

Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

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A Child's Evening Prayer

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And O! preserve my father too,
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To be my parents' hope and joy;
And O! preserve my brothers both
From evil doings and from sloth,
And may we always love each other
Our friends, our father, and our mother:
And still, O Lord, to me impart
An innocent and grateful heart,
That after my great sleep I may
Awake to thy eternal day! Amen.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Autumn Dues: for the Bishop and Priests
of the Parish will be taken up at all Masses next
weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

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Deadline for News items: - 5pm Wednesdays

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Anniversaries 6th September

Imelda Doyle, Coolrain, Ballickmoyler

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Collaboration is like a jigsaw puzzle. Individuals can pick parts of the puzzle to work on by themselves for a while, but eventually you have to work together to complete it.

K & L Diocesan Lotto Results draw 02nd September 2026

Numbers drawn were **07, 08, 26, 29**. There was no €10,000 Jackpot winner. 10 Match 3s get €100 each. Askea / Bennekerry had one Match 3 winner.

Winner

Bernie Geraghty

Promotor

Parish Centre

Next week's Jackpot is €11,000. 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.

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

Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP): The Vincent de Paul monthly collection takes place this weekend September 6th and 7th after each Mass. Thank you all for your support. SVP Carlow.

Askea Senior Citizens' News

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

Monthly Night Out in Askea Parish Community Centre on Wednesday 30th September at 7 pm. Bingo, music and cuppa. All are welcome. Transport available. Contact: Marian at 059 9143010.

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

Pope Leo's Intention for September: For the care of water – Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Graiguercullen Bingo: Tuesday 8th September 2026 in St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 44 numbers €1350. Double number €320. Lotto €3050 and Bonus Ball €2350

Blood Donation Clinics: Talbot Hotel Carlow, Sunday 6th September 12:00pm – 15:30pm. To check eligibility and book an appointment call 1800 222 111.

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

Suicide Prevention Day: To mark this there will be a balloon release on the 10th September in Graiguerccullen GAA grounds at 7 pm. Balloons on sale on the night.

Volunteer with Carlow Samaritans: For those interested come along to an information evening in Lamberts Coffee House, Dublin St. on Tuesday 8th September between 6pm and 8pm. We are looking for tolerant open-minded people who wish to help callers and have 3 hours to give weekly. Full training will be provided to all volunteers.

Carlow College of Music reopens on Monday 7th September. Limited places in various instruments from 4 years to adults. We are now recruiting for our performing groups - The Staves Orchestra (junior level), the Carlow Youth Orchestra, SingAloud (primary school age), Sing (secondary) and No Strings Attached brass ensemble. Contact Majella Swan 083 0129762 carlowcollegeofmusic1@gmail.com

Pre-Registration Training Course for Childminders: Are you a Childminder caring for children in your own home? Are you considering becoming a Childminder and wondering what steps to take next? Carlow CCC are delivering a FREE Pre-Registration Training Course for Childminders/potential Childminders, taking place on Wednesday, 30th September and 7th October, from 6.30pm-10pm, at Enterprise House, O'Brien Rd Carlow R93 NC2F. Spaces are limited. **Booking is essential.** Please contact Eilish/Jean on 059 9140244 or email info@carlowccc.ie for further information or to book your place.

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.

Volunteer Drivers: The Irish Cancer Society is seeking compassionate volunteers to join our pool of drivers. As a volunteer driver you would be bringing patients undergoing chemotherapy to the hospital for their treatment and back home. Gifting your time means that cancer patients will have comfortable (one on one) transport to attend appointments for their lifesaving treatment.

If you can spare 2 days per month, have a valid driving licence, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you are the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. The Irish Cancer Society will provide you with training up front as a driver for us. Your generosity not only eases the journey for many during a challenging time but also offers comfort and support when it's needed most. The feedback we receive from patients that have relied on the Transport Service in the past is heart-warming and underlines the need of its existence.

For more information and to become a volunteer driver, please contact Monica or Emily at volunteer@irishcancer.ie

Chair Yoga: Starting in Askea Parish Centre, Thursday 10th September 2026 for 7 Weeks €75.00, Drop in €12.00 Bookings: contact Maria on 087-6421820 or email Maria at www.mariabyyoga.ie

Living Water

Holy God, whose Spirit hovered over the waters at the beginning,
we gather as part of your community of all creation, thirsty for your
grace.

We give thanks for the gift of water, the veins of our common home,
that sustains the cedar and the whale, the pasture and the city.

We are grateful for the local waters that nourish our homelands
and our fellow creatures.

We give thanks that in your well-watered garden,
every drop is a sacred testament to your love.

Lord of all Life,
you promised that wherever the river flows, everything shall live.

Stir in us a calling to care for the waters —

to protect the watershed, defend the rights of water,
and honor the dignity of the thirsty.

May your Word be a spring within us,
gushing forth for the healing of the nations.

May God our Father who brought water from the rock
sustain us in the desert.

May Christ our Lord who is Living Water
refresh us for the work of restoration.

And may the Holy Spirit carry us on currents of grace
until justice rolls down like waters
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Amen.

Season of creation 2026 prayer extract