

Parishes of ROSCREA, BOURNEA, KYLE & KNOCK

Dec 24th, 2023

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Weekday Mass Times <i>Monday to Saturday</i> Saint Cronan's Church 10am	Saturday Vigil Mass Saint Cronan's Church 6.30pm	Sunday Mass Saint Cronan's Church 11.30am	Parish Office Opening Hours: 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

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

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK ROSCREA

Sat 23rd Dec 6.30pm:

Month's Mind Mass: Joan Morrissey, Kennedy Park,
Anniv: William Ward & his wife Janette, Sheehane,
Anniv: Ann England Moloney, Dunkerrin,
Anniv: Sr. Catherine O'Meara, Dunkerrin & Mrs. Theresa
O'Sullivan (nee O'Meara).

Sun 24th Dec 11.30am:

1st Anniv: Danny Bergin, Cloonagh,
1st Anniv: John Feehan, Kennedy Park,
2nd Anniv: John Feehan, Carrig.

Sun 24th Dec 8pm:

Remembrance Mass: Martin Cunningham,
Anniv: George Johnson,
Anniv: Billy & Kitty Rooney, Bill (Jnr) & all deceased
members of the Rooney & McCarthy families.

Mon 25th Dec 11.30am:

Anniv: Bridie McDonald,
Anniv: Muiris Ó Cinneide,
Anniv: Billy Delaney, Glebe View.

Tues 26th Dec 10am:

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.

Wed 27th Dec 10am:

Anniv Veronica Ryan, Kennedy Park.

Thur 28th Dec 10am:

Anniv: Maureen Fitzpatrick, Kennedy Park & Christmas
Remembrance: All deceased members of the Fitzpatrick &
Heaney families.
Anniv: Mick Lynch, Assumption Park.

Sat 30th Dec 10am:

Anniv: Donie O'Meara, Green Street & his parents Ned & Peg,
brother Eamon & Aunt Mary Stapleton.

Sat 30th Dec 630pm:

Anniv: Dena O'Meara, Limerick Street & deceased family
members,
Anniv: Johnny Downey, St. Cronan's Terrace.

Sun 31st Dec 11.30am:

Anniv: Mary Collins, Ashbury.

Couraguneen Sat 23rd Dec 7.30pm:

Anniv: John, Mary & Peg Clarke, Boulebane,
Anniv: Paddy & Margaret Ryan & family, Gortmullen, Roscrea.

Knock Sun 24th 7pm:

30th Anniv: Tommy Carey & deceased members of the Carey
family.

Knock 31st Dec 10am:

Anniv: Elisha Cahill & Aishling Kinahan & Timothy & Theresa
Maher & Winnie & Bill Cahill.

We remember those who died recently including:

Chris Fitzgerald, 7 Ashbury Avenue, Roscrea
Bernadette (Bernie) Grady (née Kennedy), Ballaghmore,
Sr. Majella Cummins, Donnybrook, Dublin formerly of Roscrea.

Roscrea Readers – Sat Dec 30th 6.30pm – Bernie Campion, Sun Dec
31st 11.30am – Liz Hennessy. Camblin Sun Dec 31st 10am: Mary
Ryan.

A Christmas Thank You:

There is an extraordinary number of people who give their time, talent, ministry and service to our Pastoral Area and Parishes. You know who you are and we Thank You.

We thank all who help out in a special way for our daily and weekend masses in all our Churches. Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Ministry of the Word, Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion Group, SERVERS, Collectors, Counters, Decorators, Cleaners, Flower-Arrangers, Pastoral Councils, Finance Committees, Organisers of Prayer Groups.

Thanks to our Principals, Teachers and School Staffs who make a huge contribution in handing on the Faith to our young people. Well done to parents/guardians for bringing your children to our preparation programme each month in St. Cronan's for the reception of the Sacraments in the New Year. Practice and Faith are so linked so we encourage you to continue to hand on the Faith to your child/teenager. Thanks to all our Voluntary Boards of Managements (old & new!) and Parents Councils for your dedication and giving.

Thanks to all involved in the Ministry of Music in all our Parishes. When we sing, we pray twice. Let us please have a hymn or two at all our masses?!

Thanks as always to Lorraine and Valerie who run a very busy parish office. They are the welcoming face of the Pastoral Area.

Thanks to Paddy Reidy and ALL on the CE Scheme who voluntarily look after all the maintenance and much more in our town and parish properties. They do tremendous work all year round and as you can see our parish grounds and cemetery's look superb. We all await another year of Tidy Towns when we will see ROSCREA rise in marks! All thanks to our Council, CE Scheme and Tidy Towns Committee. Thank You Super-Valu for the huge monetary sponsorship for Tidy Towns. Let us all make a New Year's resolution to reduce, reuse and recycle more and keep litter off our streets.

Thanks to everyone in our Pastoral Area and Parishes who work away quietly and do not seek thanks or attention in making our Catholic Faith real, worthwhile and positive.

Again, this year well done to all involved in sport, recreation and our Youth Club who again volunteer and make life better for our young people. Congratulations on victories and let 2024 bring more joy and successes to Roscrea, Kyle & Knock and Bournea!

Thank You for all your financial generosity and giving. You give constantly despite the financial pressures on so many. It is all noted and appreciated. We totally appreciate all you give to every cause but especially your support for us priests and all you give for the upkeep and maintenance of all our churches. This is the only way we can stay open and continually maintain large buildings.

Roscrea and environs are very welcoming and accepting. You have made Asylum Seekers and Ukrainians feel very at home. Long may this continue.

Again, our deep gratitude for your generosity to our outreaches to Kenya, Peru & Ecuador.

We wish you a very Blessed, Holy and Kind Christmas. Let all of us pray so hard for peace in our world now and justice for the poor.

You will be remembered in all our prayers and masses especially over this Sacred time. Enjoy this precious time together with your families.

Fr's John, Antun and Tom.

Bournea, Kyle & Knock and Camblin Mass Times		
Couraguneen	Clonakenny	Camblin
Saturday 7.30 pm	Saturday 7.30 pm	Sunday 10am
Dec 23 rd	Dec 30 th	Dec 31 st
Jan 6 th	Jan 13 th	Jan 14 th
Ballaghmore	Knock	
Sunday 10 am	Sunday 10 am	
Dec 24 th	Dec 31 st	
Jan 7 th	Jan 14 th	

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.

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

We haven’t long now to wait for the great event of Christmas when a manger in a stable became the humble birth place of Jesus. As we approach the altar, may our simple hands be the manger awaiting Jesus into our humble hearts. **Amen.**

PARISH LOTTO
Last Week’s Lucky Dip Winner was
Thomas Corbett – Congratulations
 Go to www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/stcronanscluster

Christmas Social Dance: on Friday December 29th at 9pm to 12 midnight in Citeaux Hall, Ballyskenach. Live music by Peter Burke. Tickets on the door, all welcome.

Thank You
 We wish to thank Eugene King for kindly donating the Christmas Tree for our Church & Tom Harney & the students of Coláiste Phobal for the new crib.

Age Friendly Roscrea
 Age Friendly Roscrea invites you to our New Year's Party taking place on **7th January at 1.30 p.m. in Racket Hall** Hotel with Music by Tommy Flynn.
 Tickets available €20.00 each. Contact Mary at 089 4682164 to book your tickets before December 22nd. All are welcome.

Please let Fr. Antun or John know if you are housebound or sick at home or in hospital if you would like a visit with Holy Anointing and Holy Communion.

Christmas Mass Schedule
Christmas Eve Masses: Clonakenny 6pm, Knock 7pm, Roscrea 8pm.
Christmas Day Masses: Ballaghmore 9am, Camblin 10am, Couraguneen 10.30am, Roscrea 11.30am.

Fatima Prayers will be recited at Our Lady’s Altar After 10am Mass on 1st Saturday of each month

Parish Office – Notice of Christmas closure
 Please note – the office will be closed from
 Thur. afternoon 21st December
 until Wednesday morning Jan 3rd 2024.
 If you have any notices for the newsletter or wish to book any masses during those dates, please have them with us by latest Tues 19th December @ 13:00.

Newly Baptised!
 We welcome into our Catholic Christian Community: Ailbhe Abbott, Pádraig Wrenn & Juliette Minnock. We remember you in our prayers & we wish God’s blessing on you & your families at this very special time & always!

Christmas
 All azure sky, Al l star bestrewn,
 A lowly crib, A hushed room,
 An open door, A hill afar,
 Where little lambs And Shepherds are.
 To such a world, on such a night,
 Came Jesus – Little Lord of Light. **Amen**

Roscrea Hospice Wren Walk
 The Wren walk will take play at 11am on St. Stephen’s Day. The walk will start at Fancroft Mill.
 Tea & Coffee provided on the morning.

Prayer before our Christmas Meal
 Dear Jesus,
 you have blessed the earth with so much food and good water.
 We humbly Thank You for our Christmas dinner.
 We know there are many children who are hungry daily.
 Help us always to remember them and to share with them in your name. **Amen.**