

Holy Family Parish, Askea

5th July 2026 Vol 37 No 32 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Askea Parish

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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 & Wed
9.30am, Fri 7.30pm,
Sunday 10am

Deadline for items for
Newsletter is 5pm on
Wednesday by phone to
059 9142565 or email
to

office@askeaparish.ie

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Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry –

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Anniversaries 5th July

John Somers, Palatine, son of Elizabeth and Edward Somers –
(25th Anniversary)

Baby Aoife Farrell, Johnstown

Thought for the Week

Never bear more than one kind of trouble at a time. Some people bear three – all they have had and all they have now, and all they expect to have.

Edward Everett (1822-1009)

A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;
A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;
A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.
Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

Joyce Kilmer (1886-1918)

K & L Diocesan Lotto Results draw 1st July 2026

Numbers drawn were 14, 21, 23 & 30. One €20,000 Jackpot winner from Rathvilly / Kiltegan, Freda Nolan.

8 Match 3s get €125 each. Askea / Bennekerry had no Match 3 winners.

Winner

Promotor

Next week's Jackpot €10,000. Tickets for the Lotto are available in the Church and can be bought for multiple weeks. You can also call to the Parish Centre during the week to buy a ticket. Tickets must be in by 3pm on Tuesdays.

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

Handy Man: available for Maintenance and Gardening. Contact Michael on 085 139 5911

Join Carlow Public Participation Network Community: Connect with local groups working to make a difference in 2026. Explore hundreds of member groups in Carlow through the Members Directory on www.carlowppn.ie. Members enjoy free training, updates on local events, funding opportunities and a voice in shaping County Council policy.

Carlow Day Care Centre: is hosting a Road Run Sunday 5th of July, in association with the Irish Vintage Society. All vehicles are welcome with €20 per entry. Registration will take place from 12:15 pm at Carlow Day Care Centre (R93 HK53) until departure at 1 pm. Live music and refreshments served from 2 pm and a generous raffle later in the afternoon. All are welcome to this fun family day.

The Two Hearts Communion of Reparation vigils in Carlow Cathedral has now drawn to a close as Fr. Yanbo is taking up an assignment in Dublin. Many thanks and blessings to all who supported the vigils since they started in 2019.

Askea, Tinryland & Bennekerry Parishes Lourdes Pilgrimage:

5th October 2026 for 4 nights. Spiritual Director Fr. Tom Little. €795 per person sharing. Single room supplement €40 per night. Cost includes return flights, 4 nights accommodation half-board basis. For further information please contact Tully's Travel Ltd.059 91 36100 or Askea Parish Office 059 9142565.

Graiguecullen Bingo Tuesday 7th July 2026 in St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 48 numbers €6,420. Double number €2,140. Lotto €2,600 Bonus Ball €1,900

An Gairdin Beo Café and vegetable stall: is open every Wednesday from 10.30 am -12.30 pm during the summer months of July and August. We look forward to your visit. Please note there is no onsite parking.

Cemetery Mass 2026: The annual Cemetery Mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's Cemetery on Monday evening, July 13th at 7.30pm. Vehicle access to the Cemetery will be limited to disabled blue badge holders only, between the hours of 6pm and 7pm. No cars will be permitted access to the Cemetery after 7pm to facilitate safe pedestrian access. Cars will not be permitted to leave the Cemetery until all pedestrians have left the Cemetery after Mass has concluded. Ample free car parking will be available at Carlow Youth Centre on Green Lane, Carlow Hurling Club, and St. Lasarian's School. Please follow the direction of Gardai and stewards.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival: 13th–16th August: Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Youth Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome. To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland."

Recovery College Southeast: Are running four short, practical workshops every Tuesday in July, 10:30am – 12:30pm via Zoom:

7th July – Challenging Unhelpful Thinking Patterns

14th July – Dealing With Worry

21st July – Creating Healthy Habits

28th July – Let's Talk Procrastination All workshops are free, open to everyone, and can be attended individually or as a series.

To enrol, contact us at info@recoverycollegesoutheast.com or call 086 1746330.

“Insights into Dementia – Informing and Empowering Family Carers” in Carlow, This 7-week face-to-face course offers valuable information, practical guidance, and emotional support for those caring for a family member or friend living with dementia. Course Details: Venue: Woodford Dolmen Hotel - Kilkenny Road, Carlow, Ireland, R93 N207 Dates: Monday 31st August 2026 - Monday, 12th October 2026 (once a week for the duration of 7 weeks) Time: 10:30 am-1 pm, Tutor: Eilis Cantwell Registration process:

Complete an Application Form

Applicants can complete the Online Family Carer Training Application Form on *The Alzheimer Society of Ireland, website*. Applications will be acknowledged once received. Applicants will then be added to our waiting list and contacted as soon as a place becomes available.

Await an Invitation

We will contact applicants by email or phone. If no contact details are provided, we will issue invitations by post.

Accept the Invitation and Attend

Invitations are for one person only. Due to high demand and health & safety requirements, we are unable to accommodate additional attendees.

Pope Leo's Intention for July: Respect for human life – let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

CALENDAR

Monday 6th - **St Maria Goretti**, 1890-1902, was stabbed to death in defence of her virtue. She forgave her attacker on her deathbed. **St Monnine** - of Killeavey was one of Ireland's early women saints. After instruction on the religious life, she founded a community which consisted initially of 8 virgins and a widow with a baby at Sliabh Guillion, Co. Armagh. They lived an eremitical life, based on that of Elijah and St John the Baptist. Moninne died in circa 517.

Tuesday 7th - **St Maelruain (Maolruain)**, a bishop and abbot, founded the monastery of Tallaght, Co. Dublin in 774 which introduced a reform. Important liturgical and spiritual writings emerged from this movement known as Céili dé Reform. He died in 792.

Wednesday 8th - **St Killian** was likely born in the parish of Mullagh in the diocese of Kilmore. With eleven companions he left Ireland and became known as the apostle of Thuringia and Eastern Franconia. With two others he was put to death circa 688. There is a very strong devotion to him in Wurtzburg, where his remains lie and also throughout the Bavarian countryside.

Thursday 9th - **St Augustine Zhoo Rang and Companions**. St Augustine Zhoo, born in 1746, who converted to Christianity was ordained priest and martyred in 1815. The memorial celebrates 119 companions, martyred in China over several centuries but especially in the Boxer Risings.

Saturday 11th - **St Benedict**, 480-547, after living as a hermit at Subiaco he founded the monastery of Moate Cassino. His rule observed by Benedictines and Cistercians is distinguished by its wisdom and balance and those who live by it did much to shape the Europe of today. He was named patron of Europe in 1964.