

Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Twenty Fourth 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

office@askeaparish.ie

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Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

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The Harvest Moon

It is the Harvest Moon! On gilded vanes
And roofs of villages, on woodland crests
And their aerial neighbourhoods of nests
Deserted, on the curtained window-panes
Of rooms where children sleep, on country lanes
And harvest-fields, its mystic splendour rests!
Gone are the birds that were our summer guests,
With the last sheaves return the labouring wains!
All things are symbols: the external shows
Of Nature have their image in the mind,
As flowers and fruits and falling of the leaves;
The song-birds leave us at the summer's close,
Only the empty nests are left behind,
And pipings of the quail among the sheaves.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

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Deadline for News items: - 5pm Wednesdays

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Anniversaries 13th September

Patrick (Paddy) Byrne, Kernanstown and Grange Grove

Philomena (Dilly) Nolan, Kernanstown

Peg Harmon, Kernanstown

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K & L Diocesan Lotto Results draw 09th September 2026

Numbers drawn were **02, 13, 23, 25**. There was no €11,000 Jackpot winner. 5 Match 3s get €200 each. Askea / Bennekerry had no Match 3 winners.

Winner

Promotor

Next week's Jackpot is €12,000. 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

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.

Carlow Alzheimer's Annual Memory Walk:: for Alzheimer's Society Bethany House Carlow will take place on: Sunday 20th September, 2026 in: Oak Park Forest Park at: 11 a.m.

Register at www.memorywalk.ie Honouring the people we love together.

Carlow Pioneers: will present 10, 25, 50 and 60 Year Pins and Certificates to eligible members in Askea Parish Centre at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, 26 September 2026.

Eligible members wishing to receive an award should register by contacting Anne on 087 763 8695 between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, before Friday, 18 September 2026.

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.

Graiguecullen Bingo: Tuesday 15th September 2026 in St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 46 numbers €1480. Double number €390. Lotto €3100 and Bonus Ball €2400

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)

Caretaker required for Holy Family National School, Askea: 25 hours per week. Relevant experience and an understanding of health and safety required. The position is subject to Garda Vetting of the successful candidate. Please contact the school for more information by email at info@askeans.ie or by phone at 0599142772. Closing date for applications is the 21st September 2026.

Coffee Morning for Breast Cancer Awareness: Donations to Éist Carlow. On Thursday 17th September, 11am-1pm in the Women's Centre, Green Lane, Carlow, R93 X8D3. Phone Val in Carlow County Development Partnership for more information 086 0117761.

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

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

Runners and walkers wanted for [Outrun Hunger 5k & 10k](#)

Whether you run, jog, or walk- you can help St Clare's food Kitchen Carlow "Outrun Hunger" through Oak Park Estate. Saturday October 17th 10am Carlow Rugby Club, Oak Park, Carlow R93 RX25 (Registration opens 8.30am). Refreshments & Prize Giving, afterwards in Carlow Rugby Club,

T shirts, medals & refreshments for all participants.

Entry Fee:

10 km adult (over 18s Only): €35

5km adult: €25

5km under 16: €20

5km Family 4 Two adults + 2 children under 16: €70

Registration / Entry Fee includes (Commemorative Medal &

Performance T-shirt for every distance and age group)

So please lace up your sneakers and let's help our neighbours who are experiencing food insecurity.

For every €2 raised, we can provide a meal to those in need in St Clare's food Kitchen, Graiguecullen, Carlow.

Book your place today by logging on

to www.popupraces.ie/race/outrun-hunger-2026

CALENDAR

Monday 14th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross The discovery of the True Cross is dated to 14 September 320. On 13 September 335, the churches on Calvary were dedicated and the cross that St. Helena discovered was venerated there the next day. The annual commemoration of that event has been celebrated since, in praise of the redemption won for us by Christ.

Tuesday 15th Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday 16th St. Cornelius became pope in 251 and died in exile at Civitavecchia in 253. Patron for cattle and domestic animals.

St. Cyprian, 210-58, Bishop of Carthage teacher and preacher, was martyred.

Thursday 17th:-St Robert Bellarmine 1542-1621, Jesuit Cardinal Bishop of Capua, was involved in theological controversies of the time. Patron of catechists.

St. Hildegard, 1098-1179, founder of the monastery of Bingen around 1150, she knew the natural sciences, was musician and composer, a great writer and mystic. She worked for reform of the religious life and the Church, she was canonised and declared a doctor of the Church in 2012.

Saturday 19th St. Januarius, Bishop of Benevento, was martyred at Naples in 305 with 6 companions.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Wisdom is a universal blessing. It can exist in any time or place, in any individual, in any faith, or none. It gives to humankind a worth that far outweighs its insignificance in the scheme of things. It gives a shining glory to this little planet.