

Parishes of ROSCREA, BOURNEA, KYLE & KNOCK

Dec 31st, 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 - ww.stcronanscluster.ie

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

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK ROSCREA

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.

Mon 1st Jan 10am:

10th Anniv: Margaret Heaney, Brophy Terrace,

Anniv: Una & Brendan O'Reilly, Carroll's Row.

Sat 6th Jan 10am:

Anniv: Patricia Murdock.

Sat 6th Jan 6.30pm:

Anniv: Murt & Mary Deane, Limerick Street.

Sun 7th Jan 11.30am:

1st Anniv: Alice Parlon, Dublin Road,

Anniv: Daniel & Mary Walsh, Abbey Street,

Anniv: Máirín Cahill, Abbey Street & all deceased members of the Cahill family,

3rd Anniv: Bridget Behan, Brophy Terrace.

Knock 31st Dec 10am:

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

Couraguneen Sat 6th Jan 7.30pm:

Anniv: Jack Stapleton, Lismackin,

Anniv: Kathleen & Martin Kelly & Nellie & Sarah Kelly.

Ballaghmore Sun 7th Jan 10am:

Anniv: Jack & Mai Scully, Ballaghmore.

We remember those who died recently including:

Sr Francis (Bridget) Ryan, Mt. Carmel Nursing Home,

Ellen Costigan (née Doyle), Portlaoise formerly of Ballymoheen, Clonakenny,

Nancy Connolly (née Loughnane), Mountmellick formerly of Roscrea.

Roscrea Readers – Sat Jan 6th 6.30pm – Joseph Moloughney, Sun Jan 7th 11.30am – Marguerite Maguire McGrath. Couraguneen Sat Jan 6th 7.30pm: Peter Byrne.

NEW YEAR'S GREETING'S

We wish you all our Parishioners, Staff, all who hold a Ministry and Volunteers a Blessed, Healthy and Peaceful New Year. You are all in our Prayers and Masses.

Fr's John, Tom and Antun.

Reflection For the New Year 2024

But hear me when I call to you softly through the flutes and chimes, Listen when I ask gently but hopefully That you remember

Remember That the child, The baby with the halo Who lies in the yellow hay in all the rich heavy paintings Sleeping calmly in the presence of jewelled and bewildered royalty, Grew into a young man who lived a strange and glorious life.

Who said once

(In that time forgotten, That faded time between the cradle and the cross)

"All are brothers and sisters", and another time

"Thou shalt not kill" and he knew that he would not, Could not, For any reason, Kill his sister, brother or child. (Joan Baez, Singer)

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

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

Citizens Information Centre Roscrea

Phone Number: 0818 07 6480

Email Address: roscrea@citinfo.ie

The Centre is open each

Thursday from 10am to 1pm for Walk Ins
Phone & Email Service Thursday & Friday

Thursday 2pm to 4pm

Friday 10am to 1pm & 2pm to 4pm

What Matters

One hundred years from now it will not matter what kind of car I drove, what kind of a house I lived in, how much I had in my bank account nor what my clothes looked like.

BUT the World may be a little better because I was important in the life of a CHILD.

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

PARISH LOTTO

**Last Week's Lucky Dip Winner was
Mick and Bernie Hynes – Congratulations**
Go to www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/stcronanscluster

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

One Golden Hail Mary

One fervent Hail Mary with love and thought said
Is better than volumes of prayers poorly read.
If time and one's duties prevent a long prayer,
Just say one Hail Mary with fervour and care.
The "Golden Hail Mary" which from the heart
springs,
the greatest of blessings from Mary it brings;
And we never will know til before Mary's throne,
How that daily Hail Mary brought us to her home.

When We Were Small

The thing we loved the most when we were small
was opening our presents in the dark;
the days were short, the tree was very tall
and from bright paper fell a new football
or cars that raced on magic that made sparks.
The thing we loved most when we were small
was waking up our parents with our calls
of "Santy's come! Wake up!" The dog would bark,
the days were short, the tree was very tall
when we believed that God cared for us all
and angels urged us Shepherds still to hark
to the things we loved the most when we were small.
This is the way we live after the fall,
grown up in knowledge but by faith unmarked.
The days were short, the tree was very tall
and we accepted God was all in all
and Christmas was the time we chose to mark
the things we loved the most when we were small,
when days were short and the tree was very tall.

By Brian Kirk

Soul-Care

2 Day Pilgrimage to Knock - Sun & Mon 5th & 6th May 2024.
1 Night Accommodation in Knock House Hotel, including DBB + Lunch both days.
€175pps. Ph. 094 93 88088 - Ref No. 16485

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje - 23rd to 30th October 2024.
Dublin to Mostar Direct.
7 Nights' Accommodation including Breakfast & Dinner each day.
€785 including €50 discount if booked before 2nd February. Marian Pilgrimages (01) 8788159.
Further Information from **Séamus Doran** (087) 9009820

A New Years Blessing

May the coming New Year be one of real good health for you.
May you have new energy and vitality.
May you care well for your body, mind, spirit and soul.
May you keep your eye on the Star within you and trust this Luminescent Presence to guide and direct you to each new day.
May you go often to the Bethlehem of your heart and visit the One who offers you peace. May you bring this peace into our world as we pray every day this New Year for
PEACE. Amen.