Parishes of ROSCREA, BOURNEA, KYLE & KNOCK Dec 28th 2025

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

All Masses in Saint Cronan's Church are available via Parish Radio or Webcam - ww.stcronanscluster.ie
Items for Parish Newsletter to be submitted by 11am each Wednesday please.

Bookings Parish Office:

Anniversary Masses Baptisms and Weddings for all churches within the Pastoral Area to be booked in through the Parish Office ONLY at 0505-31835. Funeral Masses in St. Cronan's Church 10am & 12 Noon and 11am in all our other Churches. Thanks for all your understanding and co-operation.
Fr's John, Antun & Tom.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK ROSCREA

Sat Dec 27th 6.30pm:
Anv: Jeanette & Willie Ward, Sheehane & their grandson Aaron,
Anv: Billy & Pat Flynn, Mount Heaton,
Anv: Veronica Ryan, Kennedy Park.
Sun Dec 28th 11.30am:
Months Mind & Mass Card Mass: Billy Regan, Glentara & Ballincor, Shinrone,
1st Anv: Seamus Deeley, Golden Grove,
Anniv: Mick Lynch, Assumption Park,
Anv: Francis O'Meara,
Anv: Maureen Fitzpatrick, Kennedy Park & her husband Frank.
Mon Dec 29th 10am: Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Tues Dec 30th 10am:
Anv: Martin McCarthy & all deceased members of the McCarthy & Harty families.
Thur Jan 1st 10am:
Anv: Johnny Downey, St. Cronan's Terrace.
Anv: Margaret Heeney, Brophy Terrace.
Sat Jan 3rd 6.30pm: Preparation Mass for Confirmation,
Month's Mind: Josephine Boylan (nee McLeish), Banagher & formerly Roscrea,
Anv: Bridget Behan, Brophy Terrace, Roscrea.
Sun Jan 4th 11.30am: Preparation Mass for First Holy Communion,
Month's Mind & Mass Card Mass: Davey Carney, Gleann Glas,
Anv: Mary Collins, Ashbury.,
Anv: Sr. Madeline Minogue.
Knock Sun Dec 28th 9.15am:
Anv: Francis & Elizabeth Byrne, Kilmartin & Patricia Byrne.
Couraguneen Sat Jan 3rd 7.30pm:
Anv: Martin & Kathleen Kelly & Sarah & Nellie Kelly.
Ballaghmore Sun Jan 4th 9.15am:
Anv: Elisha Cahill, Timothy & Teresa Maher & Bill & Winnie Cahill,
Anv: Jack & Mai Scully.

We remember those who died recently including:
Mary McDonald (née Guilfoyle), Clonan, Roscrea/Camross, Laois,
Carmel Guidera (née Connaire), Shinrone, Birr/Roscrea.

Newly Baptised!

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

Parish Office - Notice of Christmas Closure

Please note – the office will remain closed until Monday morning Jan 5th 2026.

Roscrea Tidy Towns

"It was a pleasure to visit Roscrea and to get an insight into the extent of your Tidy Town activity and to experience the built and natural heritage enjoyed by your community.
Your application was very comprehensive and clear to follow and showed how you manage to use town's community, voluntary and business network to work in a beneficial collaborative manner. You have contributed to the attraction of Roscrea and a POSITIVE future for the town. Thank You"…
The above is the final paragraph taken from this years Adjudication Report in the National Tidy Towns Competition…
Well done one and all as we Care for our Town, Community and Environment. We look forward to next years Competition and thank all especially the CE Scheme, Council and who do voluntary work and give of their time and talent in giving back to community. **Fr. John**

Thank You Christmas Message

Thanks dear Parishioners for all your Mass Intentions/Stipends/Generosity all year.
Thanks to so many for your support, help and generosity towards our Mission Outreach for the Children of Mombasa…all the Rosaries, Medals, Small Toys and T-Shirts will travel with me in January to Kenya. With 41 Irish Volunteers alongside the locals, we will build two more classrooms in our Primary School. We could not do this without your help and support so again my thanks and appreciation.
Thanks for all your giving in our Parishes. The weekly collection goes towards upkeep, maintenance, oil, insurance and wages. Again, my gratitude.
Pray for an end to the wars in Ukraine, Middle East and Sudan. Pray for many who are struggling because of huge energy and food bills. Thanks for your huge generosity towards Saint Vincent de Paul. Thanks to our CE Scheme and Sharon Roland for all the work and dedication to our Church Grounds and Cemetery.
Thanks to all who Volunteer in any way in the life and liturgy of our Pastoral Area.
You are all in my prayers and Masses and I wish each one a blessed and healthy Christmas and New Year. **Fr. John**

Prayer for the New Year

O God our Father, we thank You for protecting us and bringing us safely through another year. Help us to grow not only in body, but also in heart and mind. May we look upon each new day as another chance to follow You more closely. As the New Year unfolds, may we be more merciful towards others and more generous in serving You. **Amen**

Roscrea Readers – Sat Jan 3rd 6.30pm – Irene Harte & Ann Moore, **Sun Jan 4th 11.30am –** Liz Hennessy. **Couraguneen Reader – Sat Jan 3rd 7.30pm –** Diarmuid Ryan.

New Year Eve Prayer

God our Father, we give thanks for all that has been and, trustfully, we place the past into Your hands. We ask You to inspire us in the year ahead to seek and fulfill Your will. May we truly look on each new day as the start of the rest of our lives. Enable us, with the power of Your Spirit, to remain positive and confident, and live fully and joyfully with those people You have placed into our lives. Lead us to bring out the best in one another that we may all grow as the people You call us to be. In Jesus' name I pray. **Amen**

Church Envelopes

The Annual Church Envelopes can be collected when the office reopens on Jan 5th. If you normally deliver envelopes and can do so again this year, please call to the Parish Office or phone 0505-31835 to arrange collection.

Roscrea Folk Group

Roscrea Folk Group was formed in 1976 by the late Fr. Tony Cahir so they will celebrate their 50th Anniversary when they will be leading the music for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in June 2026.

This will be the 5th time to carry out this function the last in 2010.

The Pilgrimage will take place next year from 25th June to 30th June.

Places will be limited so book early.

Bournea, Kyle & Knock and Camblin Mass Times

Couraguneen	Clonakenny	Camblin
Saturday 7.30 pm	**Saturday 7.30 pm**	**Sunday 10.15am**
Dec 20th	Dec 27th	Dec 28th
Jan 3rd	Dec 10th	Jan 11th
Ballaghmore	**Knock**	
Sunday 9.15am	**Sunday 9.15am**	
Dec 21st	Dec 28th	
Jan 4th	Jan 11th	

Gaelscoil Slí Dála

The Parents Association of Gaelscoil Slí Dála would like to sincerely thank all who supported and contributed to our recent Timber Raffle Fundraiser. Thanks to PJ Nutley for donating the timber and all the parents and locals who helped with the collection. We raised over €2,500 which will go towards activities and resources for the children. Go raibh maith agaibh

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Reflection

Christmas gives us the opportunity to pause and reflect on the important things around us.

Ray of Sunshine Foundation
Child Sponsorship Programme Appeal

Over the past number of years, The Ray of Sunshine Foundation charity has supported over 300 children from the local village of Likoni, Mombasa, Kenya to attend Preschool/Primary School. This is thanks to the support of the people of Clare also Tipperary and further afield. **For €10 per month** each child will receive a uniform, school supplies, a pair of shoes and more importantly a wholesome meal each day. The village is one of the poorest areas in this region with little employment. The families have limited access to education due to lack of funds and this contributes to the ongoing cycle of poverty. 100% of all donations received go directly to our Child Sponsorship Programme. If you would like to be part of this, it is easy to do in any of the following ways:

Set up a monthly Standing Order of €10 per month
Make a once off donation
Go to our website rayofsunshine.ie click on Donate Now follow the steps

Our bank account details are as follow:

The Ray of Sunshine Foundation CLG, AIB, Bank Place, Ennis, Co. Clare IBAN: IE90AIBK93538756328023

Your support would be very much appreciated and will make a difference to the lives of the children of Likoni.

Any Queries Contact: Olive 087-6994599

Major General James Quinn DSM

Major General Quinn was born in Roscrea in 1918 where the Market Tavern now stands.

He joined the Army in 1938 and was commissioned as an officer in 1939

He served throughout the 'Emergency' and later in the Congo and Cyprus.

He served in a number of senior appointments at home and following his promotion to the rank of Major General, he was appointed Force Commander of the United Nations Forces in Cyprus in 1976,

a position he held until 1981.

In recognition of his service in the cause of world peace he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) with honour.

General Quinn retired from the Army in 1982 and died in May of that year.

He was buried in St Cronan's graveyard with full military honours.

In May of 2025 a project was undertaken by UN Veterans to restore the grave and to erect a plaque recognising Gen. Quinns contribution to the Defence Forces and the United Nations.

On Remembrance Sunday, 9th November 2025 a small ceremony was held at the graveside where prayers were offered and a wreath laid.

New Year Prayer and Blessing

To all of my family and dear friends who I am blessed to have in my life: may this new year bring love to your heart, health to your body, peace to your home, and joy to your life. Throughout the new year; may God's power guide you; His presence uphold you; His eyes watch over you, and His wisdom instruct you. In Jesus name. **Amen**