Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Thirtieth 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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William Butler Yeat

Next Weekend:

Feast of All Saints Mass
Askea Church:
Saturday 31st October at 7pm – Vigil Mass
Sunday 1st November at
9am, 10.30am and 12 Noon.

All Souls Mass with Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
in Askea Church:
Monday 2nd November 2026 at 7pm

Keeping in Touch

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

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Mass in Askea Church:
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St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

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Deadline for News items: - 5pm Wednesdays

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Anniversaries 25th October

Jimmy Hutton, Rutland.
Colette Hutton, Rutland.
John Byrne, Ardnehue, Bennekerry.
Nancy Sweeney, Friarstown.

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Character is like a tree and reputation like its shadow.

The shadow is what we think of, the tree is the real thing.

Abraham Lincoln

K & L Diocesan Lotto Results draw 21st October 2026

Numbers drawn were **12, 15, 18, 27**. No €13,000 Jackpot winner.
Match 3s get €100 each.
Askea / Bennekerry had no Match 3 winners.
Winner **Promotor**

Next week's Jackpot is €14,000. 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.

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.

Men's Monthly Rosary Carlow. Saturday 1st November @ 1.30 pm, at the Liberty tree (opposite McDonald's). Everyone is Welcome. Enquiries 086 374 2641.

Presentation Sisters' 250th Celebrations: Many congratulations to the Presentation Sisters who celebrated their 250th anniversary on Thursday last with a Prayer Service and Blessing of the Cemetery at the Cathedral among other activities to make this special occasion.

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 27th October 2026 in St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 40 numbers € 700. Double Number € 320. Lotto € 3400. Bonus Ball € 2700

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.

Holy Family N.S. Askea: is open for enrolments for the 2027/2028 school year from 16th October 2026 to 6th November 2026. Application forms are available to download at: www.askeans.ie, on request: by emailing info@askeans.ie or in person at Holy Family N.S., Askea, Carlow, R93 VX27

Barrow Valley Art Group: Annual exhibition of paintings, in association with Carlow County Hospice, will be held in Cobden Hall, St Patrick's College Carlow from Saturday 24th to Saturday 31st October. Exhibition open Sunday 25th 11 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday 11 am to 5 pm, and Saturday 31st - 11 am to 1 pm. All welcome, admission free.

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.

The Irish Cancer Society is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers: As a volunteer driver you would be bringing patients undergoing chemotherapy to the hospital and back home for their treatment. 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 before you start 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. For more information and to become a volunteer driver, please contact Monica or Emily at volunteer@irishcancer.ie

Synodal Pathway Update: National Synodal Assembly: Saturday, 17th October, was a momentous and historic day in the life of the Irish Church in which over a dozen delegates from our diocese participated. Locally in our parishes there is much to receive from the prayer, listening and discernment of the past five years. The working document for the assembly is still a valuable document for parishes and a number of accounts and reports from the day can be viewed in the latest news section of www.synod.ie These are important to read alongside the raw figures on each proposal. *Our delegates will gather with Bishop Denis on* 3rd *November to reflect on the assembly and where it is leads us now.*

CALENDAR

27th October:

St Otteran, a descendant of Conall Gulban, is usually identified with Odhran who preceded Colum Cille in Iona. His death is recorded in 548 and his grave was greatly revered in Iona. He was chosen by the Vikings as patron of the City of Waterford in 1096 and later patron of the diocese.

28th October:

Saints Simon and Jude. The teaching of the apostles is the living Gospel for all to hear. Their authority comes from their fidelity to Christ and his message. We pray today that they continue to watch over the Church and give protection against error. St Jude is Patron of hopeless causes.

29th October:

St Colman hailed from Kilmacduagh, Co. Galway, in the 7th century after studying in Aran, where he founded two churches on Inis Mhór, he returned to make a foundation at Kilmacduagh.

31st October

Blessed Dominic Collins was born around 1566 in Youghall Co. Cork. In 1598, after a military career, he entered the Society of Jesus as a Brother. He returned to Ireland in 1601, but on 17 June 1601 he was captured by the English who tried in vain to make him renounce his faith. He was hanged in his native city on 31 October 1602.