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Deadline for items for Newsletter is 5pm on Wednesday by phone to 059 9142565 or email to office@askeaparish.ie

“TREES”

*I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.
A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth's sweet flowing
breast;
A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;
A tree that may in Summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.
Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.*

Joyce Kilmer

Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

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The Last Rose of Summer

*'Tis the last rose of Summer,
Left blooming alone;
All her lovely companions
Are faded and gone;
No flower of her kindred,
No rose-bud is nigh,
To reflect back her blushes
Or give sigh for sigh!
I'll not leave thee, thou lone one,
To pine on the stem;
Since the lovely are sleeping,
Go sleep thou with them.
Thus, kindly I scatter
Thy leaves o'er the bed
Where thy mates of the garden
Lie scentless and dead.
So soon may I follow,
When friendships decay,
And from Love's shining circle
The gems drop away!
When true hearts lie withered,
And fond ones are flown,
Oh! who would inhabit
This bleak world alone?*

Thomas Moore

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

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Deadline for News items: - 5pm Wednesdays

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Anniversaries 23rd August

Jack Nolan, Burrindale and Friarstown

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

It isn't a calamity to die with dreams unfulfilled,

But it is a calamity not to dream...

It is not a disgrace not to reach for the stars,

But it is a disgrace to have no stars to reach.

Benjamin Mays (1894-1984)

K & L Diocesan Lotto Results draw 19th August 2026

Numbers drawn were **16, 20, 22, 24** . There was no €16,000 Jackpot winner. 9 Match 3s get €112 each. Askea / Bennekerry had two Match 3 winners.

Winner

Anne Kelly

Catherine O'Toole

Promotor

Parish Centre

Marie Byrne

Next week's Jackpot is €17,000. 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. There are a few places available and non-members are 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

Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Island: On Tuesday 8th September 2026. Coach leaving Tullow at 3.45pm, Tinryland at 4pm and Askea at 4.15pm. Cost is €30 Contact - Kathleen Byrne 086-1577190

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.

Carer Available Carlow Town – Years of experience. Contact: 085 2878477

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Tuesday 25th August 2026 in St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 43 numbers €1090. Double number €670. Lotto €2950 Bonus Ball €2250

Breast Cancer Awareness Month 2026 takes place Thursday, October 1st, 2026-Saturday, October 31st, 2026. For more information, please visit breastcancerresearch.ie or www.breastcancerireland.com.

International Coffee Day 2026 takes place on Thursday, October 1st, 2026. Please see www.internationalcoffeeday.org for further details.

National Learning Network (NLN) the education and training division of Rehab Group, is hosting a **National Open Evening on Thursday, 27th August** when more than 30 centres across the country will open their doors to the public.

NLN provides personalised **education**, training, and development opportunities for **people with disabilities** and those who require additional support to achieve their goals. Each year, NLN supports over 3,000 people who are out of work due to accident, illness, disability, or other barriers. Our programmes offer recognised QQI qualifications while helping students build the skills, confidence, and independence needed to progress to further education, training, apprenticeships, or employment.

You are warmly invited to visit **National Learning Network**, Carlow located at **1st Floor, Castle Gate, Kennedy Street]**, on **Thursday, 27th August from 5 pm – 7 pm** as part of this national event.

Fitness for Older Adults

"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

Chair Yoga

Starting in Askea Parish Centre, Thursday 10th September 2026

7 Weeks €75.00, Drop in €12.00

Bookings: contact Maria on 087-6421820 or email Maria at

www.mariabyyoga.ie

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

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.

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.

Dancing with Nicole – Memorial Fundraiser

In aid of Aoibheann's Pink Tie

Sunday 13th September. Holy Family National School, Askea

1.15-3.15 pm

Dancing, cake sale and raffle on the day

CALENDAR

Monday 24th **St. Bartholomew, Apostle**, his name occurs in the Synoptic Gospels only in the list of apostles. He is probably has been identified with Nathanel of Cana, whom Philip brings to Our Lord. He preached the Gospel in India. Patron saint of plasters, tanners and leather workers., rusade.

Tuesday 25th **St Louis** 1214-70 King of France, father of eleven children, Franciscan, man of integrity, died in Tunisa on his second crusade. Patron of French monarchy, military and barbers,

St. Joseph Calasanz, 1556-1648, founded the Piarists to run free schools. Schools .Patron of Catholic

Thursday 27th:-**St Monica**, 332-387, converted her pagan husband, Patricius to the faith and by her prayers and tears brought her son St Augustine to Christianity and a moral life. Patron saint of mothers.

Friday 28th:-**St Augustine**, 354-430, Bishop of Hippo, where he lived with a community until his death. His theological influence has been most significant in the Church, especially on the understanding of God's grace. Patron of theologians.

Saturday 29th :-The Passion of **St John the Baptist**. The Mass Preface lists the favours shown to John the Baptist and the vocation given him. He is worthy of the martyr's death, his last and greatest act of witness to Christ.