

# ROSCREA, BOURNEA, KYLE & KNOCK

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Weekday Mass Times Monday to Saturday	Saturday Vigil Mass	Sunday Mass	Parish Office Opening Hours:
Saint Cronan's Church 10am	Saint Cronan's Church 6.30pm	Saint Cronan's Church 11.30am	Mon. & Tues. 10am to 4pm Wed. & Thurs. 10am to 1pm

**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 24<sup>th</sup> 8pm

Memorial Mass: Martin Cunningham,

Anniv Mass: George Johnson,

Anniv Mass: John John O' Connor,

Anniv Mass: Kitty & Billy Rooney Ashbury, Billy Rooney (Jnr)

Railway View, & deceased members of the Rooney & McCarthy families.

### Sun Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 11.30am:

Anniv Mass: Bridie McDonald.

### Mon Dec 26<sup>th</sup> 10am:

1<sup>st</sup> Anniv Mass: John Feehan, Carrig,

Anniv Mass: Muiris O'Cinneide.

### Tues Dec 27<sup>th</sup> 10am:

Month's Mind Mass: Grace Hogan, Limerick Street.

1<sup>st</sup> Anniv Mass: Veronica Ryan, Kennedy Park.

### Wed Dec 28<sup>th</sup> 10am:

Month's Mind Mass: Danny Moloney, Kennedy Park,

Anniv Mass: Maureen Fitzpatrick, Kennedy Park,

Anniv Mass: Mick Lynch, Assumption Park,

Anniv Mass: Gerard Butler, Glentara & deceased family members.

### Thur Dec 29<sup>th</sup> 10am:

Remembrance Mass: Gerard Sheridan.

### Fri Dec 30<sup>th</sup> 10am:

Remembrance Intention.

Anniv Mass: Jim, Mary & Joe Brennan.

### Sat Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 10am:

Remembrance Intention.

### 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.

### Couraguneen Sat Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 7pm:

Anniv Mass: Paddy & Margaret Ryan, Gortmullen & deceased membes of the family.

### Knock Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30pm

Anniv Mass: Tommy Carey.

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

Anniv Mass: Elisha Cahill, Tinderry, Knock,

Anniv Mass: Francis & Elizabeth Byrne, Kilmartin.

## We remember those who died recently including:

Rita (Margaret Mary) Brophy (née Bolger), Limerick Street, / Mountrath, Laois

## Christmas A Time of Gratitude:

Christmas is a time to give thanks, so on behalf of Bishop Fintan and Fr. Antun, Tom and Lorcan and Jim thank you for welcoming us into your lives and all your support and kindness, generosity and encouragement as your priests. There is an extraordinary number of people who give their service to the parish above and beyond the call of duty.

We thank all who help in a special way with the Sunday and Daily Eucharist's in all our Churches: Sacristans, Servers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Basket Collectors, Counters, Decorators, Cleaners, Flower-Arrangers, Pastoral Councils, Finance Committees, Organisers of Eucharistic Adoration.

Thanks to all Teachers and School Staffs who make such a contribution in handing on the Faith to our young people.

Thanks to all Voluntary Boards of Managements and Parents Committees.

We are truly Blessed with such good Choirs, Singers, Cantors, Organists & Musicians. Your contribution is so important as: "When we sing, we pray twice"! Thanks to all who organise and Direct the Music.

Thanks to Lorraine and Valerie who run an excellent Parish Office and without them life would be very difficult especially for us Priests! They are the welcoming face of parish and do a superb job.

Thanks to all on the CE Scheme and all who voluntarily or otherwise look after all our Church grounds and environs, halls and graveyards. And to so many people who voluntarily help in making our Parish such a vibrant and welcoming community.

To many people who work away quietly and do not seek or want a 'thank you'!

Well done to all involved in Sport and Recreation and Youth Club and continued success always on and off the field!

Thank You for all your weekly financial generosity to our parishes and for all the collections you contribute to.

Thank You for your generosity to me for my missions in Peru, Ecuador and Mombasa, Kenya.

I wish each one of you a Blessed and Peaceful United and Prayerful Christmas. You are being especially remembered in our prayers and all Christmas Masses.

Fr. John.

### 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.

**Roscrea Readers – Sat 31<sup>st</sup> 6.30pm**– Catherine Lorigan,  
**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 11.30am** – Margaret Ryan.



### Couraguneen – Carol Service

A Carol Service will take place in  
Couraguneen Church before the Vigil Mass  
on Christmas Eve from 6.10pm.

### 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.

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

### Roscrea Hospice Wren Walk

The Wrenn walk will take place at 11am on St. Stephen's  
Day. The walk will start at Fancroft Mill.  
Tea & Coffee provided on the morning.

### Children's Prayer before Christmas Dinner

Dear Jesus, we give thanks for the birth of Jesus and his  
life.

Help us remember HE is the reason for the season.

We give thanks for our family and friends.

We give thanks for being able to share this Christmas  
meal together.

You have blessed our Earth that we all have food.

We humbly Thank You the meal that is before us now.

We remember all who are less fortunate than ourselves in  
this season of giving.

We do know there are children hungry and thirsty in our  
world.

Help us always to remember them and to share with them  
in your name. AMEN.

### ROSCREA Voluntary Tidy Towns Committee

have achieved so much over the years and this year. Many  
say when you are actually doing any of the work, you are  
not really thinking of being recognised or rewarded! You  
do it because you feel it needs to be done. Tidy Towns is a  
voluntary group where individual members give of their  
time regularly, when they can. Volunteers turn up on a  
Saturday morning during the "Season" and/or Wednesday  
evening (in Summertime).

Tidy Towns works in conjunction with the great workers  
from our Community Employment Scheme who work day  
on day litter-picking, weed control, painting and  
maintenance. This year they painted all the railings on the  
Mall, the by-pass bridge, Burgoo Bridge, the railings on  
Convent Hill, Golden Grove/ Railway View as well as the  
Art Sculptures throughout the town. The Community  
Employment Scheme workers are owed a great debt of  
gratitude as without their help and skills these jobs would  
not get done in so short a period of time, if at all.

Of the total of 47 entries in our Category, ROSCREA was  
placed in the top 20 placings with the 13th highest score!

ROSCREA is in the same group as some well-known  
competition winners in the past!

The adjudicator was very complementary of the entry  
received from ROSCREA. "We would urge all business  
and residential premises to consider having any planned  
painting and upgrading done before next years competition  
judging as they would then be included in the adjudication  
and be of great benefit to the town".

On Friday October 28th the Award Ceremonies were  
attended at the RDS in Dublin. ROSCREA Tidy Towns  
have been entering the competition for more than 40 years  
and are delighted to have retained their bronze medal for  
another year. Imagine our delight in 2017 when we were  
awarded a Silver Medal! We have been awarded a bronze  
medal in every year since.

In past years our Community Employment Scheme  
Workers have done Trojan work in the area of litter  
control, collecting on average 250kg of litter per month.  
We ask all to please bring your litter home, to reduce,  
reuse and recycle please.

A small group of voluntary volunteers cannot do  
everything that needs to be remedied. But, it takes a co-  
operative effort between public officials and agencies,  
clubs, businesses, residents associations and individuals  
together with Tidy Towns to progress our town and earn  
greater awards on a national platform. Ni neart le cur le  
cheile!!! Let 2023 be the year we all together as

Community work together to care more for our  
Environment and have our town on the map as a National  
Winner!

Edited by Fr. John from "The Finest" Thank You!

### PARISH LOTTO

**Last Week's Lucky Dip Winner was  
Josie O'Rourke - Congratulations**

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