ROSCREA, BOURNEA, KYLE & KNOCK

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Saturday: Sunday: Sunday: **CLUSTER** Roscrea 6.30pm Roscrea 8.30am Roscrea 10.30am Knock 7.30pm Barna 9.30am Clonakenny 11.00am **MASS** Dunkerrin 7.30pm Ballaghmore 9.30am Moneygall 11.00am **TIMES** Couraguneen 8.00pm Camblin 10.00am Roscrea 12 noon

Parish Office Opening: Tuesday to Friday 10am-1pm - Items for Newsletter to be submitted by 1pm Wednesday please

Mass Intentions This Week

Roscrea

Sat 17th Dec 6.30pm: Months Mind & Mass Card Mass for Kit Feehan;

First Anniversary Mass for Michael O'Donnell; Anniv Mass for Stephen O'Brien & Evelyn Butler.

Sun 18th Dec 10.30am: Anniv Mass for Jack Keevey;

Anniv Mass for William Bergin & Deceased Relatives.

12noon: Months Mind & Mass Card Mass for Dinny Byrne.

Wed 21st Dec 10am: Anniv Mass for Elizabeth & Philip Sheedy.

Thurs 22nd Dec 10am: Anniv Mass for Thomas Moten;

Anniv Mass for Seamie Murphy.

Fri 23rd Dec 10am: First Anniversary Mass for Joe Coughlan; Anniv Mass for Josie Feighery & her parents Patrick & Bridget.

Sat 24th Dec 10am: Anniv Mass for Bridie McDonald;

Anniv Mass for Esther & Michael Cordial.

8pm Vigil: Anniv Mass for Eileen De Lewis;

Anniv Mass for Georgie Johnston.

Sun 25th Dec 10.30am: Anniv Mass for Joseph Thompson;

12noon: Anniv Mass for Martin Cunningham.

Knock

Sat 17th Dec 7.30pm: Anniv Mass for Philomena Browne.

Sat 24th Dec 7.30pm: Anniv Mass for Francis & Elizabeth Byrne;

Anniv Mass for Tommy Carey.

Couraguneen

Sat 17th Dec 8pm: Anniv Mass for Larry & Ann Bergin, Boulerea;

Anniv Mass for John & Nora Kirwan.

Tue 20th Dec 7pm: Mass. Confession available.

Sat 24th Dec 8pm: Anniv Mass for Paddy & Margaret Ryan, Gortmullen

Clonakenny

Wed 21st Dec 7pm: Mass. Confession available.

Note: The sick of Bournea Parish will be visited on Christmas Eve.

We pray for those who died recently, especially:

Patrick Fox, Copper Beech & Formerly of Errill

Joe Collins, Ashmere

Eileen Treacy Loughnane, Formerly of Bridge Bar

John Clarke, Shanakill

Mass for Holy Days of Obligation - Roscrea

Please note that on the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6th, Masses will be celebrated in Roscrea Parish on 5th January at 6.30pm in St. Cronan's Church & on 6th January at 10am in St. Cronan's Church. This will continue to be the arrangement for Holy Days of Obligation.

Healing Service – St. Cronan's Church A Healing Service & Holy Hour will take place in St Cronan's Church today Sunday 18th December at 3pm,

including Anointing of the Sick, Petition Prayers, Hymns, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction. Light refreshments will be served in the Parish Centre afterwards. All are invited to attend this special hour during Advent.

Christmas Reconciliation

A Service of Reconciliation, including Mass, will take place in St. Cronan's Church on Tuesday 20th December at 6.30pm.

A Penitential Service, including Mass, will be held in Knock & Ballaghmore this weekend at usual Mass times.

Christmas Priests Collection will be taken up next weekend – please use specific envelope from your annual supply.

Parish Envelopes for 2017 for Roscrea are ready for distribution & may be collected at the Parish Office.

We appreciate your co-operation & continued help in distributing our Parish Envelopes.

Should you wish to receive Parish Envelopes & are not currently doing so, please contact the Parish Office. If your total contribution to the parish is €250 or over per year, the parish can benefit from tax you have already paid at no extra cost to you.

We thank those who have already availed of this scheme.

Altar Servers – 24th/25th December

8pm Vigil: Claudia Gleeson; Sheena Wright; Josh Doran; Erin Doran; Shannon Moloney; Maedhbh Mulrooney. **10.30am:** Akvile Reinyte; Enrika Reinyte; Patrik Salva; Oisín Gillespie; Alison Crofton; Sarah Maher Kenneally. **12noon:** Ciara Kavanagh; Niamh Kavanagh; Maeve Reid; Amy Carson Hogan; Tommy Delaney; Wayne Donoghue.

Altar Servers who are not on the above rota should call to the Sacristy before Mass on December 24th/25th to collect your Christmas Box! Thank you for your faithful service!

Christmas Arrangements

Saturday 24th December – Christmas Eve

St. Cronan's: Mass 10am & Christmas Vigil at 8pm

Clonakenny: Christmas Vigil at 7pm Knock: Christmas Vigil at 7.30pm Couraguneen: Christmas Vigil at 8pm

Sunday 25th December – Christmas Day
St. Cronan's: Mass at 8.30am, 10.30am & 12noon

Ballaghmore: Mass at 9.30am
Camblin: Mass at 10am
Couraguneen: Mass at 10am
Clonakenny: Mass at 11am

Confessions will be in St. Cronan's on Christmas Eve after 10am Mass & at 2pm

Parish Shop

Our Parish Shop opened in St. Cronan's Church this week. It is located at the back of the church. Stocking a large range of religious goods, including statues, candles, grave lights, prayers & rosary beads among many other items, the shop opens directly after Mass. Look no further for those last minute Christmas gifts! We sincerely thank all who have been involved in setting up our shop. We would appreciate your support for our latest parish venture.

Roscrea Folk Group Carol Service

Well done to Roscrea Folk Group on a most uplifting & meaningful Carol Service. Continued success to you all.

Donate to Simon at Christmas: Many of us are thinking of gifts. The Mid-West Simon Community ask you to gift just €2 to our cause by texting KEYS to 50300. Your €2 can make an extraordinary difference to someone's life.

Don't Be Lonely This Christmas: Senior Help Line, Ireland's national listening service for older people, will be open every day over Christmas & New Year from 10am to 10pm. We are here to take your **confidential** call if you are feeling isolated, worried or would like someone to talk to. We are trained older people who understand the ups and downs of life, LoCall 1850 440 444, calls cost less than 30c.

Vocations: Please keep in your thoughts & prayers the needs of our church at this time & the need for vocations to the priesthood & religious life. "When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord directed him." Are you prayerfully vigilant about discovering your vocation in Christ? Might He be inviting you to the priesthood? Contact: 086 2777139

At this time of year, when post deliveries are higher than normal, we will be glad to take your used stamps at the Parish Office (in aid of the Missions).

Eucharistic Adoration

For the Christmas period, Eucharistic Adoration will take place at the Main Altar in St. Cronan's.

Readers – Sunday 25th December

Roscrea: 8.30am: L Shaw 10.30am: Folk Group

12.00noon: J Feeley

Camblin: 10am: D Heenan

Couraguneen: 8pm: D Hennessy

Clonakenny: 11am: M Maher

Ministers of the Eucharist – Sunday 25th December

6.30pm: M Dooley, A Dooley, M Mullally, A Guilfoyle 8.30am: C Phelan, M Shanahan, A McManus, T Carroll

10.30am: M Phelan, P Landy, N Brophy 12.00noon: P O'Keeffe, J Haugh, J Mulvey

Camblin: 10am: M Fitzgerald Couraguneen: 8pm: M Harty Clonakenny: 11am: M Greed

Christmas Card Drive: *In Lismackin Hall on Thursday* 22nd *Dec at* 8.30pm. All card players welcome.

Scoil Mhuire Lismackin Christmas Concert

Annual Christmas Concert is on *Wednesday 21*st *December at 7pm in the Parish Hall.* Admission by voluntary donation.

Bournea Reaching Out 2016 - available in Carrolls Filling Stn Roscrea & Bourkes Filling Stn Templemore.

Christmas Trees/Holly Wreaths For Sale: In the Old Tesco Car Park at Moloneys Workshop – everyday from 10-5 or in Killavilla after 6. Tel:Eugene 087-6897766.

Charity Carol Service – Toomevara Church

TODAY Sunday 18th Dec at 7.30pm. Special guests include Ian Callanan & Dom Richard Purcell. All proceeds in aid of St Vincent de Paul and Fr.John's missionary project in Peru.

Thank you! St. Cronan's Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all those who contributed towards the generous sum of €2975 collected at our Annual Church Gate Collection last weekend in Roscrea & Camblin.

Parish Calendars are available at the Church Entrances

Let Me Not Keep Christmas

Linda Felver

Let me not wrap, stack, box, bag, tie, tag, bundle, seal, keep Christmas. Christmas kept is liable to mould.

Let me give Christmas away, unwrapped, by exuberant armfuls. Let me share, dance, live Christmas unpretentiously, merrily, responsibly with overflowing hands, tireless steps & sparkling eyes. Christmas given away will stay fresh – even until it comes again!