

Holy Family Parish, Askea

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The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

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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

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Website:

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Keeping in Touch

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Deadline for News items: - 9pm Wednesdays

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Anniversaries 22nd June 2025

Larry Byrne, Ardnehue

Bridget (Bridie) Kelly, Bennekerry (1st Anniversary)

Nuala Lawlor, Johnstown (3rd Anniversary)

Patrick & Annie Cunningham. Palatine (61st Anniversary)

Paddy Malone, Rutland and his son Tommy Malone who died recently in England

Month's Mind

Bridget (Bridie) Butler, Kernanstown

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Kind words can be short and easy to speak but there echoes are truly endless.

K & L Diocesan Lotto Results draw 18th June 2025.

Numbers drawn were 05, 17, 24 & 32. No €14,000 Jackpot Winner
10 Match 3s get €100 each.

Askea / Bennekerry had NO Match 3s.

Winner

Promoter

Next week's Jackpot €15,000. Tickets for the Lotto are available in the Church and can be bought for multiple weeks. Tickets are also available to buy online on the parish website www.askeaparish.ie. You can also call to the Parish Centre during the week to buy a ticket.

Cemetery Masses

St Joseph's Church, Tinryland – Friday 4th July at 8pm.

St Mary's Church, Bennekerry – Friday 11th July at 7.30pm.

St Mary's Cemetery, Carlow – Monday 14th July at 7.30pm

Qualified Maths Teacher available for maths lessons. Junior and Leaving Cert catered for. Can start over Summer if required. For more information, contact James at 085 8441527.

The Parishes of Askea Bennekerry and Tinryland pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025

We plan to join with Leighlinbridge Parish this year for the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes. Travelling Tuesday 7th October 2025 and returning Saturday 11th October 2025. Hotel Eliseo. Four nights B&B and evening meal. Cost €725 per person sharing. Supplement for single occupancy €180. Booking through Tully's Travel, Tullow Street, Carlow. Deposit required to secure place. Full balance due on or before 25th July 2025. Passenger names must be exactly as per the VALID PASSPORT.

The Peter Pence Collection will be at all Masses on the 29th of June. Your generous support would be greatly appreciated.

Bennekerry Senior Citizens' Committee are organising a bus trip to Waterford / Tramore on Tues 15th July. We will stop briefly in Waterford to allow anyone who wants to spend the day in Waterford to get off. The rest of the group will spend the day in Tramore returning to Dooley's Hotel Waterford for food at 5pm and to meet rest of group. We hope to be back in Bennekerry about 8pm. Due to cancellations there are now a limited number of seats available. The bus is free on the day, but any other costs incurred are at person's own expense. If you are interested in going, please contact Monica at 087 9151650 before 7th July or any other Committee member.

Graiguecullen Killeshin Parish Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual

Help Our 20th Annual Parish Solemn Novena takes place in St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen and continues on Monday 23rd June. We invite people to place their petitions in the petition boxes in St Clare's Church or send them by email to gkparish@gmail.com. Through the prayers of our faith community and the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, we ask Jesus to relieve whatever burdens we carry. The rosary will be recited at 7.10pm and Mass begins at 7.30pm. Our Guest Speaker will be Elizabeth Zion. Writer and advocate for Youth Empowerment.

An Spioraid Naoimh Growth in the Holy Spirit Pentecost Retreat

Venue: Parish Centre, St. Peter and Paul's Church Portlaoise
Friday June 27th 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm *Guest: Fr. David Vard *
Saturday June 28th 10:00 am to 3: 45 pm *Guest: Fr. John Mockler*
Full program available for download on www.spioraidnaoimh.com
Spiritual Director: Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill PP St. Conleth's Newbridge
Further Info Contact: Michael Nerney 086 815 7305.
All are welcome.

The 5th Carlow Town Scout Group are holding their annual bucket collection at all Masses this Sunday 22nd June. Your support would be gratefully appreciated.

Columbanus Day Celebrations

All paths lead to Carlow this July when the town hosts the XXVI Columbanus Day celebration from 11th July to 13th July 2025. This significant occasion honours St Columbanus, one of Ireland's most influential early missionaries, recognised for his contributions to the spiritual and cultural foundation of Europe. St Columbanus, patron saint of the Missionary Society of St Columban, was born in Myshall. The three-day event promises a rich blend of cultural, spiritual and communal experiences. Highlights include the launch of the exhibition 'Ireland and the Birth of Europe,' a symposium exploring the relationship between creation and spirituality given by Columban missionary Fr Sean McDonagh, and a walk along the picturesque Columban Way. Visitors can also look forward to engaging talks, such as 'Columbanus, the Man from Myshall,' by former President Dr Mary McAleese, taking place in the Holy Cross Church in Myshall. The celebrations culminate with the XXVI Columbanus Day Mass at the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow on Sunday 13th July. We very much look forward to hosting the International Columbanus Weekend, when pilgrims from all over Europe will gather here in our diocese to honour this great Saint.

Graiguecullen Bingo Tuesday 24th June 2025.

St. Fiacc's Hall 8.30pm. Jackpot on 50 numbers € 2000.

Double number € 320. Lotto € 1300.

St Brigid's 3-day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg 2025:

Friday 4th July – Sunday 6th July and Wed 13th Aug – Fri 15th Aug. Bus pick ups at Monasterevin, Kildare, Newbridge, Naas, Sallins, Clane, Kilcock, Maynooth and Dunboyne M3 park and ride. For information and bookings: Tel Joe 0872467594 or email deirdregleeson@medwise.ie

Come and See Day

A day to explore priesthood: talks, time for prayer, answering your questions, discerning a vocation, Knock House Hotel F12 R6Y5, Sunday 13th July 11.00am to 4.30pm. Bookings only through Vocations.ie. For more information contact: carol.king@vocations.ie

CALENDAR

Tuesday '22nd **The Nativity of St. John The Baptist** a man of self-denial, integrity of life and purpose and a uncompromising prophetic voice. 'John means 'The Lord has chosen favour'. The feast relates to the summer solstice, when the days begin to grow shorter, recalling John's words, ' , He must increase but I must decrease'

Friday 27th **The Sacred Heart of Jesus.** ; Understood in the light of the scripture, the term 'Sacred Heart of Jesus'' denotes the entire mystery of Christ, Son of God.

Saturday 28 **Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Would you like to help us mark the Season of Creation locally?

The Season of Creation is a world-wide ecumenical event that takes place every year from 1 September to 4 October. It begins with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and concludes on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. The late Pope Francis chose the theme 'Seeds of Peace and Hope' for the World Day of Prayer while the theme of the whole season is 'Peace with Creation'. Both themes offer powerful reminders to us of the strong link between war and the degradation of our planet. The seed indicates the need for a long-term commitment to peace while expressing hope that the seeds of peace may emerge across all continents. ***Maybe you would like to join with a few others to take a lead in how we will mark this season locally in the parish and/or pastoral area.*** Resources can be found on www.seasonofcreation.org Please contact the parish office if you are interested in being part of this initiative.