

Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Soft Day

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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

*A soft day, thank God!
A wind from the south
With a honeyed mouth;
A scent of drenching leaves,
Briar and beech and lime,
White elder-flower and thyme
And the soaking grass smells sweet,
Crushed by my two bare feet,
While the rain drips,
Drips, drips, drips from the eaves.*

*A soft day, thank God!
The hills wear a shroud
Of silver cloud;
The web the spider weaves
Is a glittering net;
The woodland path is wet,
And the soaking earth smells sweet
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Keeping in Touch

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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 30th August

Bridie Quinn, Friarstown

Jimmy Doyle, Russelstown

Michael Larkin, Kearnanstown

Tony Dooley, Dolmen Heights

John and Ann Cullin, Palatine

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Far away there in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them, but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them, and try to follow where they lead.

Louisa Mary Alcott

K & L Diocesan Lotto Results draw 26th August 2026

Numbers drawn were **04, 17, 23, 27** . There was one €17,000 Jackpot winner Lisa Hickey from Rhode parish. 24 Match 3s get €42 each. Askea / Bennekerry had two Match 3 winners.

Winner

O'Brien Grandchildren
Gill Hegarty

Promotor

Margaret Kelly
Parish Centre

Next week's Jackpot is €10,000. 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.

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

Firewood for sale. All Hardwood. €200 for a tipper truck load – delivered. Contact 087 274 4241

Slimming World – Carlow Every Tuesday at the Woodford Dolmen Hotel at 7:00am, 9:30am, 5:30pm and 7:00pm. For special offers or further information, please contact Christina 086 208 7064

Season of Creation 2026: Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. This year's theme is "Living Water". See www.seasonofcreation.org to access all the materials and to link to a live worldwide online opening prayer at 2pm Irish time on Tuesday, September 1st.

An Gairdin Beo: The hall is available to rent at a reasonable rate. All enquiries by email only to carlowcommunitygarden@gmail.com

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

Graiguecullen Bingo:

Tuesday 1st September 2026 in St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 44 numbers €1220. Double number €740. Lotto €3000 and Bonus Ball €2300

“Insights into Dementia – Informing and Empowering Family Carers” in Carlow: This 7-week face-to-face course offers valuable information, practical guidance, and emotional support for those caring for a family member or friend living with dementia. Course Details: Venue: Woodford Dolmen Hotel - Kilkenny Road, Carlow, Ireland, R93 N207 Dates: Monday 31st August 2026 - Monday, 12th October 2026 (once a week for the duration of 7 weeks) Time: 10:30 am-1 pm, Tutor: Eilis Cantwell Registration process:

Complete an Application Form

Applicants can complete the Online Family Carer Training Application Form on *The Alzheimer Society of Ireland, website*. Applications will be acknowledged once received. Applicants will then be added to our waiting list and contacted as soon as a place becomes available.

Await an Invitation

We will contact applicants by email or phone. If no contact details are provided, we will issue invitations by post.

Accept the Invitation and Attend

Invitations are for one person only. Due to high demand and health & safety requirements, we are unable to accommodate additional attendees.

Blood Donation Clinics: Talbot Hotel Carlow, Monday 31st August, Tuesday 1st, Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd September 15:45 – 20:00. Plus Sunday 6th September 12:00pm – 15:30pm. To check eligibility and book an appointment call 1800 222 111.

Men's Monthly Rosary Carlow: venue Liberty Tree (opposite Mc Donald's) on Saturday 5th Sept at 1.30 p.m. Our World needs your prayer. All Welcome. Enquires 086 374 2641.

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

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

Invitation to Meditation Carlow: Group will resume on Monday, 14 September 2026 at 7 pm, (after our Summer break). We meet on Monday evenings from 7 pm to 7:45 pm in the Cathedral Parish Centre, College Street, Carlow - excluding bank holidays. Meditation, the universal practice of silent contemplation, can awaken the heart, deepen our spiritual sensitivity and promote our wellbeing. All are welcome - no experience needed. No need to book – just turn up on any Monday evening! (Noel Keating, 087 2251183)

Carlow Active Retirement Members: meeting will be held on Wednesday September 9th at 2.30 pm in the Cathedral Parish Centre. New Members welcome.

Bereavement Support Group: every Wednesday evening 7:30 – 9pm starting 02nd September, at Edenbrook Counselling and Therapeutic Centre, Athy Rd (R93 C4A3) No need to book, drop in service. Enquiries call 087 640 3897.

CALENDAR

Monday 31st St Aidan from Lindisfarne was of Irish descent and was a monk of Iona. Oswald the exiled King of Northumbria who had fled to refuge to Iona, returned to his throne in 634. He invited Aidan to come to reconvert his people. Aidan made his headquarters in Lindisfarne. With the aid of the king as interpreter he was very successful in his mission. He died in 651

Tuesday 1st World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation

Thursday 3rd: -St Gregory the Great:-540-604, A Roman noble who was Prefect of the City before becoming a monk. As Pope he established a pattern for the papacy in the years to come, calling himself 'Servant of the Servants of Christ'. He sent missions to Lombardy, Sardinia and England. He is patron of musicians.

Friday 4th St Mac Nissi, Bishop Oengus MacNissi took his name from his mother Ness. It is claimed that St Patrick baptised and taught him the psalms. He chose the district of Connor for his hermitage but later became bishop of his clan. He died early in the sixth century.

Saturday 5th St Teresa of Calcutta otherwise known as Mother Teresa

Pastoral Letter: There is a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Nulty (dated 25 August 2026) available at the back of the church. Please take a copy on your way out.