

# Holy Family Parish, Askea

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# Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry –

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## IT IS A BEAUTEOUS EVENING, CALM AND FREE

It is a beauteous evening, calm and free,  
The holy time is quiet as a Nun  
Breathless with adoration; the broad sun  
Is sinking down in its tranquillity;  
The gentleness of heaven broods o'er the Sea;  
Listen! the mighty Being is awake,  
And doth with his eternal motion make  
A sound like thunder—everlastingly.  
Dear child! dear Girl! that walkest with me here,  
If thou appear untouched by solemn thought,  
Thy nature is not therefore less divine:  
Thou liest in Abraham's bosom all the year;  
And worshipp'st at the Temple's inner shrine,  
God being with thee when we know it not.

*William Wordsworth (1770-1850)*

**Please note mass in Bennekerry will be at  
10:30 on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June.**

# St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

Fr Tom Little PP - Ph 059 9131559. Fr Tommy Dillon PE 059 9142565

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

Emergency Number for the Priest on Duty 087 2588118.

Parish Office - 059 9142565.

Website: [www.askeaparish.ie](http://www.askeaparish.ie); email: [office@askeaparish.ie](mailto:office@askeaparish.ie)

## **Anniversaries 14<sup>th</sup> June**

James and Annie O'Neill. Brownshill Road and their sons James and Phillip and daughter Betty Elizabeth and Joseph Archbald, Brownshill Avenue

## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

A twig on its own is fragile and can be easily snapped, but many twigs bound together become unbreakable.

**Graveyard Mass 26 June @ 7:30 pm:** As we prepare for the graveyard mass we hope that as many of parishioners will be able to attend to their own graves and remove dead flowers and pots etc. A special word of thanks to all who keep the grounds of the church looking so well

## **K & L Diocesan Lotto Results draw 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

Numbers drawn were 12, 25, 26 & 32. No €20,000 Jackpot winner  
7 Match 3s get €143 each. Askea / Bennekerry had 1 Match 3 winners.

**Winner**

Annette Byrne

**Promotor**

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Next week's Jackpot €20,000. 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.

### **St Catherine's Community Services Centre – Seniors Alert**

**Scheme:** St Catherine's Community Services Centre is accepting applications for the Senior Alert Scheme, which provides socially monitored personal alarms and pendants for older people. The scheme is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and administered by Pobal. Applicants must be aged 65 or over. For further details or application forms, contact: Claire Murphy, Older Persons Services Coordinator Phone: 059-9138700  
Email: [opmanager@catherines.ie](mailto:opmanager@catherines.ie)

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

### **Askea Church Golden Jubilee:**

We aim to have a picture poster board on the day and would very much welcome any photographs of occasions that took place over the decades in the church ie. A wedding, baptism, communion or confirmation. These can be handed in to the Parish office or sacristy or a soft copy sent to [office@askeaparish.ie](mailto:office@askeaparish.ie)

We look forward to everyone joining us next Sunday for the celebrations. Let's all pray for good weather on the day. Please note there will be no 10.30 am mass on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

### **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.

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

**Carlow woman Anne McDarby** walked the Cork City 10km on 31 May 2026, raising funds for Carlow Alzheimer's Bethany House Day Care. Many thanks everyone who supported her campaign.

**Graiguecullen Bingo** Tuesday 16th June 2026 in St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 48 numbers €6,030. Double number €1,930. Lotto €2,450 Bonus Ball €1,750

**National Synodal Pathway Update:** Preparations are continuing for the National Synodal Assembly, which will take place in October. Working groups from across the country are reflecting on the key priorities identified through the synodal process and helping to shape the next stage of the Church's journey in Ireland.

To learn more and view the latest video update from Fr Declan Hurley, Chairperson of the National Synodal Pathway, and Patricia Carroll, member of the National Synodal Pathway and Pastoral Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Dublin, please follow the link provided.

<https://theway.ie/the-irish-synodal-pathway-progress-and-purpose/>

### **South Leinster Money Advice & Budgeting Service *Carlow MABS***

72d Tullow Street Carlow Tel: 0818 072070 *Free, independent and confidential Money Management and Advice Service* Assisting people in dealing with their existing debts, Mortgage arrears and helping them to begin to manage their own resources. *MABS offers free Debt Relief Advice under Personal Insolvency options, Money Management Sessions provided for Transition/Leaving Cert Students & Community Groups*

**Irish Cancer Society Volunteer Drivers:** The Irish Cancer Society is expanding the volunteer driver service in the Carlow and Laois area, and we are seeking compassionate volunteer drivers to join our pool of drivers. We are specifically looking for drivers who can take patients to Naas Hospital, St James' Hospital and the Mater Hospital in Dublin. If you can spare 2 days per month, have a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you are the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Your generosity not only eases the journey for many during a challenging time but also offers comfort and support when it's needed most. For more information and to become a volunteer driver, please contact Monica or Emily at [volunteer@irishcancer.ie](mailto:volunteer@irishcancer.ie).

**Glór Cheatharlach - summer events 'as Gaeilge' 2026:** A full programme of events 'as Gaeilge' for young people from infants to teenagers will take place in Carlow in July.

**Coláiste Samhraidh**/Summer College suitable for 5<sup>th</sup> Class - Junior Certs will run from 29th June – 3rd July. The fee is €125.

**Campa na nÓg** /Junior Camp for infants from 6th -9th July. Fee is €55.

**Campa Samhraidh** /Summer Fun Camp for children in 1st – 4th class from 13th -16th July. The fee is €75.

For full details and to reserve places contact Glór Cheatharlach on 087 2857048, 085 1340047 or email [emma@glorcheatharlach.ie](mailto:emma@glorcheatharlach.ie)

**Parishes Alive - Becoming Synodal:** Bishop Denis and the Diocesan Pastoral Council invites you to the third annual Parishes Alive Day on Saturday, June 20th from 10am to 4pm in Carlow College, St. Patrick's. The day will be facilitated by Dr Oonagh O'Brien, CEO of Mount St Anne's Retreat & Conference Centre and Janet Forbes the Youth Director in the Archdiocese of Armagh and a Member of the National Synodal Team. Much of it will be interactive and workshop based. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. There is no charge to attend or for the hospitality. To book or for further information email Pat Roche, Diocesan Director of Parish Development, on [parishdevelopment@kandle.ie](mailto:parishdevelopment@kandle.ie) or phone (office hours) 083-8305681.

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