

<b>Weekday Mass Times</b> <b>Monday to Saturday</b> Saint Cronan's Church 10am	<b>Saturday Vigil Mass</b> Saint Cronan's Church 6.30pm	<b>Sunday Mass</b> Saint Cronan's Church 11.30am	<b>Parish Office</b> <b>Opening Hours:</b> Mon. & Tues. 10am to 4pm Wed. & Thurs. 10am to 1pm
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**All Masses in Saint Cronan's Church are available via Parish Radio or Webcam - [www.stcronanscluster.ie](http://www.stcronanscluster.ie)**  
**Items for Parish Newsletter to be submitted by 11am each Wednesday please.**

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK ROSCREA

### Sat Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 6.30pm:

Anniv Mass: Johnny Downey,  
 Anniv Mass: Willie & Janette Ward, Sheehane,  
 Anniv Mass: Dena O'Meara, Limerick Street & all deceased family members.

### Sun Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 11.30am:

Anniv Mass: Mary Collins, Ashbury,  
 Anniv Mass: Margaret Heeney, Brophy Terrace.

### Mon Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am:

Anniv Mass: Miley Hutchinson, The Grange, Roscrea.

### Tues Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am:

Remembrance Mass for the late members of staff & residence of the Dean Maxwell Home.

**Fri Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Anniv Mass: Pdraig Moloney, Birr Road.

**Sat Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Anniv Mass: Mary & Tom Breen, Knock.

### Sat Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm:

Month's Mind Mass: Peter Fitzgerald, Ashbury,  
 Anniv Mass: Mary & Murt Deane Limerick Street & all deceased family members,  
 Anniv Mass: Patricia Murdock,  
 Birthday Remembrance Terence Moloney, Grove Street.

### Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 11.30am:

Anniv Mass: Mairín Cahill, Abbey Street, & all deceased members of the Cahill family,  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv Mass: Bridget Beehan, Brophy Terrace,  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv Mass: Maeve & John Healy, Ashbury.

### Knock Sun Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 10am:

Anniv Mass: Elisha Cahill, Tinderry, Knock,  
 Anniv Mass: Francis & Elizabeth Byrne, Kilmartin.

### Couraguneen Sat Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm:

Month's Mind Mass: Liam Reid, Lismackin,  
 Anniv Mass: Martin & Kathleen Kelly & also Nellie & Sarah Kelly,  
 Anniv Mass: Jack Stapleton, Lismackin.

### Ballaghmore Sun Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 10am:

Anniv Mass: Jack & Mai Scully, Ballaghmore.

## We remember those who died recently including:

John Feehan, 122 Kennedy Park,  
 Daniel (Danny) Bergin, Cloonagh,  
 Maura O'Sullivan (née Shanahan), Ardfinnan / Glentara Roscrea,  
 Eileen Doyle nee Collins, Dublin & late of Fancroft.

## ROSCREA Parish Pilgrimage 2023

Destination: The Island of Iona, Scotland.

Date: April 30th-May 4th.

Booking: Name & Deposit €50 to Parish Office before January 15th. First 50 Names travel! Valid Passport Required.

**Roscrea Readers – Sat 7<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm–** Lorraine Shaw, **Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 11.30am –** Lucy McCarthy, **Couraguneen Reader Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Jan –** Vincent O'Meara.

## First Friday January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Mass will take place in Roscrea 10am

## Feast of the Epiphany

**Masses will be as follows:**

Thur. 5<sup>th</sup> Jan: Roscrea 6.30pm and Couraguneen 7.30pm

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Jan: Roscrea 10am and Knock 10am

## Newly Baptised!

We welcome into our Christian Community Louise Maher. We remember you in our prayers & we wish God's blessing on you & your families at this very special time & always!

## Hope for a New Year

Gracious God, as a new year begins, we place our trust in you. May the time to come bring us closer to recognizing our need to love and cherish one another. May those in power understand the importance of cultivating peace and bringing an end to war. May those who struggle with disease, loss, poverty and despair find light in the midst of their struggles and suffering. And may we grow stronger in our desire to imitate the love and compassion of Jesus Christ, your Son, in whom our hope abides. **Amen**

## Mombasa Voluntary Project

For the last two years we in the Ray of Sunshine Organisation have been planning for this project 'Mombasa 2023'. Nobody is paid or benefits in any way from the donations received for this great voluntary project.

On January 8th the first group (90 volunteers in total) from all over Ireland will depart for Likoni, Mombasa, Kenya. Tipp can be very proud: we have 16 Volunteers travelling and can't wait to get stuck in and get the job done.

We will build (in 20 days!) an outreach centre (foundations, roof, electrics, plumbing, plastering, painting all completed and decorated and fully furnished, garden and all complete in 20 days! all as a gift for young girls who have been rescued in the sex trafficking industry.

This new centre is located in a very poor area of Mombasa and will also be used as an outreach centre for our Secondary School that we built in 2010 and our School for the blind/visually impaired which we also built and support.

I will post some photos of progress from beginning to end on the project on our parish Facebook page.

If you would like more information or to give a donation please contact Fr. John.

Thanking you for all the support and generosity with this project to date. Fr. John.

### **Pastoral Area's Public Mass**

**Saint Cronan's Church Roscrea:** Monday to Saturday inc.

10am: Saturday 6.30pm: Sunday 11.30am

**Camblin:** Every second Sunday 10am

**Bournea:** Every second Saturday in either Couraguneen or Clonakenny 7.30 pm – SEE TABLE BELOW

**Kyle & Knock:** Every second Sunday in either Ballaghmore or Knock at 10am – SEE TABLE BELOW.

<b>Bournea and Kyle &amp; Knock</b>	
<b>Couraguneen</b>	<b>Clonakenny</b>
<b>Saturday 7.30 pm</b>	<b>Saturday 7.30 pm</b>
Dec 24 <sup>th</sup> (7pm)	Dec 31 <sup>st</sup>
Jan 7 <sup>th</sup>	Jan 14 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Ballaghmore</b>	<b>Knock</b>
<b>Sunday 10 am</b>	<b>Sunday 10 am</b>
Dec 25 <sup>th</sup> (9.30am)	Jan 1 <sup>st</sup>
Jan 8 <sup>th</sup>	Jan 15 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Camblin</b>	
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	
Jan 1 <sup>st</sup>	
Jan 15 <sup>th</sup>	

**Anniversary Masses for all churches within the Pastoral Area can be booked through the Parish Office ONLY.**

### **Tax Back Scheme**

Under the Charities Act, parishes can claim tax back for people who have contributed over €250 to the parish in a year. If you are interested in allowing the parish to avail of this scheme, at no cost to yourself, we ask you to contact the Parish Office for a form. We will then process them.

### **Tipp-Off Mary's Meals Raffle**

Thank you to all those who supported our Christmas Raffle and to the people who helped out in selling raffle lines. A total of €3345 was raised! This money will serve 182 children a nutritious daily school meal every day in their place of education for an entire school year. So, every line bought has made a huge difference to the children, families and communities where Mary's Meals serve. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Congratulations to our Prize Winners! First Prize: Aoife Moore; Second Prize: Kathleen O'Neill; Third Prize: Marian Ryan; Fourth Prize: Mary Fogarty; Fifth Prize: Jimmy Brady; Sixth Prize: John Sheenan; Seventh Prize: Eilis Tynan.

Five of our prizes were kindly sponsored by Sean Rowland, Roscrea Woodcraft. Another prize was kindly sponsored by Delaney's Agri Machinery, Ballaghmore. Thank you to Sean and to Noel for their support and generosity.

### **Reflection**

We grow great by dreams.

All big people are dreamers, they see things in the soft light of a spring day or in the red fire of a long winter evening.

Some of us let these dreams die but others nourish them through the sad days 'till they bring them to the sunshine and light which comes always to those who sincerely hope their dreams will come true.

By Woodrow Wilson.

### **Parish Calendars for 2023**

Parish calendars are now available in the church's and also from the Parish Office.

### **As the dawn breaks on a new year,**

Let us give thanks for all we hold dear:  
our health, our family and our friends.

Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains.

Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, colour or creed.

Let us keep God of our own understanding in our hearts and to chant God's name each day.

Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right.

Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none.

May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.

(Rev. Marcy Sheremetta)

**Heavenly Father**, at midnight, when the old year dies, and the new comes bounding in, I draw strength from knowing that in the next twelve months,

The snow will go

The buds will burst

The heat will rise

The leaves will fly,

That all these things will happen

According to Your schedule

And in Your time;

That there is order in Your universe,

And that I am part of it.

(Van Varner)

### **Gaelscoil Ballaghmore Christmas Raffle Results**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize** Trailer of Timber winner Barry Foyle, Borris-in-Ossory.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** Xmas Hamper winner Paula Reinhardt, Portlaoise. Congratulations to our winners and many thanks to all who supported our Raffle.

### **PARISH LOTTO**

**Last Week's Lucky Dip Winner was**  
**Michael Collis - Congratulations**

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Lord, may my smile bring happiness,  
May my laughter bring joy,  
May my understanding bring comfort,  
May my presence bring peace.