

Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Second Sunday of Advent

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Askea 9.30am Mon-Fri;
Sat 7pm;
Sun 9am, 10.30am
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Sun 11.30am; Tinryland
Tues 9.30am,
Sunday 10am

Deadline for items for
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never step into tomorrow,
For God asks us just to trust Him
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Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

Sunday 6th December 2020

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Mary Murphy, Brownhill

David Kane, 46 Kernanstown

Elizabeth Wall, Palatine

James Reid, Bennekerry

Tuesday 8th December

is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a holy day of Obligation.

Mass will be celebrated in Bennekerry Church at 11.30am on Tuesday.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

(My Thought for Today Book open here so I go with this thought)

God wants people to be happy – including you and me. That’s one of the reasons why He “loved the world” and sent Jesus to save us all—to give us true, lasting happiness through knowing Him and living eternally with Him.

Diocesan Advent page

The diocesan website, www.kandle.ie, has a dedicated Advent page that will be added to throughout the season of Advent. Parishioners are invited to access this page for a weekly Advent bulletin, Scripture Sharing reflections from Fr Liam Lawton, videos on making and blessing an Advent wreath and on creating an Advent prayer space in the home and more!

Samaritans Light Up Campaign

Samaritans provide a 24-hour helpline service for people who are in distress, struggling to cope and who are in need of emotional support, including those who are feeling suicidal. Every Christmas we mark the Winter Solstice on December 21st with an event called the Longest Night. Through this we let our callers know that we're there for them during their darkest hours, especially over the festive period. This year we are appealing to local authorities, businesses and church leaders to light up their buildings in green or where colour change is not possible, a light or lantern on to support us. Samaritans can be contacted 24 hours a day, seven days a week, of freephone 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.ie

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, 10.30am and 12 noon 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

Kildare & Leighlin Weekly Lotto Results for Wednesday 2nd December 2020.

Numbers drawn were 1, 12, 22 & 28. No Jackpot winner.

12 Match 3s won €84 each. Askea/Benekerry had NO Match 3.

Winner

Promoter

Next week's Jackpot €20,000.

Tickets for the Lotto

Tickets for the Lotto are available in the Church.

You can also call to the Parish Centre during the week to buy a ticket.

Pope's Intention for December

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

St Vincent de Paul Society

The St Vincent de Paul Society, Holy Family Askea Conference wish to advise that due to the Covid-19 pandemic they are unable to collect non-perishable food this year. Instead of preparing hampers to distribute they wish to raise funds so that they can provide food vouchers. A Go fund Me page has been set up in conjunction with the Lions Club. To donate to the fund please go to :

<https://ie.gofundme.com/f/CarlowLionsSVPChristmasFoodAppeal>

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Volunteers

In recent weeks we were discussing the topic of Love your Neighbour and what can you do and what actually do you do for her/him.

Do you know in Ireland we have 14,000 volunteers of which 68% are the fairer sex. If we did not have these brave people, our country would be much poorer in so many ways. Just to make the point let's look at what some people do. First of all in our Church

We have people who populate the Choir, Collectors, Counters, Flower Arrangers and virtually every parish we have the heroes, the people who spend a huge amount of time administrating the Parish.

These people fill the space of a PP and are often nicknamed just that.

In our parish we have a lady who decorates the church including the crib at Christmas in a most beautiful way. Many other people help out in so many ways including the man who is Santa's helper.

Meals on wheels

What would happen if you did not have the volunteers who deliver lunch five days a week.

Education

Across all counties you have One to One tutors who can get people onto the education ladder. Also lots of people who teach English to non-nationals and Irish.

Sport

Think of all the sports clubs like Hurling, Football, Soccer, Rugby, Basketball, Rowing etc etc.

We all know the great coaches and administrators who put in huge hours on an ongoing basis.

SVP/Lions Club/Rotary

These organisations collect huge amount to help the more needy. SVP help by visiting families and with education.

All I have done is to highlight the work of a few volunteers. They all deserve thanks from the population especially at this time of year.

Many people would like to volunteer but are shy about it. Give it a go and if not try to do something for the community. It does give you great pleasure.

Liam Furlong, Tinryland Parish

Diocesan Carol Service Radio Broadcast

A Diocesan Carol Service in the company of Bishop Denis Nulty and Bishop Dermot Farrell - an evening of music, song, prayer and reflection on the Christmas story from the parishes of our two dioceses. Sunday, 20th December, 8pm live on KCLR 96fm. Congratulations to all involved.

A SPECIAL INVITATION **FROM THE CATHEDRAL PARISH**

Parishioners across the whole diocese are invited to join Bishop Denis for a livestream of the Cathedral Parish Carol Service on Sunday, December 20 at 8pm. While many of us will miss our traditional carol services, this promises to be a very special moment of shared hope, joy and song as we approach Christmas. This service of carols, readings and prayers can be accessed on iCatholic Facebook page <https://facebook.com/iCatholic> and the KANDLE facebook page , <https://www.facebook.com/KANDLEi/> as well as on the YouTube channel <https://youtube.com/c/icatholicplayer>

Looking out for one another this Advent

In the coming days may we continue to be patient and to care for one another, as we navigate these strange days. May we especially look after the most vulnerable and needy among us. Please remember and support, as you can, the work of so many incredible charities here in Ireland, including St Vincent de Paul, Trócaire, the Samaritans, the Peter McVerry Trust, Focus Ireland, Pieta House and our local food share charities in Newbridge, Graiguecullen and Portlaoise parishes, to name but a few.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The Global Goals, also known as the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, are a **universal plan of action for people and planet** to be achieved by the year 2030. These goals aim to end poverty, combat climate change and ensure that we leave peaceful, just and equal societies for future generations.

These goals are universal in nature, applying to developed and developing countries alike, and place sustainable development at their core.

They are backed up by **169 specific targets** which address challenges in areas as diverse as **poverty, education, human rights, food security, clean energy, climate, peace, sustainable consumption and urbanization**. They provide clear guidelines for all countries to adopt in accordance with their own priorities and circumstances.

The SDGs work in the spirit of partnership, encouraging all people across the globe to **make the right choices now** to improve life, in a sustainable way, for our children and for generations to come.

Each week we will feature some of the goals with suggestions of what you can do in your home to help.

ACTIONS TO HELP TRANSFORM YOUR WORLD



Sustainable Development Goal 6

16. Fix broken taps at home. Get a leak fixed quickly.

17. Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth.

18. Never flush toxic liquids down the drain, it will pollute our lakes and rivers.

Thanks to Pádraig Webb for this input.

CALENDAR

Monday 7th:-**St Ambrose**, 339-397, became governor of the Roman province whose seat was in Milan. In 374, the Laity insisted on him becoming bishop though he was not baptised, He defended orthodoxy in brilliant preaching and through his writing. Patron of Milan, beekeepers and domestic animals.

Tuesday 8th:- **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Wednesday 9th:-**St Juan Diego Cuahatlatoatzin**, 1474-1548, saw the vision of Our Lady of Guadalupe in December 1531.

Friday 11th:-**St Damasus 1**, born. c.304, and died on 11 December in 384. He was pope from 366-384. He insisted on the apostolic foundations of the Roman See and was active in suppressing Arianism and other heresies. He commissioned St Jerome to prepare the Vulgate version of the Bible.

Saturday 12th:-**Our Lady of Guadalupe** is patron of the Americans. This memorial recalls the apparitions in December 1531 to Juan Diego Cuahatlatoatzin on Tepeyac Hill, near Mexico City.

St Finnian studied Idrone (Co. Carlow), and later, in Wales and on his return he settled in Clonard, Co. Meath, around 520, where he established a famous school. His pupils among whom were Canice, Colum Cille, and Brendan, were the initiators of the Great Monastic expansion in Ireland. He died in 549 and is remembered as the tutor of the saints of Ireland.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT '20

On the Second Sunday of Advent, the second purple candle is lit. Some traditions call this the "[Bethlehem](#) Candle," symbolizing Christ's [manger](#). This candle typically represents [love](#). Each week on Sunday, an additional candle is lit.

Preparing for Christmas...

Poinsettia for the table Bloom of festivity
Pretty little angel To grace the Christmas tree
Lights and pretty candles Lending their gentle glow
In tiny golden circles Wee choirs in the snow
Cookies, cakes and puddings In volumes quite obscene
Large and tiny presents
Wrapped in bright red and green Songs extol the season
And malls the latest rave
Excuses become reason
As dollars become brave
Stress finds brand new victims
And cheer loses its mirth
All in the preparation
To celebrate His birth
Shopping lists extended
Beyond the budget's creed
Holly, jolly merchants
Disguising greed as need
Christmas Eve descending
We brave the cold perhaps

To find within a chapel

A pew, where we collapse
My house sure looks amazing
The food, a work of art
Wouldn't it be something
If this had been my heart?

[Janet Martin](#)

Prayer

Some days, although we cannot pray, a prayer
utters itself. So, a woman will lift
her head from the sieve of her hands and stare
at the minims sung by a tree, a sudden gift.

Some nights, although we are faithless, the truth
enters our hearts, that small familiar pain;
then a man will stand stock-still, hearing his youth
in the distant Latin chanting of a train.

Pray for us now. Grade 1 piano scales
console the lodger looking out across
a Midlands town. Then dusk, and someone calls
a child's name as though they named their loss.

Darkness outside. Inside, the radio's prayer -
Rockall. Malin. Dogger. Finisterre.

Carol Ann Duffy

Extract from Tinryland Parish Newsletter

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"A voice cries in the wilderness; prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. (Mt3:3)

*A laminated copy will be posted in the Main porch of the Church each week. The newsletter is also available on line at [askeaparish.ie/current newsletter](http://askeaparish.ie/current%20newsletter) – and scroll to find **Reaching Out**.*

If you wish to have a copy of the newsletter emailed to you, please submit your email address to tinrylandparish@gmail.com, and we will be happy to send on a copy to you.

Anniversaries:

Tuesday 8th December

Mona Mullins, Ballybar
Patrick & Kathleen Murray, Carrigrohane, Co Cork.

Sunday 13th December,

Rita Farrell, Ballycarney, Black Bog Road.

We extend our sympathies to the following:

The Curran Family, on the death of Doney Curran RIP
The Brophy Family, formerly of Rathcrogue, on the death of Ambrose Brophy RIP
The Murphy Family, Cloghna Lane, on the death of Denny Murphy RIP
The Regan & Kenny family on the death of Michael Regan RIP
The Brennan family on the death of Anne Brennan RIP

Mass Times for the Coming Week

Monday 7th December	No Mass
Tuesday 8th December	Mass at 10.00 am (Reader: Marie Brophy)
Wednesday 9th December	Mass at 9.30am
Thursday 10th December	Mass at 7.30pm
Friday 11th December	Mass at 7.30pm
Saturday 12th December	Mass at 6.00 pm
Sunday 13th December	Mass at 10.00 am (Reader: Goretti O'Neill)

Autumn Dues: Envelopes to be distributed shortly.

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South Leinster Money Advice and Budget Service CLG. (MABS)

Carlow Office – 72D Tullow Street, Carlow - opening hours 9.00am to 5.00pm.

COVID-19 – Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of Covid-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open 7 days per week from 8.00am to 8.00pm by calling **0818 222024**.

Waiting in Hope – An Advent Bulletin for the home:- The diocesan website, www.kandle.ie

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Advent Family Prayer at Bedtime

(You might like to light your Advent wreath or Advent Candle to begin your prayer)

Loving God, on this Advent night we turn to you in prayer. As we wait for the coming of your Son, we ask you to bless our family. Free us from any worry or distress that we may have and help us to welcome your light into our lives, a light that gives us your gift of hope. May your hope fill our hearts, our minds and our home. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FACE COVERINGS

We ask that people would wear Face Coverings in our Church