

# Parishes of ROSCREA, BOURNEA, KYLE & KNOCK

Jan 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

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<b>Weekday Mass Times</b> <i>Monday to Saturday</i> 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 - [ww.stcronanscluster.ie](http://ww.stcronanscluster.ie)

Items for Parish Newsletter to be submitted by 11am each Wednesday please.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK ROSCREA

### Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 6.30pm:

1<sup>st</sup> Anniv: Josephine O'Brien, Gleann Glas,  
Anniv: Dinny Conlon, Sheehane,  
Anniv: Maureen Kealy,  
Anniv: Larry Byrne his mother Molly, his father Laddy his  
sister Rosemary & his wife Mary, Assumption Park,  
20<sup>th</sup> Anniv: Bridget Mitchell, Assumption Park.

### Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 11.30am:

Anniv: Teresa Grimes, Kennedy Park,  
Anniv: Thomas Ryan, Ashmear,  
Anniv: Sheila Christie (nee Landy)  
Anniv: Maura Robinson,  
Anniv: Maeve Healy & John Healy Ashbury & also  
remembering their sister Anna & brother Michael,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv: Evelyn Hennessy, Derrymore.

### Thur 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 10am:

Anniv: Frank Colman, Abbey Street.

### Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 10am:

Anniv: Billy & Josie Delaney, Limerick Road.

### Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 6.30pm:

Anniv: Jimmy Aitken, Sheehane,  
Anniv: Eddie & Mary Simmons,  
Anniv: Maureen Rowan, Golden Grove,  
Anniv: Finbar Hogan, Carrig,  
Anniv: Richard O'Donoghue, Kennedy Park,  
Anniv: Billy & Kathleen Russell, Fanure.

### Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 11.30am:

Month's Mind: Francis O'Meara, Kennedy Park,  
Anniv: Joe Standish, Leap Castle,  
Anniv: Michael & Mary Coonan, Fancroft their daughters  
Peggy, Una Bows, Maureen Kennedy & husband Pat & son  
Michael.

### Camblin Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 10am:

Anniv: Jimmy Fitzgerald.

### Ballaghmore Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 10am:

Month's Mind Mass: Bernadette (Bernie) Grady,  
Anniv: John & Mary Rigney & Dan Gilmartin,  
Anniv: Paddy Carey, Ballaghmore.

### Clonakenny Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 7.30pm:

1<sup>st</sup> Anniv: Martin Cantwell, Shanacloon, Clonakenny,  
Anniv: James & Ann Cody, Clonakenny.

### Knock Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 10am:

Anniv: Eileen Breen & her sister Mary Shelly.

### We remember those who died recently including:

Maura McLoughlin, (née Cunningham), Ballybrack  
Mary Esther Coltan, Australia formerly Knock.

**Roscrea Readers – Sat Jan 27<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm – Ann Dooley, Sun  
Jan 28<sup>th</sup> 11.30am – Margaret Ryan. Camblin Reader – Sun  
Jan 28<sup>th</sup> 10am – Marie Donnelan.**

**Age Friendly Roscrea** will have Podiatrist Brigitte  
Hayden giving a talk in The Courthouse on Tuesday 23rd  
January at 2pm on Foot Health and Care. **All welcome.**

## Joint Statement of Bishop Fintan Monahan (Catholic) and Bishop Michael Burrows (Church of Ireland)

The week of prayer for Christian Unity begins on Thursday.

The theme chosen for this year is drawn from the parable of the  
Good Samaritan, with the emphasis on the instruction "Go and  
do Likewise"!

Over the past number of days and weeks it has been disturbing  
and sad to see some of the strong protests against the arrival of  
people seeking emergency accommodation in Roscrea, which is  
in the diocese of Killaloe and also other venues and locations of  
the country.

The situation in Roscrea and in other places have many local  
complexities, with some genuine concerns both regarding  
resources for the new residents and for the amenities and  
services in the areas in question. However, we would appeal for  
calm, for a peaceful approach to the issues involved. Many  
have expressed concerns at the long-term effect the protests and  
unrest might have on the young children and families now  
resident in the facility.

Our joint appeal is for us all to keep on mind the bigger picture  
and the emergency situation that presents itself. Many of the  
people coming to our shores are coming from very distressful  
situations and are in dire need of refuge and shelter. They  
deserve whatever level of help can possibly be offered and  
provided, even if it involves some sacrifice or inconvenience,  
going the extra mile, so to speak.

One of the key issues is provision of resources and we welcome  
the announcement today of the government promise of extra  
provision for local areas in relation to health, education and  
policing. It was also positive and encouraging to hear today the  
conciliatory approach being explored in relation to a community  
hotel facility. It is our strong hope also that these developments  
will be accompanied with an increased level of communication  
and consultation of local communities involved or affected  
should any new projects arise.

Looking at the broader situation from a Christian perspective,  
coming out of the Christmas season as we are – we look back to  
the time when Mary and Joseph were desperately seeking  
shelter where there was "no room at the inn" and they were later  
refugees in a foreign land with the new-born infant Jesus. They  
were reliant on the charity and hospitality for survival.

One of the core messages of Christianity is love of neighbour,  
care for the stranger and reaching out to those in need.

Many of our ancestors were at one time economic migrants, and  
our children today continue to travel to gain work and life  
experience. We Irish, more than most, know what it is like to  
be a stranger in a foreign land.

We asked for people to be as open as possible to make  
sacrifices, despite some inconveniences that might arise in this  
extraordinary situation we find ourselves in during these  
troubled times.

The people of Roscrea have a great tradition of hospitality, welcome and friendship. Local people there, political representatives and local authorities have done outstanding work in recent months already and I am confident that despite the great efforts already done this might be expanded to meet the challenges ahead.

As we enter this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18th to January 25th we pray that all who follow the way of Jesus Christ would pray for peace and an end to war and conflict in the many troubled spots of the world.

**Fintan Monahan is the Catholic Bishop of Killaloe**  
**Michael Burrows is the Church of Ireland Bishop of Killaloe, Limerick and Tuam**

### WE ALL HAVE A STORY:

We all have a story a tale to be told of the joys we've experienced and the hardships we've known. Sometimes we wear them on our sleeves for all to see but often they're hidden as deep as they can be. So, let us be kind for we never truly know the struggles and the battles that others undergo. May empathy and compassion be the guiding lights we share and may we always remember that each story deserves care. For in our human journey, we all need love and grace so, let us be kind to one another and create a better place.

### Preparations for the Sacraments

**Sat Jan 27th 6.30pm** Confirmation Preparation Mass

**Sun Jan 28th 11.30am** First Holy Communion

Preparation Mass. We encourage all families to please attend.

Bournea, Kyle & Knock and Camblin Mass Times		
Couraguneen	Clonakenny	Camblin
Saturday 7.30 pm	Saturday 7.30 pm	Sunday 10am
Jan 20th	Jan 27th	Jan 28th
Feb 3rd	Feb 10th	Feb 11th
Ballaghmore	Knock	
Sunday 10 am	Sunday 10 am	
Jan 21st	Jan 28th	
Feb 4th	Feb 11th	

Anniversary Masses for all churches within the Pastoral Area can be booked through the Parish Office ONLY at 0505-31835. Funeral Masses in St. Cronan's Church 10am & 12 Noon.

### PEOPLE WHO NORMALLY DELIVER YEARLY ENVELOPES PLEASE COME AND COLLECT

#### Thoughts/Prayer before Receiving Holy Communion –

As we hold out our Hands – Body of Christ –  
 Lord, as we fervently process  
 we offer You a throne  
 Upon to rest  
 Oh, King of everyone  
 May Your will be done and  
 What we now receive, we become. **Amen**

**Please bring your Little Red Prayerbook to Mass every day.**

### Dungar Cemetery Group

Dungar Cemetery Group will hold a meeting on Wednesday the 7th February at 7.30pm in Killavilla Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to form a committee to look after the maintenance of the graveyard. The committee will work in co-operation with Offaly County Council. For further information please contact Donal on 087-7718141, Enda on 086-8093541 or Derek on 086-8547240

### The Knot Prayer

Dear God, *please* untie the knots that are in my mind, my heart, and my life. *Remove* the have nots, cannots, and the do nots. *Erase* the will nots, may nots, might nots that may find a home in my heart. *Release* me from the could nots, would nots, and should nots that obstruct my life. And most of all, dear God, I ask that you remove from my mind, my heart, and my life all of “**am nots**” that I have allowed to hold me back. Especially the thought that I am not good enough.

**Bournea Reaching Out Historical Society** will host a Lecture by Liam Doran, Tuesday 23rd January 2024 in Lismackin Community Centre at 8 pm.

Subject: Timothy Corcoran (1872–1943), Honeymount, Dunkerrin, Co. Tipperary. Priest and Educationist, shaping education in the New Ireland.

**OFFALY PROLIFE** invite you to a ProLife Conversation Evening with Senator Ronan Mullen chairing, with guest speakers Vicky Wall of Everylife Counts; Síle Quinlan of the PLC and speakers from the Life Institute, Gianna Care and Gript Media in Dooly's Hotel, Birr at 7pm to circa 9pm on Monday 29th January.

### Dunkerrin Church of Ireland Annual Tractor Run

Sunday 28th January 2024. Registration from 12 noon. Star appearance Farmer Phil. A donation will be made to Dunkerrin NS Autism Class.

### Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Most Precious Blood of Jesus Prayer Centre. Pilgrimage to Medjugorje July 17th for 7 nights, staying in 4star Hotel with Ivan Visionary. For info. Carmel Horan 0872072996 Sharon Moloughney 0879574938 Joe Walsh Tours 012410800. Bus from Banagher

### PARISH LOTTO

Last Week's Lucky Dip Winner was

**Karen Halpin – Congratulations**

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### Peace in the Middle East

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East: Jews, Muslims and Christians, Palestinians and Israelis. Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation, that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces, and peace and justice could be experienced by all.