

Holy Family Parish, Askea

16th August 2026 Vol 37 No 38

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

You are warmly invited

to join with us as we celebrate the

Platinum Jubilee
of

Sr Joan's Religious Life

On Saturday 22nd August



Celebrations will commence with
Mass at 7 pm

in Holy Family Church Askea

Followed by refreshments in the
Parish Centre.

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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

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

office@askeaparish.ie

Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

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Acceptance

When the spent sun throws up its rays on cloud
And goes down burning into the gulf below,
No voice in nature is heard to cry aloud
At what has happened. Birds, at least must know
It is the change to darkness in the sky.
Murmuring something quiet in her breast,
One bird begins to close a faded eye;
Or overtaken too far from his nest,
Hurrying low above the grove, some waif
Swoops just in time to his remembered tree.
At most he thinks or twitters softly, 'Safe!
Now let the night be dark for all of me.
Let the night be too dark for me to see
Into the future. Let what will be, be.'

Robert Frost

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

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

Newsletter Items – 059 9143881. **Deadline for News items: - 5pm Wednesdays**

Emergency Number for the Priest on Duty 087 2588118.

Parish Office – 059 9142565

Website: www.askeaparish.ie; email: office@askeaparish.ie

Anniversaries 16th August

Pat Dunne, Ballinakillbeg (1st Anniversary)

Eddie Kelly, Highfield, Dublin Rd Carlow

Rick Callanan, Carlow and Bennekerry

Amanda Kinsella, Bennekerry

Gerry Gordon, Rutland

Joan Cranny, Link Rd, Chapelstown

Mary and Michael Rossiter, Johnstown

Claire Fitzhenry and daughter Patricia Egan, Johnstown

Kathleen Horan, Rutland

Edward Carter and his parents Henry and Rita Carter, Bennekerry

Sr Joan's Platinum Jubilee

Celebrations: All are welcome to join us for Mass at 7 pm on Saturday 22nd August in Askea Church, followed by refreshments in the Askea Parish Centre.



K & L Diocesan Lotto Results draw 5th August 2026

Numbers drawn were 02, 10, 13, 21. There was no €15,000 Jackpot winner. 28 Match 3s get €36 each. Askea / Bennekerry had two Match 3 winners.

Winner

Orla Cahill

Kathleen Dunne

Promotor

Parish Centre

Mary Condrón

Next week's Jackpot is €16,000. 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.

Askea Senior Citizens' News

Day trip to Waterford and Tramore on Wednesday 26th August and back to Seven Oaks Hotel for tea. Non-Members welcome. Contact Marian at 059 9143010

Holiday to Clonakilty Park Hotel, West Cork on 13th September. There are a few places available for non-members. Contact Marian at 059 9143010

St Joseph Men's Camino: *A Camino changes us in ways we don't expect, every man needs one.* Join men from across Ireland on Saturday 12th September for a 25km pilgrimage through the Boyne Valley, beginning in Drogheda. The day includes Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Confessions, fraternity, lunch and dinner, with after-dinner speaker Fr. Mark Quinn. Open to men aged 18+. Cost: €65 (student €55). Registration, accommodation and details: www.dominicans.ie/events. Enquiries: op.evangelisation@gmail.com.

Car Boot Sale Saturday 22nd August 10am - 4pm, Dolmen Celtic F.C., Carlow Town R93 NN29. If you are interested in selling contact Sis 085 7107366

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 18th August 2026 in St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 42 numbers €960. Double number €600. Lotto €2,900 Bonus Ball €2,200

Palatine Community Text Alert Committee: invite residents of Palatine and Bennekerry to a Neighbour Watch crime prevention initiative, organised by An Garda Siochana, Carlow. The purpose is to encourage residents to take advantage of property marking by a machine. Come along and bring your bicycles, scooters, lawn mowers, DIY and garden tools that you wish to protect by having them stamped with a personal identification number (for example a driving licence). In the event of theft and subsequent recovery by Gardai the items being marked will identify the lawful owner and can be returned accordingly. This event will be held at Palatine GAA Sports Club on Saturday 22nd August 2026 between 12 noon and 2:30 pm. The Committee look forward to seeing you there.

An Gairdin Beo Quiz Event: *Looking for a fun way to get together, test your knowledge, and enjoy a morning of friendly competition? Join Shane Casey, Biodiversity Officer with Carlow County Council for a Nature and Folklore All Ages Table Quiz. Suitable for all ages, this free event is a great opportunity to learn something new, meet others, and have plenty of laughs along the way. No team? No worries! Come along and we'll find you a spot. All are welcome.*

Venue: An Gairdin Beo, Old Dublin Road, Carlow Town, Co. Carlow (next to St Leo's Convent and College) R93 E1HF

Date: Thursday, August 20th

Time: 10.30am- 12pm

Booking is essential via scasey@carlowcoco.ie.

Kilkenny Adult Learning Service Are hosting an open day on Thursday 20th August from 10am – 1pm in 43 Upper Patrick Street, Kilkenny. All are welcome

Fitness for Older Adults (POSTPONED FOR TIME BEING FROM 13th August 2026 – return date to be advised by Shea)

"Stay active, stay independent"

Improve your balance, flexibility, mobility and strength.

Tuesdays 10-11 am

Thursdays 1-2 pm

Location: Askea Parish Centre

Contact: Shea on 085-2820030

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.

Online Maths lessons: available for Junior and Leaving cycles. All levels catered for by a Qualified teacher, contact James at 085 844152

Rainbows Peer Support Programme: places available for September offering a nine week programme of weekly one hour sessions of peer support to children aged seven and older experiencing loss through bereavement or parental separation. Please contact the coordinator on 087 1256199 or email Rainbows.carlowtown@gmail.com. This service is completely free of charge.

Bennekerry Senior Citizens Summer party: takes place on Sunday 23rd August in Woodford Dolmen Hotel with meal served at 7pm followed by music from Jimmy Hogan. Please let committee member know if you intend to attend on the night.

Legion of Mary Trip to Our Lady's Island: On Tuesday 8th September 2026. Cost €25.00 Contact - Kathleen Byrne 086-1577190

We Will Rock You at VISUAL Carlow, 26th–28th August. Carlow's first dedicated Summer Youth Musical is giving local young people a unique opportunity to perform, create and make new friendships during the summer. Tickets are on sale now from VISUAL Carlow.

CALENDAR

Wednesday 19th St John Eudes, 1601-1680, from Normandy, France spent a fruitful 20 years with the French Oratory, then left to found a congregation to improve the standards of the clergy through seminaries. He also founded the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity and Refuge. He was a powerful preacher and among the first to promote devotion to the Sacred Heart.

Thursday 20th St. Bernard was born in 1090 and died in August 1153 became a Cistercian monk at Citeaux in 1113 and was chosen abbot of Clarvaux in 1118. His writings reveal a solid group of biblical studies, spiritual theology, and philosophy. Patron of Gibraltar and beekeepers.

Friday 21st St. Pius x 1835-1914 Cardinal Patriarch of Venice, then Pope from 1903. He encouraged pastoral liturgy and Sacramental practice, especially of frequent Communion, to which he admitted young children.

Saturday 22nd The Queenship of Mary During the Middle Ages, Mary was venerated as Queen of the Angels and saints. Pope Pius XI prescribed the memorial for the universal Church for the close of the Marian Year 1955. It is placed on this date to stress the connection of Mary's Queenship with the Assumption.