



# Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Follower

My father worked with a horse-plough,  
His shoulders globed like a full sail strung  
Between the shafts and the furrow.  
The horse strained at his clicking tongue.

An expert. He would set the wing  
And fit the bright steel-pointed sock.  
The sod rolled over without breaking.  
At the head rig, with a single pluck.  
Of reins, the sweating team turned round  
And back into the land. His eye  
Narrowed and angled at the ground,  
Mapping the furrow exactly.

I stumbled in his hob-nailed wake,  
Fell sometimes on the polished sod;  
Sometimes he rode me on his back  
Dipping and rising to his plod.

I wanted to grow up and plough,  
To close one eye, stiffen my arm.

All I ever did was follow  
In his broad shadow round the farm.  
I was a nuisance, tripping, falling,  
Yapping always. But today  
It is my father who keeps stumbling  
Behind me and will not go away.

Seamus Heaney

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## **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

### **Anniversaries**

Elizabeth Lawlor, Burton Hall, Palatine

Frank McGarry, Bally burn, Palatine

Michael, Mary and Eddie Dunne, Court Monamolin,  
Co. Wexford

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

## **K & L Diocesan Lotto Results**

**for Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021**

Numbers drawn were 02, 12, 21 & 24. No Jackpot Winner  
27 Match 3s winners get €38 each. Askea/Bennekerry had  
NO Match 3s

Winner

Promoter

Next week's Jackpot €20,000.

### **Tickets for the Lotto**

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

**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**. These Programmes are run separately, are free to participants and will commence in Askea Parish Centre when it becomes safe to do so. If you are interested, please contact **Anne** on **087 6636 499** or **Norah** on **087 1269 709**. **In addition, we are now offering similar programmes for teenagers aged 13 to 16.**

**Clothes Collection** Supporting Friends of Calcutta (CHY NO: 13218) on Wednesday June 30th. All items of clothing, footwear, towels, bedsheets, curtains etc most welcome and can be dropped off at Askea Parish Centre at any stage up to collection time at 3pm that day. All enquiries to Michael Hopkins 087-9073074

### **Lough Derg 2021**

Registration is now open to "Do Lough Derg from wherever you are" from 3rd to 5th July. The Prior, Fr La Flynn, will do the Three-Day Pilgrimage on the Island during these days. To offer a live link by webcam in support of those who will choose to do the pilgrimage wherever they are, some of the Lough Derg staff will do the pilgrimage in St. Mary's Church in Pettigo. To register or for further information please email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org), telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518. [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

## **An Gairdin Beo**

COME PICK YOUR OWN project has started in An Gairdin Beo on every Wednesday from 11 a.m. -1 p.m. for June, July, and August

As well as a limited supply of fresh vegetables potted herbs and. flowers will be on sale.

Some chutneys made from garden produce will also be available.

In the interest of health and safety and sustainability you are asked to bring your own bag and tools.

You are welcome to enjoy outdoor tea and coffee, however we ask you to bring your own mug/cup.

Donation boxes will be at the cob oven area. All proceeds go back into the development and maintenance of An Gairdin Beo,

If you have a surplus of produce in your garden, you are welcome to donate it to garden on the Wednesday mornings.

We regret that we cannot accommodate cars on the premises.

Looking forward to seeing you again

Think Globally. Act Locally.

## **Are you being called to the Permanent Diaconate?**

Permanent Deacons are ministers of the Word, the altar and service.

Bishop Denis is inviting expressions of interest in learning more about formation for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin.

The Permanent Diaconate is open to men aged between 30 and 60 who have a genuine sense of vocation to this calling. Deacons are self-supporting and continue in their family lives and secular employment. A new programme of discernment and formation for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese will commence in October 2021.

For further information please contact Rev. John McEvoy before Saturday July 31st. Tel: 059 9161114 Email: [permanentdiaconate@kandle.ie](mailto:permanentdiaconate@kandle.ie)

‘You did not choose me, but I chose you’ – John 15:16

## **The Sisters of Mercy Summer Series**

The Sisters of Mercy of the Northern Province, Ireland is delighted to announce a Summer Series of comhthionól ar líne (online gatherings) to mark 50 years since the publication of “A Theology of Liberation” (Teología de la Liberación) by Gustavo Gutiérrez. Please find information on the attached link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/summer-series-of-comhthionol-ar-line-online-gatherings-tickets-157753560145>

## **Irish Church Music Association Virtual Summer School –'Songs of Love, Faith, Trust & Praise' - July 7th-10th 2021**

Streaming on ICMA Facebook and YouTube with workshops Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at 8pm and on Saturday at 2pm, followed by closing Eucharist. No booking required. Free event. An ICMA virtual choir will accompany the summer school. This project is open to all and we hope lots of you will join us for 4 days of music workshops, prayer, and liturgical input as we explore the psalms of love, faith, trust, and praise!

## **Cycle Against Suicide – Community Buddy Programme**

Cycle Against Suicide is inviting community clubs and associations to complete our free 'Community Buddy' Programme and be trained to provide 'Buddy' support in their community.

The Cycle Against Suicide Buddy Programme prioritises peer-to-peer action to identify and help those who may be vulnerable. Our programme trains and equips participants with the practical, hands-on skills and knowledge they need to deliver support to those in mental health distress in their local communities. Our aim is to train and deploy 'Community Buddies' across Ireland. We invite local clubs and associations that have personnel who are already Garda vetted to nominate themselves to complete our 'Community Buddy' training programme. This training, delivered over 2 days or 4 evenings, is free of charge for your club/association and will equip you to provide much-needed support for those in your community who maybe struggling with mental health distress.

To sign up please

visit <https://www.cycleagainstsucide.com/community-buddy-club/>

**BOOKS AVAILABLE** Bibles, Catholic Dictionaries, Encyclopaedia of Church History/Theology/Bible.

Psychology/Theology/History/Spirituality books. Suitable for parish reading room/library. Summary of titles can be provided or interested parties can call and select.

If interested please contact: Kieran Coughlan, 8 Court lawns, Tullow. 059 9151608 / 087 6283046 [kierancoughlan185@gmail.com](mailto:kierancoughlan185@gmail.com)

## Carlow Library

Summer stars 2021 kicked off 14th June & runs until 27th August, book your 30-minute slot at your local library, and arrange to call in with the kiddies & sign them up for lots of reading incentives, competitions etc. Re-opening Public Libraries Services are being provided to the public in a step-by-step manner in line with public health guidance. Currently, we can provide Call & Collect in all branches and Book a Browse in Carlow, Tullow, and Muinebheag Libraries.

## CALENDAR

Monday 29<sup>th</sup>: **-SS. Peter and Paul Apostles**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>: **-The First Martyrs of Rome** died under Nero in the year 64.

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>: **-St Oliver Plunkett** was from Irish nobility whose family supported King Charles 1. He was ordained in Rome in 1654. He became a professor of theology from 1654-1669. He was forced to conduct a convert ministry during the suppression of priests. He was arrested and tried at Dundalk in 1679 for conspiring against the State. It was seen that Oliver would never be convicted in Ireland, and he was moved to Newgate Prison, London. St Oliver Plunkett was found guilty of high treason for promoting the Catholic faith and was condemned to a gruesome death. He was martyred on 1 July 1681 at Tyburn, by hanging, disembowelling, quartering, and beheading. He was the last Catholic to die for his faith at Tyburn and the first of the Irish Martyrs to be beatified. His body was initially buried in two tin boxes next to five Jesuits who had died. His head is in St Peter's Church at Drogheda, Ireland, most of his body is at Downside Abbey, England, some relics in Ireland.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>: **-St Thomas**, Apostle, is said have preached The Gospel in India where he was martyred. The faith that led him to know Christ in his wounds also sent him to the farthest places to preach Christ.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>: **-St Elizabeth of Portugal**, 1271-1336, of the House of Aragon, had an unhappy marriage with the King of Portugal. She persevered in prayer and good works, and as a widow lived in poverty as a Franciscan Tertiary.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

If you rejoice even in the midst of pain or problems, that joy becomes your strength, your help, your comfort, and your solution.