

Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Feast of All saints

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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

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

1st November 2026

Feast of All Saints

Feast of All Saints and Feast of All Souls
Mass

with Commemoration of the Faithful
Departed

Bennekerry Church:

Sunday 1st November at 11.30am.

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Mass in Askea Church:

Monday 2nd November 2026 at 7pm.

St Mary's Parish, Bennekerry

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Deadline for News items: - 5pm Wednesdays

Emergency Number for the Priest on Duty 087 2588118.

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Anniversaries 1st November

Margaret (Peg) Brennan, Springdale, Carlow.

Margaret (Ciss) Nolan, Friarstown.

Bryan Burroughs, Palatine.

Jonathan Burroughs, Bennekerry.

Marie O'Neill, Busherstown.

Kathleen and Michael O'Neill, Busherstown.

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Never regret a day in your life. Good days give happiness. Bad days give experience. Worse days give lessons. And best days give memories.

K & L Diocesan Lotto Results draw 28th October 2026

Numbers drawn were **12, 14, 25, 31**. No €14,000 Jackpot winner.

Match 3s get €167 each.

Askea / Bennekerry had 1 Match 3 winner.

Winner

Jim Curran

Promotor

Parish Centre

Next week's Jackpot is €15,000. 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

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

Men's Monthly Rosary Carlow: Saturday 7th November @ 1.30 pm, at the Liberty tree (opposite McDonald's). Everyone is Welcome. Enquiries 086 374 2641.

Calling all crafters: *If you would like a stand to sell your goods at the SETU Christmas Market on Thursday 26th November, please contact Fr Martin at 059 917 5612 or martin.smith@setu.ie before Thursday 12th November.*

Pope Leo's Intention for November: For the proper use of wealth – Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Chair Yoga Class: starting Thursday 5th November at 10:30 am in Askea Parish Centre (in person and on Zoom). Seven week course is €75 or drop in is €12. For Bookings Call 087 642 1820 or visit www.mariabyoga.ie

Graiguecullen Bingo: Tuesday 3rd November 2026 in St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8pm. Jackpot on 41 numbers €830. Double Number €390. Lotto €3450. Bonus Ball € 2750.

K&L Reading Group: Our Kildare & Leighlin Reading Group takes place on Wednesday, 4th November 2026 from 3.30 pm – 5.00pm in St. Patrick's/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.

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

Let's Talk Neurodiversity: This four-week introduction looks at neurodiversity and mental health from a neurodivergent perspective. Participants will explore neurodivergent experiences, common misunderstandings, and ways to build understanding, wellbeing, and more inclusive environments. All are welcome.
Dates: Tuesdays, 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th November
Time: 10:00am – 12:30pm Where: Online
You can book by phone on 086 174 6330 or email: info@recoverycollegesoutheast.com

All welcome to a talk: on Wills, Enduring Powers of Attorney, Advance Healthcare Directive and Co-Decision Making, on Thursday 19th November from 7.30pm in Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre. There is no cost. If you are interested and have any questions, please contact Catherine at 087 936 1998 or oharec@headway.ie.

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

A gate collection with The Carlow Lions Club: will take place at The Holy Family Church on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th November 2026, and we would greatly appreciate your support. We know there are many demands on people's time and finances, so we simply ask everyone to help as best they can. Every contribution, however small, is valued, and together these acts of kindness can make a real difference.

We would also be delighted to hear from anyone who could spare a little time to help with the collection. Even a short period of volunteering would be a great help and would spread the workload among those involved.

CALENDAR

1st November

Feast of All Saints

2nd November

Feast of All Souls (The Commemoration of The Faithful Departed)

3rd November

St Malachy was born near Armagh in 1094. He introduced the Cistercians and the Canons Regular into Ireland. He died at Clairvaux in 1148

4th November

St Charles Borromeo, 1538-1584 Cardinal Archbishop of Milan at the age of twenty one. He worked for reform in his diocese, drafting the Catechism of the Council of Trent. Patron Saint of catechists and seminarians.

5th November

St. Martin de Porres, 1579-1639, became a Dominican lay brother, spending his nights in prayer and penance, his days in the monastery caring for the sick and the poor. He is renowned for his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

6th November

All the Saints of Ireland

7th November

St Willibrord was born in Northumbria in 658. He entered The Benedictine order and was sent to study. After ordination he was sent with eleven companions to evangelise Frisia. He established a mission at Utrecht. And in 695 was ordained Archbishop of Utrecht by Pope Sergius I. He founded a monastery at Echternach in Luxemburg in 700, where he died in 739.