

ROSCREA, BOURNEA, KYLE & KNOCK

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Mass Times

Saturday:

Roscrea	6.30pm
Knock	7.30pm
Couraguneen	8.00pm

Sunday:

Roscrea	9.00am
Ballaghmore	9.30am
Camblin	10.00am
Clonakenny	11.00am
Roscrea	11.30am

Parish Office Opening:

Tuesday to Friday 10am-1pm

Items for Parish Newsletter to be submitted by 1pm each Wednesday please

Mass Intentions This Week

Roscrea

Sat 22nd Dec 6.30pm: Anniv - Deceased Members of the Scully Family;
Anniv Mass for Seamus & Tony Willoughby & Deceased Relatives;
Special Intention.

Sun 23rd Dec 9am: Special Intention;

11.30am: Anniv Mass - David Fitzpatrick; Anniv Mass - Seanie Murphy;
Anniv Mass for Johnny, Lena & Thomas Fogarty;
Anniv Mass for Esther & Michael Cordial.

Mon 24th Dec 10am: Anniv Mass for George Johnson;
Anniv Mass for Bridie McDonald;

8pm: Anniv Mass for Eileen De Lewis;
Remembrance of Martin Cunningham.

Tue 25th Dec 11.30am: Anniv Mass for Joseph Thompson.

Wed 26th Dec 10am: Special Intention.

Thur 27th Dec 10am: Anniv Mass for Sarah Bartlett.

Fri 28th Dec 10am: Anniv Mass for Josie Moloney;
Anniv Mass for William & Janette Ward.

Sat 29th Dec 6.30pm: First Anniversary Mass for Dena O'Meara;
Anniv Mass for Johnny Downey.

Sun 30th Dec 9am: Anniv Mass for Mick Lynch;
11.30am: Anniv Mass for Michael & Elizabeth o'Connor;
Anniv Mass for William & Kathleen Maloney.

Camblin

Sun 23rd Dec 10am: Anniv - Deceased Members of the Dillon Family.

Knock

Sat 22nd Dec 7.30pm: Penitential Service.

Mon 24th Dec 7.30pm: Anniv Mass for Tommy Carey,
for Mick & Linda Carey & for Deceased Family Members.

Ballaghmore

Sun 23rd Dec 9.30am: Penitential Service.

Couraguneen

Sat 22nd Dec 8pm: Anniv Mass- Paddy & Margaret Ryan, Gortmullen &
Deceased Family Members.

Wed 26th Dec 10.30am: Mass.

Sat 29th Dec 8pm: Anniv Mass for John & Nora Kirwan.

Bournea: *The sick will be attended on Christmas Eve (instead of January visit)*

We pray for those who died recently, especially:

Frank Ryan, Assumption Park

Michael McCaughey, Belfast & Galway (Ballaghmore)

Parish Calendars available at Church Entrances

Used stamps are collected in the Parish Office all year round

Christmas Wishes

We, the Priests of the Parish, wish all parishioners a Christmas filled with peace, love & joy. We pray that the celebration of the birth of Jesus may be renewed in all our hearts as we seek harmony, peace & unity.

As a society, we are conscious of the fact that Christmas isn't a good experience for all for many reasons – bereavement, loneliness, sickness, addiction, financial problems etc. The Christmas story is centred on a child born in poverty, far from his home, surrounded by animals in a stable. The image of the stable in Bethlehem reminds us of the humble beginnings of the Son of God.

This year, we remember yet again all those who are homeless or are living in temporary accommodation or direct provision centres – with the eyes of faith, we see Christ in the people pushed to the very edges of society. Christmas assures us that God is with us.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas & a happy New Year.



Christmas Mass Times

Roscrea: Christmas Eve 8pm

Christmas Day 9am, 11.30am

Camblin: Christmas Day 10am

Knock: Christmas Eve 7.30pm

Ballaghmore: Christmas Day 9.30am

Couraguneen: Christmas Eve 8pm

Clonakenny: Christmas Day 11am

Reconciliation: A Penitential Service takes place this weekend in Knock & Ballaghmore.

Confessions for Christmas will be available in St. Cronan's Church on **Christmas Eve immediately after 10am Mass & also at 2pm.**

Welcome! We congratulate our Eucharistic Ministers who were commissioned and renewed in their commitment to this ministry on Tuesday evening last. We especially congratulate and welcome our new Eucharistic Ministers, Eileen Mullaney, Anitha Mathew, Johnson Vettikkattil Antony, Mary Doherty, Phil Tierney, Liz Tierney & Michael Tierney. We appreciate the dedication & commitment of all the volunteers in our parishes & wish God's graces on you.

Carol Service – Clonakenny Church

Sunday 23rd December 6pm - There will be a host of local talent of all ages joining us on what should be a very enjoyable occasion! Donations are very welcome - proceeds will to North Tipp Hospice, Shanghai student exchange and Operation Walk.

Carol Service – Couraguneen Church

There will be a Carol Service in Couraguneen from 7.15pm on Christmas Eve, followed by Mass at 8pm, including Couraguneen Choir & Instrumentalists. All are welcome to join in. Merry Christmas from all the choir.

Roscrea Parish Shop: Opens immediately after weekday & weekend Masses. Stocking a selection of 2019 Diaries & Calendars, Cribs & Gifts, Christening Candles, Frames, Holy Water Fonts, Rosary Beads, Prayers, Candles, Gravelights, Wedding Candles, Prayer Books, Statues, Pyxes & Signed Mass Cards, look no further for those special Christmas gifts!

Readers – Christmas Day

Roscrea: 9am: M Ryan 11.30am: Folk Group
Couraguneen 8pm: P Byrne **Clonakenny** 11am: A Cody

Ministers of the Eucharist – Christmas Day

Ros 8pm: N Loughnane, E Tynan, M Mullally, R Carroll
9am: N Dooley, A McManus, M Kenny, M Lupton
11.30am: P Caverley, M Phelan, P Landy, M Landy, J McMahon
Camblin: D Cody **Ballaghmore:** 9.30am: B Hally & B Phelan
Couraguneen 8pm: B Cantwell **Clonakenny** 11am: B Murray

Readers – Sunday 30th December

Roscrea: 6.30pm: Folk Group 9am: M Kenny
11.30am: Student **Camblin:** 10am: V Burke
Couraguneen 8pm: D Hennessy **Clonakenny** 11am: H Costigan

Ministers of the Eucharist – Sunday 30th December

Ros 6.30pm: M Dooley, A Dooley, A Delahunty, M Ryan
9am: J Carroll, C Phelan, R Mulrooney, M Heffernan, T Franks
11.30am: P Guidera, E Lupton, N Brophy, L Hennessy, J Haugh
Camblin: 10am: E Mullaney **Ballaghmore:** 9.30am: G Breen
Couraguneen 8pm: M Carroll **Clonakenny** 11am: C Mullally

Financial Matters

Thank you for your continued support to our weekly collection for the upkeep of our parishes.

Priests Collection for Christmas will be taken up this week – please use specific envelope from annual supply

Bournea: Please use either the December Priests Collection envelope or the Christmas Day Priests Collection. Thank you.

Saint Cronan's Conference of the Society of St Vincent De Paul, Roscrea, would like to thank all who contributed to their Annual Church Gate Collection. €2978 was collected.

Rotas: Rotas for the following ministries are ready for collection in the Sacristy of each church:

Camblin – Readers; Roscrea - Readers
Couraguneen/Clonakenny – Readers & Eucharistic Ministers
Ballaghmore – Eucharistic Ministers

Thanking you all for your involvement in our parishes.

New Readers & Eucharistic Ministers are required in Bournea – if you would be interested in volunteering, please contact the Sacristan in Couraguneen/Clonakenny.

Eucharistic Adoration – Ballaghmore

There will be no Adoration on December 26th or January 2nd – normal times will resume after that.

Documentary on the World Meeting of Families

The documentary will air on December 31st at 6:30pm RTÉ 1.

Christmas and New Year Hooley

The Big Christmas & New Year Hooley will take place on Sunday January 6th in Racket Hall starting at 1.30pm with dinner, followed by music, entertainment and lots of spot prizes. Cover charge: €20. Further details from 0505 22550.

Pieta House – Roscrea - New Opening Hours

Monday 9am – 5pm; Tuesday 9am – 6pm;
Wednesday 9am - 3pm; Thursday 9am – 6pm;
Friday 9am – 2pm All counselling is completely free of charge. No referral is required. Roscrea:0505-22568 24/7 confidential number: 1800-247-247.

The Story of the Four Candles

The Four Candles burned slowly. Their ambiance was so soft you could hear them speak! The first candle said, "I am Peace, but these days, nobody wants to keep me lit."

Then Peace's flame slowly diminished & went out completely. The second candle said, "I am Faith, but these days, I am no longer indispensable."

Then Faith's flame slowly diminished & went out completely. Sadly, the third candle spoke, "I am Love & I haven't the strength to stay lit any longer. People put me aside & don't understand my importance. They even forget to love those who are nearest to them."

And, waiting no longer, love went out completely. Suddenly, a child entered the room & saw the three candles no longer burning. The child began to cry, "Why are you not burning? You are supposed to stay lit until the end." Then the fourth candle spoke gently to the little boy, "Don't be afraid for I am Hope & while I still burn, we can re-light the other candles."

With shining eyes, the child took the Candle of Hope & re-lit the other three candles.

Never let the flame of hope go out - with hope in your life, no matter how bad things may be, peace, faith & love may shine brightly once again!