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Feast of Christ the King

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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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Anniversaries 22nd November

James and Kathleen Kealy, Crosslow, Tullow.

David and Ann Nolan, Strawhall, Carlow.

James Butler, Kernanstown. (8th Anniversary)

Tom Butler, Graiguecullen and Kernanstown. (1st Anniversary)

Philip O'Neill, Friarstown and Brownshill.

Helen, Donie and Noel Nolan. Friarstown.

Martin Hosey, Rutland.

Joseph Geoghegan and Kathleen Grimson (Nee Geoghegan), Staplestown Road.

William Archbold, Rutland.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

If you get tired. Learn to rest not to quit.

K & L Diocesan Lotto Results Draw 18th November 2026

Numbers drawn were **04, 14, 21, 27**. No €17,000 Jackpot winner.
Match 3s get €56 each.
Askea / Bennekerry had no Match 3 winners.
Winner **Promotor**

Next week's Jackpot is €18,000. 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.

Graiguecullen Bingo: Tuesday 24th November 2026 in St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8pm. Jackpot on 44 numbers €1220. Double Number €600. Lotto €3600. Bonus Ball € 2900.

World Youth Day Seoul 2027: Join Bishop Denis on this once in a lifetime pilgrimage in South Korea. Young people from all over the world will gather with Pope Leo for a week of prayer, reflection, and a celebration of our faith. If you are aged between 19 and 30, involved in parish life and interested in joining our pilgrimage email Robert.norton@kandle.ie to register interest by 28th November.

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.

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.

Palatine GAA Prayer Service: to remember loved ones who have passed away On Wednesday 25th November 2026 at 7.30pm in the lounge. The service will be followed by light refreshments. *Celebrant: Fr. Tom Little*. All welcome "In November we Remember"

A P A (a partnership with Africa) Thrift charity shop: Hacketstown Road, Carlow are having a Pop up shop with compliments of the Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow for 3 days running from 23rd to 25th November from 10 am to 10 pm each day. Gift wrapped presents, Clothing, Lamps, Pictures and lots of other treasures. All proceeds go to the poorest of the poor in Ethiopia and Tanzania.

Devine Will Day Retreat: Wednesday 2nd December at Woodford Dolmen Hotel Carlow, from 10:45 am to 5:30 pm. Speaker is Tony Hickey. The gift of living in the Divine Will as presented in the writings of the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta. Registration fee is €25.To book contact Maria on 086 102 0741.

Advent Morning of Prayer & Reflection: Focusing on the Deeper Meaning of Christmas at Teach Bhride, Tullow on Saturday November 28th from 10 am to 1 p.m. Facilitators: Brigidine Sisters: Teresa Carter & Teresa Phelan *Suggested Donation: €15 (includes lunch).* To RSVP call 083 392 8708 by Thursday, November 26

Carlow Older Person's Living Well Expo: on Wednesday 25th November from 9.30am to 1 pm at Mount Woseley Hotel. A free event bringing local service providers together to offer advice and supports on health and wellbeing, active ageing, hobbies and social activities, home safety & security, the new Warmer Home scheme and enhanced SEAI Grants.

Killeshin F.C.Christmas Craft Fair: on Saturday 19th December at 10 am to 4 pm in Killeshin Community Hall R93 CX34. For more information contact: Anita 086 868 0828

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

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat: from 11th-13th December**.** Calling all young people aged 16–35. Join us at the Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome. To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland.

Open Invitation to Advent Mondays 2026: at 7:30 pm each evening in Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre.
Monday 30th November Roisín Pye-Alexander (Trócaire)
Walking Gently on the Earth: How faith and ecology go hand-in-hand.
Monday 07th December Dr. Amelia Fleming
Women in the Bible: Mary and Elizabeth.
Monday 14th December 2026 Dr Noel Keating
Silence is God's First Language: Rediscovering Contemplative Prayer.
Monday, 21st December *Advent Penitential Service* at 7:30 pm in Cathedral

Human Life International: A sincere thank you from Human Life International (Ireland) to the Parishioners of Askea Parish for your generosity to the Church Gate Collection on the weekend of the 7th/8th November. €1,444.56 was raised in Askea Church, €142.38 in Bennekerry Church. It is so greatly appreciated.

Guided Holy Hour for Advent: join us each Wednesday in Askea for a guided holy hour at 7 pm. Beginning the 2nd of December. All are welcome.

CALENDAR

24th November

St Andrew Dung-Lac, was a priest born in 1795 in the Đại Việt empire, what is now Vietnam and his followers through *the 17, 18 and* 19th centuries many were Christians who suffered martyrdom. On the 19th June 1988 Pope John Paul II canonised 117 of these martyrs, 96 native Vietnamese men and women, 11 Dominicans missionaries from Spain and 10 French missionaries.

25th November

St Catherine was martyred in 310 at Alexandria. Her body was venerated at the monastery on Mountt Sinai.

St Clement third successor of St. Peter as bishop of Rome (988-97). His letter to the Corinthians called for peace and harmony in the life of that community. When exiled, he was martyred by drowning in Crimea. Later his relics were brought to the Church of San Clemente in Rome.

St Colman, a bishop, was born around 530, probably in West Cork. A bard by profession, he is reputed to have been influenced by St Brendan to become a priest. His apostolate was to East Cork. His main foundation was at Cloynes.

27th November
St Fergal (Virgil) lived first in France and then in Bavaria, where he founded the monastery of Chiemsee. He was appointed bishop of Salzburg around 754 and died in 784 leaving a reputation for learning and holiness.