

Holy Family Parish, Askea

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The Ascension of the Lord

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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
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The Dandelion - An ordinary weed?

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- * It is full of antioxidants
 - * It boosts your immune system
 - * It helps you lose weight
 - * It fights constipation
 - * It can be used for skincare treatments
 - * It supports healthy bones
 - * It has anti-viral properties
- (especially useful these days)

The Dandelion has been used in traditional Chinese medicine. The Chinese used the root for the treatment of acne and eczema and many more conditions. The flowers can be used for making a potion for use as an anti-viral remedy. Of course one of the easiest ways of benefiting your health by using the Dandelion is placing a couple of leaves into your salad. Humans are not the only ones who benefit from this useful weed. Some birds will not bring out their young until the Dandelion has gone to seed, and of course our Bumblebees would not survive without it.

It benefits many animals including the hedgehog. Above is just a taster of the possibilities of what this plant is capable of, so do a bit of research and see how it could benefit you.

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Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

Sunday 24th May 2020

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

Emergency Number for the Priest on Duty 087 2588118.

Parish Office - 059 9142565 087 - 1269709.

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Anniversaries 24th May 2020

In Memoriam

We ask the Lord to grant eternal rest to:

Catherine Farrell (née Heary), Woodglade, Fenagh and formerly Kernanstown, Carlow.

and we offer our sympathy and the support of our prayers to all who have suffered the loss of a loved one at this time.

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.

Church Collections

In response to the many queries we have received about Church collections we are listing the parish account details below. If you are making a donation directly to the parish through the Bank please put your name and address in the reference box. You can also hold on to your donation envelope and return it to the Church when things get back to normal. Your support for the Parish is greatly appreciated.

Bank Name and Address: AIB Bank, Tullow Street, Carlow

Name of Account: Bennekerry Parish. BIC AIBKIE2D

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 at 6.15pm for Pentecost Sunday live from Carlow Cathedral, led by Bishop Denis.

Ceremonies 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-killeshin-parish-carlow>

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

Contact Details for the Parish Office

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

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: BOFIIE2D; 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

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Name of Account: Askea Parish. BIC BOFIIE2D

IBAN: IE78BOFI90653118867569

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.

The Deep End – Ascension of the Lord

In the first reading today, we hear the words: ‘Men of Galilee why do you stand looking up towards heaven?’ If we only look skywards for Christ, we lose sight of the reality of His presence around us, in each and every person, in each created thing. This week, Catholic communities have been encouraged to celebrate *Laudato Si* week to mark the fifth anniversary since the publication of Pope Francis’ document on Care for Our Common Home. Parishes around the world have engaged in this celebration by looking at their relationship with God’s creation, praying for our world and what we can do to protect it. In *Laudato Si* we read, ‘What {Christians} need is an ‘ecological conversion,’ whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them’ (LS217). This conversion calls for a number of attitudes, including gratitude, ‘a recognition that the world is God’s loving gift, and that we are called quietly to imitate his generosity in good works....it entails a loving awareness that we are not disconnected from creatures but joined in a splendid universal communion....each creature reflects something of God.’ (LS 220-221).

As we celebrate Ascension Sunday, we are reminded by Christ that we are carrying on this message of love to the world and that He is with us always. Christ is not one who has abandoned the world but rather one who is in this world, in all of creation. Like the disciples, committed to a cause, we are carriers of this message into the world, and this includes the message to care more deeply for the earth, our home, which we all share.

Jane Mellett – Intercom Magazine