

# Holy Family Parish, Askea

12<sup>th</sup> July 2026 Vol 37 No 33 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## DUST IF YOU MUST

Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better  
To paint a picture, or write a letter,  
Bake a cake, or plant a seed;  
Ponder the difference between want and  
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Dust if you must, but there's not much  
time,  
With rivers to swim, and mountains to  
climb;  
Music to hear, and books to read;  
Friends to cherish, and a life to lead.

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With the sun in your eyes, and the wind in  
your hair;  
A flutter of snow, a shower of rain,  
This day will not come round again.

Dust if you must, but bear in mind,  
Old age will come and it's not kind.  
And when you go and go you must  
You, yourself, will make more dust.

Rose Milligan

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Askea Parish

Community

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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

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

[office@askeaparish.ie](mailto:office@askeaparish.ie)

# Keeping in Touch

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**Deadline for Newsletter items: - 5pm Wednesdays**

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## **Anniversaries 12<sup>th</sup> July**

Robert and Elizabeth Farrell, Palatine

Billy Doyle, Kernanstown

Brigid Brennan and deceased members of the Brennan family, Rutland

## **Calendar**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - St Henry (973-1024).** He was the Duke of Bavaria and later Emperor, a just ruler, humble man of prayer and reformer of the Church.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> - St Camillus de Lellis, 1550-1614,** was rough-tempered and a gambler, in his early life as a soldier and converted at the age of 25. Guided by Philip Neri he became a priest and worked for the sick with two companions. His Servants of the Sick prospered and founded hospitals where others would not go. Patron saint of nurses, hospitals and the sick.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> - St Bonaventure,** 1221-1274, born in Tuscany, Minister General of the Franciscans, Cardinal Archbishop of Albano, theologian of the Council of Lyons.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> - Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

## **K & L Diocesan Lotto Results draw 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

Numbers drawn were 07, 11, 24 & 27. No €10,000 Jackpot winner  
33 Match 3s get €31 each. Askea / Bennekerry had no Match 3 winners.

**Winner**

**Promotor**

Next week's Jackpot €11,000. 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](http://www.carlowppn.ie). Members enjoy free training, updates on local events, funding opportunities and a voice in shaping County Council policy.

**The RSA's Check it Fits service** will visit The Fairgreen Shopping Centre Carlow on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026. Did you know it's the law that all children under 150cms or 36kgs must use a child car seat appropriate to their weight and height. In Ireland as many as 54% of child car seats are incorrectly fitted which can lead to serious injury or even death in a collision. The RSA's 'Check it Fits' Service has checked over 70,000 child car seats and restraints in Ireland to date. The Check it Fits service is quick, it's easy, it's free. On the day our experts will advise on how to fix any problem, demonstrate how to fit the restraint correctly and answer any queries participants might have. Our experts aim to put parent's, grandparent's and guardian's minds at ease that their child's car seat is safely and securely fitted in their car.

### **Askea, Tinryland & Bennekerry Parishes Lourdes Pilgrimage:**

5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Graiguercullen Bingo** Tuesday 14th July 2026 in St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 48 numbers €6,550. Double number €2,210. Lotto €2,650 Bonus Ball €1,950

**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.

### **Funding opportunity for Tidy Towns and Community Groups**

**across Carlow:** Carlow County Council, in partnership with IPB Insurance, has announced the launch of the Local Environmental Action Fund (LEAF), a new initiative aimed at supporting community led climate action and environmental improvement projects across the county. The fund will provide grants ranging from €2,000 to €10,000 to support projects that focus on biodiversity, climate action, and environmental enhancement. The initiative is designed to empower local communities to take practical steps in addressing environmental challenges and improving their local areas. Applications are open to Tidy Towns groups and voluntary community organisations registered with the Carlow Public Participation Network (PPN). Groups are also encouraged to collaborate with local schools, clubs, and other organisations to strengthen their proposals and broaden community impact. Applications open on Tuesday 14th July and close at on Monday 3rd August. Further details available on [www.carlow.ie](http://www.carlow.ie) or [carlow.ie/environment/climate-action/climate-action-initiatives](http://carlow.ie/environment/climate-action/climate-action-initiatives) If you want to learn more about the fund and how to apply? Join our online information webinar: Wednesday,15th July @ 7pm. Just email [climate@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:climate@carlowcoco.ie) to receive the link. For queries email [climate@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:climate@carlowcoco.ie) or call Jenny on 059-91 36231.

**Cemetery Mass 2026:** The Annual Cemetery Mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's Cemetery on Monday, 13th July, at 7.30pm. To prioritise access for those with mobility needs, vehicle access to the cemetery will be restricted to Blue Badge holders only between 6.00pm and 7.00pm via the main cemetery entrance. No vehicles will be permitted to enter the cemetery after 7.00pm, in order to facilitate safe pedestrian access. Following the Mass, vehicles will not be permitted to move within or exit the cemetery until all pedestrians have safely left the Cemetery grounds. Ample free parking will be available at Carlow Youth Centre (Green Lane), Carlow Hurling Club, Nua Manufacturing, and St. Laserian's School. Members of the public are requested to follow directions issued by stewards and An Garda Síochána.

**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](https://youth2000.ie) or follow @Youth2000Ireland."

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

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](mailto:info@recoverycollegesoutheast.com) or call 086 1746330.

**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.

## **SPRAYING THE POTATOS**

The barrels of blue potato-spray  
Stood on a headland in July  
Beside an orchard wall where roses  
Were young girls hanging from the sky.

The flocks of green potato stalks  
Were blossom spread for sudden flight,  
The Kerr's Pinks in frivelled blue,  
The Arran Banners wearing white.

And over that potato-field  
A lazy veil of woven sun,  
Dandelions growing on headlands, showing  
Their unloved hearts to everyone.

And I was there with a knapsack sprayer  
On the barrel's edge poised. A wasp was floating  
Dead on a sunken briar leaf  
Over a copper-poisoned ocean.

The axle-roll of a rut-locked cart  
Broke the burnt stick of noon in two.  
An old man came through a cornfield  
Remembering his youth and some Ruth he knew.

He turned my way. 'God further the work'.  
He echoed an ancient farming prayer.  
I thanked him. He eyed the potato drills.  
He said: 'You are bound to have good ones there'.

We talked and our talk was a theme of kings,  
A theme for strings. He hunkered down  
In the shade of the orchard wall. O roses,  
The old man dies in the young girl's frown.

*Patrick Kavanagh 1904 – 1967*