

Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Twenty Fifth 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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Newsletter Items – 059 9143881.

Deadline for News items: - 5pm Wednesdays

Emergency Number for the Priest on Duty 087 2588118.

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

Anniversaries 20th September

Paddy Cassidy, 45 Kernanstown.

Philomena Duffy (nee Tobin), Co. Cavan. 1st Anniversary – Aunt of Rachel Foley.

John and Annie O'Keeffe, Palatine. Their son Jack Junior and his wife Darita and son Andrew, Crew, England.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

It is our duty as men and women to proceed as though limits to our abilities do not exist.

K & L Diocesan Lotto Results draw 16th September 2026

Numbers drawn were **04, 12, 23, 27**. There was no €12,000 Jackpot winner. 27 Match 3s get €38 each. Askea / Bennekerry had 4 Match 3 winners.

Winner

Promotor

Helena Agar

Parish Centre

Austin O'Toole

Parish Centre

Breda Deane

Parish Centre

Paul Mc Cartney

Kevin Keating

Next week's Jackpot is €13,000. 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.

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.

Job Vacancy – ACCORD CLG Executive Director:

Accord CLG is seeking an Executive Director who will be the chief executive officer of Accord CLG and be responsible for providing strategic and operational leadership across the organisation.

The deadline for applications is 12 noon on Monday, 28 September

For more information, visit

www.forvismazars.com/ie/en/executiverecruitment

Graiguecullen Bingo: Tuesday 22nd September 2026 in St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 47 numbers €1610. Double number €460. Lotto €3150 and Bonus Ball €2450

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.

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

Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock: on Sunday 27th of September. The coach is leaving Askea at 7:30 am and leaving The Thatch Pub Graiguecullen at 7:45 am. The cost is €35.

To book contact Josie on 087 832 4656 or Kathleen on 086 157 7190.

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

Tai Chi for Health and Vitality: 5 week course of Tai Chi classes commencing on Friday morning 25th September from 11 am to 12.30 in An Gairdin Beo Community Centre, (next to St Leos Convent).

Further information: Contact Rosaleen Fadden on 086 078 9241, Tai Chi and Wellness Academy.

Irish Grinds: Junior and Senior cycle grinds available for both ordinary and higher level. Contact Sinéad at GaeilgeGrindsCarlow@gmail.com for information.

Carlow Flower Club: resumes on Tuesday 29th September at 8.00pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Kilkenny Road, Carlow. New members always welcome. The club meets on the last Tuesday of every month. Annual membership €40. (Visitors €10 per night). The September Demonstrator will be Sharon O'Sullivan, AOIFA Teacher, Demonstrator and Judge from Sutton Floral Art Group. Looking forward to welcoming back all our members and friends. Competition for all classes, "An Arrangement using Three Garden Flowers"

CALENDAR

Wednesday 23rd - St Eunan (Adomnan) was born in Donegal around 624 and died in 704. He became a monk in Iona and was chosen Abbot there in 679. One of his writings is the life of Colum Cille.

Friday 25th - St Finbarr came to Loch Irce (Gougane, Barra) and probably lived there as a hermit. When disciples gathered round him he moved to Cork at the mouth of the river Lee where he founded a monastery which became a famous centre of learning.

Saturday 26th - Saints Cosmas and Damian were early martyrs in Syria, patrons of physicians.

A Blessing

May the light of your soul guide you.

May the light of your soul bless the work you do
with the secret love and warmth of your heart.

May you see in what you do the beauty of your own soul.

May the sacredness of your work bring healing,

Light and renewal to those who work with you
and to those who see and receive your work.

May your work never weary you.

May it release within you wellsprings of
refreshment, inspiration and excitement.

May you be present in what you do.

May you never become lost in the bland absences.

May the day never burden.

May dawn find you awake and alert,
approaching your new day with dreams, possibilities and promises.

May evening find you gracious and fulfilled.

May you go into the night blessed, sheltered and protected.

May your soul calm, console and renew you.

John O'Donohue (1956-2008)