

Holy Family Parish, Askea

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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
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WHAT is this life if, full of care,
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Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry –

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Anniversaries 19th July

Ellen and Michael Bergin, Ducketts Grove

Mary Teehan, Coppenagh

Nan Brennan, Tullow

Joe Roche, Ballybannon, Milford

Joe Ellard and Ellen and Joe Farrell, Bennekerry

Con Meagher, Palmerstown Dublin and Carlow town

Gary Pender, Russellstown

Month's Mind

Paddy Hogan, Bennekerry and Harrow Cross

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The world is a wheel always turning. Those who are high go down low, and those who've been low go up higher.

Anzia Yezierska

K & L Diocesan Lotto Results draw 15th July 2026

Numbers drawn were 06, 09, 19 & 25. No €11,000 Jackpot winner
24 Match 3s get €42 each. Askea / Bennekerry had 1 Match 3 winner.

Winner

Park Bridge Possey

Promotor

Una Hade

Next week's Jackpot €12,000. 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.

The RSA's Check it Fits service will visit The Fairgreen Shopping Centre Carlow on Wednesday 22nd 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:

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.

Graiguercullen Bingo Tuesday 21st July 2026 in St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 48 numbers €6,680. Double number €320. Lotto €2,700 Bonus Ball €2,000

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 or 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 to receive the link. For queries email climate@carlowcoco.ie or call Jenny on 059-91 36231.

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:

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.

Askea Senior Citizens' News

July Night Out in Askea Parish Community Centre on Wednesday 29th July at 7 pm. Bingo, music and cuppa. New members welcome. Transport available. Contact: Marian at 059 9143010.

Summer Day Trip on 26th August to Tramore, Waterford. Non members are also welcome, phone Marian on 059 9143010

Holiday to Clonakilty West Cork on 13th September, Bookings have started already for details and to book contact Marian at 059 9143010

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 20th St. Apollinaris in the second century he preached the Gospel in the region of Ravenna. He was Bishop of Classis where he suffered Martyrdom.

Tuesday 21st St Lawrence of Brindisi 1559-1619, A Capuchin who preached the Counter-Reformation. He led German armies against the Turks in Hungary and gained peace for the people of Naples.

Wednesday 22nd St. Mary Magdalene stood by the Cross of Jesus; with two other women, she discovered the empty tomb, she was granted an appearance of The Risen Lord early in the day, from which incident she has been described as 'the apostle to the apostles'. The Gospels gives no warrant for identifying her with the 'woman who was a sinner' who anointed Christ's feet (Luke.7:37) or with Mary the sister of Martha who also anointed him. (John 12:3)

Thursday 23rd St. .Bridget was born in Sweden in 1303. She brought up eight children, and after the death of her husband dedicated herself to an ascetical life. Later she founded the Bridgettine Order and lived in Rome. She wrote many works about her mystical experiences. She died in Rome in 1373. She was declared a Patron of Europe in 2000.

Friday 24th St Charbel Makhlúf became a monk at the monastery of St Maron of Annaya and was ordained in 1859. He became a hermit until his death in 1898. He was much sought after for Counsel and Blessing and had a great personal devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

St Declan is considered to be one of the pre-Patrician saints. He was of noble blood. Colman, a local priest, baptised him. Later he went to Europe to continue his studies where he was ordained priest and possibly bishop. He settled in Ardmore and evangelised the Decies country.

Saturday 25th St James son of Zebedee and brother of John, called the Greater. He was put to death by Herod Agrippa about the year 44 being the first of the Apostles to die for Christ. His shrine is at Compostella in Spain.