Holy Family Parish, Askea

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Thirty Third 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

IN MEMORY OF MY MOTHER

I do not think of you lying in the wet clay
of a Monaghan graveyard; I see
you walking down a lane among the poplars,
on your way to the station. Or happily
going to second Mass on a summer Sunday.

You meet me and you say,
don't forget to see about the cattle.
Among your earthiest words the angels stray.

And I think of you walking along a headland
of green oats in June,
So full of repose, so rich with life.

And I see us meeting at the end of a town,
on a fair day by accident, after
the bargains are all made and we can walk
Together through the shops and stalls and markets.
Free in the oriental streets of thought.

O you are not lying in the wet clay.
For it is a harvest evening now and we
are piling up the ricks against the moonlight.
And you smile up at us - eternally.

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Keeping in Touch

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Anniversaries 15th November

Margaret Archbold, Bennekerry.

Jack Carter, Ashgrove, Tullow Road.

Tommy O'Shea, Kernanstown.

Sean Hickson, Palatine.

Mary Dowling, Chapelstown.

Sadie McDonnell, Farmerstown, Brownshill.

We ask the Lord to grant eternal rest to:

Des Carr

and we offer our sympathy and the support of our prayers to all who have suffered the loss of a loved one, at this time.

K & L Diocesan Lotto Results Draw 11th November 2026

Numbers drawn were **14, 20, 26, 27**. No €16,000 Jackpot winner.
Match 3s get €100 each.
Askea / Bennekerry had no Match 3 winners.

Winner	**Promotor**
Pat and Dympna Bramley	Parish Centre

Next week's Jackpot is €17,000. 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.

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.

Graiguecullen Bingo: Tuesday 17th November 2026 in St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8pm. Jackpot on 42 numbers €1090. Double Number €530. Lotto €3550. Bonus Ball € 2850.

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.

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.

Christmas Cake and Fares Sale: Benefits Elderflower Garden Club in Askea Parish Centre on Saturday 12th December at 7 pm and Sunday 13th December at 9 am. New member's welcome. All support greatly appreciated.

The Five Pathways of the Irish Synodal Pathway: Over the past five years the Irish Church has asked the question of itself: "What is God asking of the Church in Ireland at this time?" The National Synodal Assembly in October was the culmination of this discernment. Delegates made their recommendations on concrete proposals for action.

These proposals were housed under five pathways that emerged in the final phase of discernment. The pathways now give us a vision for the Church in Ireland that have their root in local conversations in parishes across the country. The five pathways describe a vision of the Church that proclaims the gospel; the Church as a community of belonging; the Church as a place of healing; the Church that accompanies; the Church that empowers for ministry and co-responsibility.

See Kandle.ie/synod/ or synod.ie to view the working document of the assembly where you can read more about the five pathways and the concrete proposals.

A gate collection with The Carlow Lions Club: takes place at Holy Family Church this weekend 14th and 15th November 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.

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

Tullow Men's Choir Carol Service: on Sunday 13th December at 7 pm, in Holy trinity Church Ardoyne, (R93 D658). Director of Music is Mary McGrath. Collections in support of St. Vincent de Paul.

Bake and Craft Sale: Sunday 6th December 9am to 3pm in Askea Parish Centre. Raffle and Tea/coffee served. All welcome.

Flower Club Christmas Gala Event: Carlow Flower Club will hold their Christmas Gala Demonstration "Celebrating the Festive Season" at 8.00pm on Tuesday 24th November in The Woodford Dolmen Hotel Carlow. Demonstration By Bernadette Scanlon AOIFA Teacher Judge and Demonstrator. Mulled wine and mince pies on arrival. Entrance Fee €15 in support of AOIFA nominated charity "Breast Cancer Ireland". Arrangements will be raffled on the night. All welcome

SING FOR MEMORY: An enjoyable, engaging activity providing a friendly and stimulating safe environment, where people living with conditions affecting memory can come along together with their carer, family member or friend, to sing, make music, have some fun, interact and be stimulated.

LEIGHLIN PARISH CENTRE, Friday, 20th November, 11.00am to 12.30pm. For further information contact Margaret 087 957 4606.

CALENDAR

17th November

St Elizabeth of Hungary, 1207-1231, was a queen at 14, widowed and exiled at 20. She was a Franciscan tertiary until her death at the age of 24. She was a woman of prayer and services of the poor.

18th November

Memorial of Dedication of the Basilicas of Saint's Peter and Paul.

21st November
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

22nd November

St Cecilia, the patroness of music and musicians, was a second or third century Roman Christian martyr. According to tradition, she refused to worship the Roman gods and was beheaded.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Knowledge - the best cosmetic in the world is an active mind that is always finding something new.

Mary Meek Atkeson