

Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Fourth 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
9142565 or email to
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Website: www.askeaparish.ie

THE FIRST SIGNS OF SPRING

The first signs of spring bring smiles and joy to us
all,
Its the beginning of nature and the birth of the new
season,
It brings life and renewal back to the cold plains,
Springing buds that will flourish,
Then open in full bloom for summer,

The young of the cattle and the spring of the lamb,
Are all the signs of spring,
With the snow and freeze temperatures,
Turning into cool breezes,
And clear sunny winds blowing,
Knowing its spring again,

Spring is also a time to clear out,
The unwanted items in our homes as we spring
clean,
Then there the things to forget or put in the past,
Is in the spring cleaning of our thinking,
To clear our thinking better for a clearer future,

Then there's the renewal of forgiving,
As we forgive and forget,
Forgiving to start anew,
Is the starting again,
Or re birthing the past,
With a new attitude to help,
Its foundations this time round stronger,

Ellen Ni Bheachain

Keeping in Touch

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

Sunday 31st January 2021

Mary Broderick, Ballycrogue,
Amy Lawlor, Burton Hall
John Lawlor, Burton Hall
Tommy Dunne, Knockroe

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/web-cam/>

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

K & L Diocesan Lotto Results

for Wednesday 27th January 2021

Numbers drawn were 10,14,17 & 29. No Jackpot winner of €11,000.

13 Match 3s winners get €77 each. Askea/Bennekerry had 1 Match 3s

Winner

Coco

Promoter

Marian Matthews

Next week's Jackpot €12,000.

Tickets for the Lotto

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

ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE:

Scoil Mhuire gan Smál Carlow will begin accepting applications for the school year 2021/2022 from January 14th to February 4th 2021.

Application for admission can be obtained via email from the school (smgscarlow@gmail.com) and must be completed and sent back to the school no later than 3pm on Thursday, February 4th 2021.

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.

Why is the wasp so hated? Is it because of the old story that the wasp told the searching soldiers that Jesus had recently passed but the cockroach said he went a different way?

Even this time of year you will see the occasional young queen who will have mated in the autumn. Hundreds of young queens will leave each colony in the autumn but only a few survive. They hibernate in walls, trees and attics. The early queens are killed by predators and because of a shortage of food.

Wasps like to feed on crop eating aphids and other similar insects, so they really help the farmer and the gardener.

Wasps are attracted by certain things. Like children, they like anything sweet, they also like rubbish as again you have lots of sweet rancid food.

They like the smell of floral shampoo and they are attracted to bright colours.

It's advised stay calm if you see one or a number of wasps. Don't shout and flap your arms about or it will incense them.

Wasps live in colonies of up to 10,000 most likely in a rat or mouse hole or hollowed out tree. They can convert paper or wood into the most beautiful structures which they will have as their nests.

Give the poor wasp a break!

Another enemy of the people is the fly, but the fly does trojan work for us all. The poet Ogden wrote a little poem about the fly which tells a different story:

"God in His wisdom made the fly
And then forgot to tell us why.
Without them we would be knee-deep in corpses and faeces
And surely the earth would be falling to pieces."

Of both wasps and flies there are thousands of types. Some mild and some wild.

Try and be kind when you see either of them, they are here for a reason.

Liam Furlong (Tinryland Parish)

CALENDAR

Sunday 31st :-**St John Bosco** 1815-1888, born in Piedmont, founded the Salesians to educate boys for life. He became involved in publishing catechetical material for youth. He is the patron saint of youth and of Catholic publishers.

Monday 1st:-**St Brigid** is renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. She was born c. 454. When she was young her father wished to make a very suitable marriage for her but she insisted in consecrating her virginity to God. She received the veil and spiritual formation probably from St Mel and stayed for a period under his direction in Ardagh. Others followed her example and this led her to found a double monastery in Kildare with the assistance of Bishop Conleth. She died in 524 and her cult is widespread not only throughout Ireland but in several European lands.

Tuesday 2nd:-**The Presentation of the Lord**

‘This feast is a combined remembrance of the Son of God and the Mother...On this day Christ’s faithful people with candles in their hands go out to meet the lord and to acclaim Him with Simeon, who recognised Christ as ‘A light to reveal God to the nations’.

Wednesday 3rd:-**St Ansgar**, a Frenchman, who became Archbishop of Hamburg in the ninth century and preached the Gospel in Denmark and Sweden. Apostle of Scandinavia. Patron of Denmark.

St Blaise died in 315. Bishop of Sebaste, martyred in Armenia. Patron for sore throats and sick cattle.

Friday 5th: **St Agatha** died a martyr for the faith at Catania in Sicily in the 3rd Century. Patron of bell-founder
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Saturday 6th:-**St Paul Miki and Companions** martyred at Nagasaki, Japan in 1597. The 6 Franciscans, 17 Franciscan Tertiaries, and 3 Jesuits died suspended on crosses.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Love without holding back. Even if others have wronged you, forgive them whether they ask for forgiveness or not.

Actions to help transform our world



Sustainable Development Goal Number 10

28. When you see discrimination in society, speak up against it
29. Learn to respect all kinds of people who may do things differently to you.
30. Talk to children about different cultures.

St. Brigid of Ireland

Brigid was probably born at Faughart near Dundalk, Louth, Ireland. Her parents were baptized by St. Patrick, with whom she developed a close friendship. According to legend, her father was Dubhthach, an Irish chieftain of Leinster, and her mother, Brocca, was a slave at his court. Even as a young girl she evinced an interest for a religious life and took the veil in her youth from St. Macaille at



Croghan and probably was professed by St. Mel of Armagh, who is believed to have conferred abbatial authority on her.

She settled with seven of her virgins at the foot of Croghan Hill for a time and about the year 468, followed Mel to Meath. About the year 470 she founded a double monastery at Cill-Dara (Kildare) and was Abbess of the convent, the first in Ireland. The foundation developed into a centre of learning and spirituality, and around it grew up the Cathedral city of Kildare. She founded a school of art at Kildare and its illuminated manuscripts became famous, notably the Book of Kildare, which was praised as one of the finest of all illuminated Irish manuscripts before its disappearance three centuries ago.

Brigid was one of the most remarkable women of her times, and despite the numerous legendary, extravagant, and even fantastic miracles attributed to her, there is no doubt that her extraordinary spirituality, boundless charity, and compassion for those in distress were real. She died at Kildare on February 1. The Mary of the Gael, she is buried at Downpatrick with St. Columba and St. Patrick, with whom she is the patron of Ireland. Her name is sometimes Bridget and Bride. **Her feast day is February 1.**