Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Thirty Second 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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Keeping in Touch

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Anniversaries 8th November

Pray for the deceased members of Billy and Deirdre McAssey, Palatine

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Living is a form of not being sure, not knowing what' next or how. The moment you know how, you begin to die a little. The artist never entirely knows. We guess. We may be wrong, but we take leap after leap in the dark

Agnes De Mille (1905-1993)

K & L Diocesan Lotto Results Draw 4th November 2026

Numbers drawn were **14, 16, 23, 27**. No €15,000 Jackpot winner.
Match 3s get €100 each.
Askea / Bennekerry had no Match 3 winners.
Winner **Promotor**

Next week's Jackpot is €16,000. 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.

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 10th November 2026 in St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8pm. Jackpot on 42 numbers €960. Double Number €460. Lotto €3500. Bonus Ball € 2800.

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.

Human Life International: (from Knock) will speak at all masses next weekend 14th and 15th November with a church gate collection afterwards.

ABIDE Women's Conference 2026: from 20th to 22nd November: Join hundreds of women at the Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal, in just a few weeks for our third Abide Women's Conference. Speakers include Sarah Swafford, Danielle Noonan, Kimberlee Woo Ling, Fr Oisín Martin CFR, Fr Barry Braum, the Nashville Dominican Sisters, Fr David Nugent and Fr Mark Wharton, with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin. A beautiful weekend of faith, celebration, healing and joy. Register on Eventbrite: Abide in His Love.

International Uilleann Piping Day: celebration in Carlow beginning at 5pm until 8pm with solo piping performances from Joe Byrne, Ciarán Summers, Cillian Townsend, Ciarán Byrne, Connell Butler & more. The recital will be followed by a session. This event will place on Sunday 8th November in Pembroke Club d'Art (1 Pembroke, Carlow, R93 W984). Admission free. All welcome.

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.

Tai chi and Chi Kung: new five week course started Friday 6th November in An Gairdin Beo, next to St Leos Convent from 11 am to 12:30 pm. Contact Rosaleen Fadden on 086 078 9241 or Email info@rosaleenfadden.com

Leighlin Dementia Friendly Community: We would like to welcome people living with Dementia and their carers to join us on Friday, November 13th in Leighlin Parish Centre (R93 KR83) for a cuppa and a chat, at 11 am to 12.30 pm. Looking forward to meeting you.

Science Week - Workshop for Adults: Thursday 12th November at 6pm. Booking & Queries to library@carlowcoco.ie Liquid Art Lab with Joanne Donohoe. In this fun, hands-on workshop for teens and adults, experiment with water, colour, oil and rock salt to create surprising abstract artworks, reflecting the patterns found all around us in nature. Explore the science of water tension to create delicate, organic textures and patterns. These paintings can be turned into bookmarks to further inspire the imagination. What will you see in your creation? Will your painting resemble ice crystals, coral, seascapes or microscopic forms? Get messy and make your one of a kind artwork, while discovering the magic of science.

CALENDAR

9th November

The Dedication of St. John on the Lateran in Rome is Mother and Head of all the churches of the City and the World. It is the Cathedral Church of the Bishop of Rome and was called 'St John' after the two monasteries once attached and dedicated to St John the Divine and John the Baptist. It is however dedicated to the Most Holy Saviour.

10th November

St Leo the Great died in 461, he taught the two natures human and Divine of Christ at the Council of Chalcedon, 451, and the primacy of the Sea of Peter.

11th November

St Martin of Tours**,** 316-397, Bishop of Tours, apostle of rural Gaul, founder of monasteries. Patron of France, soldiers, beggars and Inn-keepers.

12th November

St Josaphat 1580-1623, Bishop of Polotz, worked for the reunion of Ukranian Catholics, but his murder by those who opposed it brought about many conversions

14th November

St Laurence O'Toole became a monk and abbot of Glendalough. He was made Archbishop of Dublin in 1162. He returned to Ireland after the Third Lateran Council as Papal Legate in 1179. He died at Eu in Normandy.