Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Twenty Ninth 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

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Deadline for items for Newsletter is 5pm on Wednesday by phone to 059 9142565 or email to office@askeaparish.ie

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And O preserve my father too,
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And O preserve my brothers both,
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And may we always love each other,
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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.

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Next weekend 24th and 25th October: Gate Collection for Carlow Day Care Centre. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Keeping in Touch

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Anniversaries 18th October

Elizabeth and Edward Somers, Graignaspidogue and Palatine.

Kathleen McGuill, Bennekerry.

Maureen McGuill, Kernanstown.

Pat and Rita Foley, Rathnapish.

Month's Mind

Rose Maher, Busherstown.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

You are never alone, God goes before you, walks beside you, and lives within you.

Deuteronomy 31:8

K & L Diocesan Lotto Results draw 14th October 2026

Numbers drawn were **03, 07, 15, 19**. No €12,000 Jackpot winner.
Match 3s get € 38 each.
Askea / Bennekerry had 2 Match 3 winners.

Winner	**Promotor**
Ruth Walsh	Mary Walsh
G. S. and R.	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.

NOTE: A free ticket is permissible when 10 or multiples of 10 tickets are sold.

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.

Annual Remembrance Mass:

St. Luke's General Hospital for Carlow/ Kilkenny Annual Remembrance Mass will take place on Wednesday 21st October 2026 October at 7:30pm in St. Canice's Parish Church, Kilkenny for families and loved ones of patients who have died in our hospital. The Mass, organised by the End-of-Life Care Committee, particularly remembers the patients who have died between 1st September 2025 and 31st August 2026.The Mass can also be viewed via the following link:
https://www.stcanicesparish.ie/web-cam/
All are welcome.

Askea Senior Citizens' News

Monthly Night Out in Askea Parish Community Centre on Wednesday 28th October at 7 to 9:30 pm. Bingo, music and cuppa. All are welcome. Transport available. Contact: Marian at 059 9143010.

Christmas Party on Sunday 29th November. For those interested €25 to be paid by Friday 20th November. Contact: Marian at 059 9143010.

Carlow County Council: invites applications for the post of Temporary Relief/Substitute School Wardens in Carlow Town. Please contact the Human Resources Section at 059 9129766 for further details.

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.

Graiguecullen Bingo: Tuesday 20th October 2026 in St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 48 numbers € 2130. Double Number € 740. Lotto € 3350. Bonus Ball € 2650

Coffee Morning: Cake sale and Raffle will take place on Friday 23rd October in Palatine GAA Clubhouse from 10 00 am to 2 30 pm. To support a group of local children with their upcoming trip to Barcelona. All welcome. Donations of cakes and buns etc also gratefully accepted on the day. For further information please contact Liz McDonald.

Final Call Pollerton Text Alert Renewal: Can anyone wishing to renew or join Pollerton Text Alert please do so, as soon as possible. The deadline is 20th October inclusive. Renewal is €15. Thanks to everyone who has already renewed or recently joined.

K&L Reading Group: Our Kildare & Leighlin Reading Group takes place on Wednesday, 4th November 2026 from 3.30 pm – 5.pm in St. Patricks/ Carlow College. The focus of our discussion will be on the challenge of A.I. Members are asked to read the article and will be invited to respond to it at our meeting. The group normally meets three times a year, with our meeting and tea/coffee hosted in the college by Conn Ó Maoldhomhnaigh. All are most welcome. If anyone would like to receive a copy of the article, please contact Fr. Paul or Fr. Conn.

Carlow Flower Club: Our October/Halloween Demonstration is by Diane Gallagher AOIFA, Teacher Judge and Demonstrator from Doddervale Flower Club, Tuesday 27th October at 8 pm Woodford Dolmen Hotel. All arrangements will be raffled on the night. Competition for all classes will be "Autumn Fruits & Berries" a table arrangement. Visitors welcome, visitors fee €10. There will be a plant sale on the night.

Presentation Sisters' 250th Celebrations: In Carlow on 22nd October 2026.

715 pm – Prayer and blessing of the cemetery at the Cathedral by Bishop Denis Nulty.

7:30 pm – Prayer service in the Cathedral The Mysteries of Light led by Bishop Denis Nulty.

8:15 pm – Refreshments in Carlow College.

Halloween Customs, Traditions and Games: An evening with historian and speaker Sarah Myers, in Askea Parish Centre, 8:00pm Saturday, 24th October 2026. Admission Free, numbers are limited. Advance booking essential. Fancy dress optional. To reserve your place call: 087 763 8695 6:00pm to 9:00pm Monday to Friday, before Tuesday 20th October. Hosted by Carlow Pioneers.

National Childminding Week: From 19th-23rd October, communities across Ireland will come together to celebrate National Childminding Week, recognising the invaluable contribution Childminders make to children, families and local communities. Eilish Mc Donald, will attend the Fairgreen Shopping Centre on Wednesday 21st October from 9am-1pm and will be available to answer any childminding queries you may have. Free Online Fire Safety Training is also available to Childminders on Tuesday 20th October, 7 pm-9.30 pm. Contact Carlow County Childcare Committee on 059 9140244 to book your place. There are also several free online Webinars taking place for Childminders packed with ideas, inspiration and practical supports, visit www.letstalkchildminding.ie for further information.

Sacred Music Workshop Day for Parish Choirs – Calling all Choir Members. Bishop Denis and the Commission for Liturgical Formation are hosting a workshop day for choir members in the diocese on Saturday, 21 November 2026 from 11-4:30 in Carlow Cathedral. Led by Marian Gaynor and team. This promises to be a lovely day for choir members with a music pack, the diocesan Guide for Music Ministry, a hot lunch and a Big Sing of Liam Lawton's 'Magnificat' all included. The day is free of charge, but places are limited and registration is essential. Music pack and lunch can only be provided for choir members from the diocese who have booked a place. Bookings open on Monday 19 October.

CALENDAR

14th October:

St Callistus after a life of slavery and imprisonment for criminal offences, was freed and became a deacon in charge of catacombs that bear his name. He became pope in 217 opposed by Hippolytus. He died at the hands of a mob in 222.

15th October:

St Teresa of Avila, 1515-1582**,** established Carmelite convents under a reformed rule, and wrote much on prayer and the spiritual life. Patron of lace-makers and headache suffers.

16th October:
St. Hedwig 1174-1243 was the wife of the Duke of Silesia, mother of seven children, some of whom caused her trouble, devoted herself to charitable works.

St. Margaret Mary 1647-1690 visionary and ascetic, revived devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and was exemplary in her patience and trust.

St Gall was a monk of Bangor and set out with Columbanus for the Continent. When Columbanus was exiled from France, Gall accompanied him to Bregenz on Lake Constance. When Columbanus crossed into Italy, Gall remained in Switzerland. He lived in a hermitage, which later became the monastery of St Gallen. He died around 630.

17th October:

St. Ignatius bishop of Antioch died a martyr in Rome circa 107. He urged Christians to unify through the Eucharist and around their local bishop.