

Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Alas for that last rosebud which uncloses,
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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
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Christina Rossetti, 1904

Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

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Anniversaries 4th October

Eric Fitzgibbon, Beechwood Park.

Noel O'Brien, Duckett's Grove.

Kathleen, Andy and Patricia Dooley, Johnstown.

Billy Kane, John Sweeney Park.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Stand through life firm as a rock in the sea, undisturbed and unmoved by its ever-rising waves.

Hazrat Inayat khan (1882-1927)

K & L Diocesan Lotto Results draw 23rd September 2026

Numbers drawn were **06, 16, 23, 29**. No €10,000 Jackpot winner.

Match 3s get €67 each.

Askea / Bennekerry had 1 Match 3 winner.

Winner

Bernadette Murphy

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.

Pope Leo's Intention for October: For mental health ministry – Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the church. Helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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.

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

Graiguecullen Bingo: Tuesday 6th October 2026 in St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 48 numbers €1870. Double number €600. Lotto €3250 and Bonus Ball €2550.

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

Community Yoga for All: Classes on Thursday 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.

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 conclude the 800th Jubilee of St Francis (1226–2026) celebrations. At 3 pm on **SUNDAY 4th October** everyone is 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.

BARROW WALK / SIÚLÓID COIS BEARÚ: Interested in a leisurely autumn walk along the Barrow Track from Milford to Carlow Town, today Sunday 4th Oct at 2pm as the *finale* of the Autumn Walking Weekend / Féile an Fhómhair?

Courtesy bus at 1.15pm from The Fountain, Hadden's Car Park to Milford. Seats must be pre-booked on 087 2857048 or info@carlowtourism.com

Qualified Social Care Worker: offering reliable, compassionate support in the home, light housework and assistance in the evenings. Friendly and respectful. Contact 085 230 8308.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month: continues until Saturday 31st October. For more information, please visit breastcancerresearch.ie or www.breastcancerireland.com

Pollerton Text Alert: Renewal night in Askea Parish Centre on Wednesday 7th October from 7 to 9pm, renewal fee is €15. New members are also welcome and able to sign up on the night. Please have correct money if possible.

Beginners Yoga Class: every Thursday at 7pm in Askea Parish Centre. If you have been considering yoga but are not sure where to start? Pam Butler has 26 years of experience gently introducing people to yoga. Call 086 089 1141 for more information or see pambutleryoga.com/shop for booking details.

Carlow Active Retirement: members meeting will be held on Wednesday October 14th at 2.30pm in Cathedral Parish Centre, College Street. New members welcome.

Flower Arranging Classes: An Gairdin Beo will be the venue for two Flower Arranging Classes with Margaret Collins from Carlow Flower Club. Classes will be held on Tuesday 6th and Tuesday 13th October from 10.30 am to 12.30. List of materials available from An Gairdin Beo or 087 668 2778. Cost 10 Euro per class. No experience necessary.

Advance Notice: Diocesan Sacred Music Workshop for K&L Parish Choirs: Let your local parish choir know! A day long sacred music workshop will take place for parish choir members and directors on Saturday, 21st November in the Cathedral from 11am – 4:30 pm. A hot lunch will be provided and booking will be essential. More details coming soon.

Leighlin Dementia Friendly Community: We would like to welcome people living with Dementia and their carers to join us on Friday October 9th, in Leighlin Parish Centre (R93 KR83) for a cuppa and a chat, 11 am to 12.30 pm. Looking forward to meeting you.

CALENDAR

Monday 5th St Faustina was born in Glogowiec, near Lodz in Poland in 1905 and died in Krakow in 1938. She spent her short life as a Sister of Our Lady of Mercy. She understood that no human wretchedness could measure itself against the mercy which ceaselessly pours from the heart of Christ. She inspired the movement dedicated to proclaiming and imploring Divine mercy throughout the world.

Tuesday 6th St. Bruno was born in Cologne in 1033. He became Professor of Theology in Rheims University and later its Head. But his desire was to found a monastery where poverty, manual work, silence and worship would be the basics. He founded the Carthusians at la Grande, where he died in 1101.

Friday 9th St Denis and his companions, Rusticus and Eleutherius were beheaded and thrown into the Seine in 258. They were buried later at Montmartre. Their finest tribute is the abbey church of Saint Denis where the kings of France are buried. Denis the first Bishop of Paris, is one of the patrons of France.

St John Leonardi, 1541-1609, he supported the reforms of Trent. He published a Catechism and helped to found the Propagation of the Faith in Rome.

St. John Henry Newman was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI at Cofton Park, Birmingham on 19th September 2010 and canonised on 13th October 2019. The 9th October is the anniversary of his reception into the Catholic Church scholarship. He showed deep human wisdom and profound love of The Lord. He had connections with Ireland, through his project on the establishment of the Catholic University of Ireland. His reflection on education was written in part when he lived in Dublin and has remained a vital contribution to an understanding of Christian education. He was invited to Ireland in 1850. He became rector of the Catholic University of Ireland in 1854 until his resignation in 1858.