

Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Twenty Sixth 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

PLEASE NOTE:

*There will be no weekday
masses next Monday to
Thursday as our priests will
be on their Annual Retreat.*

*Please keep them in your
prayers at this time.*

A Thought for Today:

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

Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

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The Man After the Harrow

Now leave the check-reins slack,
the seed is flying far today.
The seed like stars against the black
eternity of April clay.

This seed is potent as the seed
of knowledge in the Hebrew Book.
So drive your horses in the creed,
of God the Father as a stook.

Forget the men on Brady's Hill.
Forget what Brady's boy may say.
For destiny will not fulfil
unless you let the harrow play.

Forget the worm's opinion too,
of hooves and pointed harrow-pins.
For you are driving your horses through
the mist where Genesis begins

Patrick Kavanagh

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Deadline for News items: - 5pm Wednesdays

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Anniversaries 27th September

Elizabeth (Betty) O'Neill, Glenview, Brownhill Road.

Frances French, Brownhill Avenue.

Kathleen Brennan and her daughter Kathleen Brennan Jnr,
Kernanstown, Bennekerry.

Mollie Rossiter and her daughter Chrissie Cullen (nee
Rossiter), Kernanstown.

Mary Doyle, Sion, Bennekerry.

James and Kathleen Dempsey, Kernanstown.

Christopher O'Brien, Russellstown.

James Doyle, Bennekerry Lodge.

We ask the Lord to grant eternal rest to:

Rose Maher (nee Egan)

and we offer our sympathy and the support of our prayers to
all who have suffered the loss of a loved one, at this time.

K & L Diocesan Lotto Results draw 23rd September 2026

Numbers drawn were **08, 11, 25, 27**. Two winners shared the €13,000 Jackpot both from Clonbullogue, John Corcoran and Sinead Corcoran. Match 3s get €67 each.

Askea / Bennekerry had no Match 3 winners.

Winner

Promotor

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.

Askea Senior Citizens' News

Monthly Night Out in Askea Parish Community Centre on Wednesday 30th September at 7 to 9:30 pm. Bingo, music and cuppa. All are welcome. Transport available. Contact: Marian at 059 9143010. Details of the Christmas Party will be announced in October.

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.

Carlow Lions Club – Charity Auction: takes place on Thursday 8th October in the Seven Oaks Hotel starting at 7:30pm in aid of Eist Cancer Support Centre, Carlow and Childhood Cancer. All are welcome to attend and participate. A great selection of Lots will be on offer.

Men's Monthly Rosary: **Carlow** on Saturday 3rd October @ 1.30 pm at the Liberty tree. Praying for Peace in Our World. All are welcome please come and show your support. All are Welcome. Enquires 086 3742641.

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

Graiguecullen Bingo: Tuesday 29th September 2026 in St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 48 numbers €1740. Double number €530. Lotto €3200 and Bonus Ball €2500

Memory Information Session: The Dementia Advisor for Carlow will be holding an information session for anyone who is concerned about their own memory, worried about the memory of a loved one. Or looking for information on the services and supports available for people living with Dementia. The session will take place in Carlow Library on Tuesday, 29th September, from 11 am to 1 pm. This is an opportunity to learn more about Dementia, ask questions in a friendly and supportive environment, and find out about local resources and supports. Tea and refreshments will be provided. All are welcome.

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"

Community Yoga for All: Classes start Thursday 1st October at 6 pm in An Gairdin Beo. These will help you to build strength, flexibility and enhance your well-being. Contact Mairead on 089 455 0270 for more information. The first class is a free trial.

Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP): The next Vincent de Paul monthly collection takes place next weekend Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th October after each Mass. Thank you all for your support. SVP Carlow.

Community Groups: Register your group for free today at communityhub.ie to list your upcoming events and notices in a dedicated space where local people can easily find you. Communityhub.ie is a free service to community groups in your area. It allows for community groups to share what is going on, but also see what is going on around them.

800th Jubilee of St Francis – GK Parish Celebrations: Join us as we celebrate the 800th Jubilee of St Francis (1226–2026) with four days of prayer, music and reflection.

THURSDAY 1st October – St Clare’s Church, 7.30 pm

Celebrant: Fr Bryan Shortall OFM Cap., National Director of Padre Pio Ministry

Mass with Benediction and music by the Ladies Choir and members of the Killeshin choir.

Veneration of First-Class relic of St Thérèse of Lisieux after Mass.

FRIDAY 2nd October – St Clare’s Church, 7.30 pm

Celebrant: Fr Bernardino Soukup CFM, The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

Mass with Benediction, with music by our Youth & Children’s Choirs.

Veneration of First-Class relic of St Francis after Mass.

SATURDAY 3rd October – St Clare’s Church, 6.30 pm

We will be joined by the Secular Franciscan Order, Carlow, with music by the Men’s Choir and members of the Killeshin choir.

Veneration of First-Class relic of St Francis after Mass.

The celebrations conclude on the Feast of St Francis, **SUNDAY 4th October**, Mass in St Clare’s at 11.30 am with music from our Combined Parish Choirs.

We extend a special invitation to all who bear the name Francis to come along and receive a special blessing during this Mass.

At 3 pm on **SUNDAY 4th October** everyone is also invited to bring their pets along for our Blessing of Pets, taking place outside the Parish Centre (R93 AY76). All are very welcome to join us as we mark this special Franciscan Jubilee together.

CALENDAR

Monday 28th - St Wenceslaus 907-935, Prince of Bohemia, was killed by his brother, patron of brewers.

St Lawrence Ruiz and Companions. During the period 1633-1637 these sixteen martyrs shed their blood for Christ in the city of Nagasaki, Japan.

Tuesday 29th - St Michael, St Gabriel and St. Raphael, Archangels.

Wednesday 30th:- St Jerome, 347-420, translated the Bible into Latin, and wrote commentaries on Scriptures. Patron of Librarians.

Thursday 1st:- Thérèse of Lisieux. Marie Francois Thérèse Martin died on 30th September 1897. She was declared a doctor of the Church by Pope John Paul II in 1979. Patron saint of missions, florists, aviators and France.

Friday 2nd - The Guardian Angels

Saturday 3rd - Blessed Columba Marmion.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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

Pierre Teilhard De Chardin (1881-1955)