

Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Sixth 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

Deadline for items for

Newsletter is 5pm on

Wednesday by phone to 059

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I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had
brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
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Keeping in Touch

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Anniversaries

Sunday 21ST January 2021

Broadcast Mass times:

We continue to broadcast Mass from Holy Family Church, Askea on Monday to Friday at 9.30am. Rosary is recited immediately before Mass at 9.05am.

Weekend Masses will be broadcast at 7pm on Saturdays and 9am and 10.30am on Sundays.

You can access our webcam at <http://www.askeaparish.ie/our-parish/webcam/>

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

K & L Diocesan Lotto Results
for Wednesday 10th February 2021

Numbers drawn were 01, 15, 26 & 29. No Jackpot winner.
9 Match 3s winners get €112 each. Askea/Bennekerry had
NO Match 3s

Winner

Promoter

Next week's Jackpot €14,000.

Tickets for the Lotto

The Lotto draw continues in Portlaoise. We will continue to enter pre-paid tickets in the draw.

Evening Mass will be broadcast from Askea Church at 7pm on weekdays during Lent. This Mass is in addition to the 9.30am weekday Mass already being broadcast.

CARLOW TOASTMASTERS:

Want to overcome your fear of public speaking? Maybe improve your speaking or presentation skills for work or a new job. You can still have fun at the same time with Carlow Toastmasters. We meet online during the Lockdown via ZOOM on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 8pm. Why not join us? New members and guests are always welcome. For further information please call Catherine on 087-696-4374. Alternatively DM Carlow Toastmasters Facebook page.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT '21

We may think that we give glory to God only by our worship and prayer, or simply by following certain ethical norms. It is true that the primacy belongs to our relationship with God, but we cannot forget that the ultimate criterion on which our lives will be judged is what we done for others. Prayer is most precious, for it nourishes a daily commitment to love. Our worship becomes pleasing to God when we devote ourselves to living generously, and allow God's gift, granted in prayer, to be shown in our concern for our brothers and sisters.

Pope Francis, Gaudete et Exultate, 104

Litter in Tinryland

Since the arrival of the service station in Tinryland, the roads in the area are scarred with items like burger boxes, plastic drink bottles and aluminium cans. We did have some litter previously but now it is really shocking. It is impossible to walk without coming across these eye sores. Who throws this litter out of their cars? It is evident that in many cases at least two people are in the car. You would imagine that at least one would be civic minded and either put the rubbish in a bin or bring it home to put in the home bin. Apart from it being an eye sore, it means that when people continue to dispose of their rubbish in this despicable manner, cans and bottles are not recycled.

From a nature point of view it encourages rodents and is a danger to birds and other wildlife.

On the other hand, a band of people are tired of the rotten view and have started to clean up the local roads, led by our local priest Fr Tom. We now have at least seven people cleaning the hedgerows, the youngest is a transition year student who has made it his project this year.

Can you help to stop this littering or help clean it up?

CALENDAR

Tuesday 23rd St Polycarp was bishop of Smyrna or Izmir in modern Turkey. Born around the year of 69, he was a disciple of St. John the Apostle. He was martyred in 155.

‘Living Christian Faith’

Lenten Conversations Online

A new series of online discussions to engage you during Lent.

What nurtures our faith and what challenges it today?

Where do we find hope and joy in our lives?

How can our faith build mental strength, wellbeing and resilience?

How has the Covid pandemic impacted upon our faith?

These are just some of the questions that will be explored over the 6 weeks of Lent with a new series of online discussions on the topic of ‘Living Christian Faith’. Faith Renewal at Knock Shrine is all about reaching out to people. These conversations will offer discourse on contemporary issues of faith and church life.

Talks will be streamed at www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live

8.30pm every Thursday during Lent.

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

Try to replace critical thoughts with positive ones, and you will be amazed what a difference it will make in your day, your spirit, and your life.

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

When all you can do for a love one is pray, you should have a sigh of relief and rejoice, because it is up to God.

ACTIONS TO HELP TRANSFORM YOUR WORLD.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 13 CLIMATE ACTION



- 37. Take re-usable bags to the shop and only buy what you need.
- 38. Maintain your car, it will let out fewer toxic fumes.
- 39. If possible, think about making your home more energy efficient.



Important message from An Garda Síochána Crime Prevention Unit

Gardaí are receiving an ever-increasing number of complaints in relation to fraudulent and illegal scams. The scams can come in the form of texts, emails, telephone calls to your mobile or landline or even through social media. They can be difficult to spot as the correspondence claims to come from a reputable organisation such as your bank, card issuer or even a government department such as Revenue. The message can appear within a genuine thread of text messages that you may have received from a legitimate organisation. Anyone can fall victim to these scams; however, Gardaí are asking the public to make vulnerable persons aware of them. The worldwide nature of these scams which are designed to steal money from unsuspecting parties means that they are particularly difficult to investigate.

How to avoid becoming a victim:

- Be suspicious of text messages received out of the blue that claim to come from a reputable organization, such as a bank or credit/debit card issuer.
- Be cautious of text messages that prompt you to call a phone number or visit a website to resolve an issue or verify your details urgently.
- Do not respond to text messages that request personal information, such as your bank account details, without first independently verifying that they are from a genuine source.
- Never reply to text messages that request your PIN, online banking password, or any other password.
- Be wary about calling any phone number, or clicking on any link, that is embedded within a text message.
- Examples of recent fraudulent messages that have been received are purporting to be from Revenue, Amazon, Various couriers/delivery companies, financial institutions, Covid-19 related among others.

Gardaí would ask that we all look out for more vulnerable persons with regards to these scams

Remember never click on unknown links or divulge personal information over the phone