers, buy your food at a farmer's market.
6. If you can, be more active and go for a walk or a cycle.
7. Get a good night's sleep and eat healthily.
8. Make time for yourself, your friends and your family.

Lenten Prayer

Dear Lord,

I know You receive what is in my heart.

Let me be inspired by Your words and actions of Your Son Jesus.

Guide me to make sacrifices this Lent in the spirit of self denial

And with greater attention to You and to those around me.

Help me to believe that You will grant me this because of the Sacrifice Jesus made for us.

Amen

CALENDAR

Wednesday 4th **St. Casimir**, 1458-'84 strove to promote peace and the unity of Western Europe. Though a young prince, he chose a life of prayer and penance. Patron saint of Poland.

Thursday 5th **St. Kieran**. Kieran of Saigir was born in Cape Clear, Co. Cork. He is numbered among the pre-Patrician saints of Ireland. He went to the continent where he was baptized and later ordained priest and bishop. He returned to his father's territory, Ossary where he lived as a hermit. Disciples soon joined him and Saigir became a well know monastery.

Saturday 7th:- **St Perpetua** a young super-class married woman and **St Felicity**, a slave girl were maratayred in Carthage, 203.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Prayers pave the way for God's miracle-working power, and when it's His time, the answer will be delivered.