

# Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Pentecost Sunday

Fr. Tom Little - 91-31559  
Fr Tommy Dillon - 91-  
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Sr. Joan Pierse 91-42565

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Emergency Priest on Duty

087 2588118

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Askea Parish Community

Centre Phone 91-42565

087 1269709

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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

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Deadline for items for

Newsletter is 5pm on

Wednesday by phone to

9142565 or email to

office@askeaparish.ie

Website: [www.askeaparish.ie](http://www.askeaparish.ie)

## Farewell to Sr Joan.....

The Parish Team would like to wish Sr Joan Pierse a happy and healthy retirement.

Sr Joan has been a major part of Askea Parish for the last twenty years. She has been a tireless professional, a helpful co-worker and a good friend. It has been a privilege to work with Sr Joan and we thank the Loreto Sisters for the gift of her presence with us.

We hope that the next phase of her life will bring her all that she seeks and much more.

The good news is that Sr Joan will continue to live in Carlow for the moment and will still be around the Parish for the next while.

# Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020

## Pentecost Sunday

### The Cuckoo

The last time I heard a Cuckoo in Carlow was probably ten years ago. These days the Cuckoo is mainly confined to the west of Ireland which has the necessary terrain to suit it. The Cuckoo winters in The Congo in Africa - a long way from Connemara.

The call we hear is the male cuckoo, and the best time to hear his distinctive call is in the evenings between April and June. In ancient times people believed if you heard the call then you could expect an unusual event in your life.

Cuckoos can live for up to 7 years. One surprising fact about the Cuckoo is that the female will lay between 15 and 20 eggs in various nests. The host nest is usually from a much smaller bird than the Cuckoo. The Cuckoo will lay an egg which will replicate the same colour as the host's eggs.

Immediately upon hatching the Cuckoo chick will use its elbows to push the other chicks out of the nest. It will grow quickly as being the sole occupant of the nest and will have two adoptive parents feeding him nonstop. In no time the Cuckoo chick will be much bigger than his adoptive parents.

The Cuckoo likes to eat, apart from insects, hairy caterpillars which other birds do not like and occasionally eggs and chicks.

Let's hope that this bird like a lot of birds, bees and insects will multiply and prosper during Covid-19 because of the reduction in human activity.

*Liam Furlong – Tinryland Parish*

# St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

Fr Tom Little PP - Ph 059 9131559. Fr Tommy Dillon PE 0599142565

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 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020**

### **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

### **Contact Details for the Parish Office**

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

## **Trócaire**

Trócaire boxes can be returned to Askea Church on Wednesday next 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 between 10am and 5pm. Your support for the Trócaire organization is much needed and very much appreciated.

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

Eucharistic Adoration takes place in Askea Church on Wednesdays from 10am to 5pm. The regular group of people who have committed to observing an hour at Adoration are asked to let the Parish Office know if they are still available to do so. New volunteers are always very welcome. 087 1269709.

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Name of Account: Askea Parish. BIC BOFII2D

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](mailto: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.