

Parish Office Opening: Tuesday to Friday 10am-1pm

Items for Newsletter to be submitted by 1pm Wednesday please

Mass Intentions This Week

Roscrea

Sat 19th May 6.30pm: Months Mind & Mass Card Mass for Pat Keown; First Anniversary Mass for Anna Morrissey; Anniv Mass - Sally Loughnane; Anniv Mass - Jack Ryan, Kennedy Park. Sun 20th May 9am: Anniv Mass for Leo & Nuala Dooley; 11.30am: Months Mind & Mass Card Mass for Joe Burke; Anniv Mass for Eileen Treacy, Bridge Bar. Thur 24th May 10am: Anniv Mass for Eddie McGrath. Sat 26th May 10am: Anniv Mass for Madeleine & Phyllis Creegan; Anniv Mass for Declan Ryan & his granddad Joseph Clancy; 6.30pm: Anniv Mass for Alfie & Dr Margaret Kinsella; Anniv Mass for Willie John & Mary Wright, Mary Ann & Nico. Sun 27th May 9am: First Anniversary Mass for Hugh McDonnell; Anniv Mass for Jim Lyons & his aunt Lizzy Lyons; 11.30am: Months Mind & Mass Card Mass for Girlie Rooney; Anniv Mass for Noel Treacy; Anniv Mass for Dr Aisling Butler; Anniv Mass for Ned & Helen Scully. Ballaghmore Sat 19th May 7.30pm: Anniv Mass for James & Anne Carroll, Teresa & Gregory Sandhu. Knock Sun 20th May 9.30am: Anniv Mass for Helen Scully. Sun 27th May 9.30am: Anniv Mass for Lua Scully. Couraguneen Tue 22nd May 7.30pm: Mass. Clonakenny Sun 20th May 11am: Anniv Mass - Pat, Bridget & Dan Maher, Shragh Mon 21st May 7.30pm: Mass. **Companions in Prayer (Auxiliaries)** Our next meeting will take place TODAY Sunday 20th May at 3pm in the Parish Centre.

All are most welcome to join us in prayer!

Holy Hour

A Holy Hour will take place in *St. Cronan's Church on Sunday* 27th *May at 3pm.* It will include the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Petition Prayers, Hymns, Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Light refreshments in Parish Centre after. All welcome.

Rosary for May: The Rosary will be recited every Monday from 2-3pm for the month of May, at Our Lady's Altar in St. Cronan's Church. All are invited to take part.

Protection of Life

Early Baby Development Milestones

Week 3: Baby's heart is beating Week 4: Baby's face & brain is forming Week 5: Hands & feet are developing Week 6: Baby's eyes are open Week 7: Baby can move arms & legs Week 8: Tooth buds are in baby's gums Week 9: Baby can kick, yawn & swallow Week 10: Fingernails & hair are growing Week 11: Baby responds to touch Week 12: Baby can suck his/her thumb

If the 8th Amendment is removed, we will have no vote on future abortion laws. We will hand the power to politicians to make these decisions.

Waiting times for healthcare in Ireland are among the worst in Europe. Our health services are already overstretched and the Government's plan for abortion on demand would stretch them even more. **To preserve the right to life of the unborn, VOTE NO in the referendum.**

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24 Hour Vigil for Life an's Church 10am on Thursday (

St. Cronan's Church 10am on Thursday 24th May until 10am on Friday 25th May.

We invite people to spend an hour with Jesus in Adoration to pray for the protection of life. If you can spend an hour between 10pm Thursday 24th May and 10am Friday 25th May, please contact Pamela at 086-1750913 asap. We invite parishioners from Bournea and Kyle & Knock to join us in this very special Vigil. Your prayers for this very important issue on the right to life are needed.

May – Safeguarding Month in Killaloe Diocese

All Clerics and Religious are Mandated Persons. The Children First Act 2015 places a legal obligation on them, to report child protection concerns to Tusla - Child and Family Agency. These Mandated Persons must also assist Tusla, on request, in its assessment of child protection concerns about children who have been the subject of a mandated report. Roscrea Eucharistic Ministers: As the current rota expires at the end of May, please contact Angela if you require a change of Mass time. With thanks for your continued dedicated service.

Parish Shop: Volunteers are required to help out in the shop after each weekday & weekend Mass - it only takes a few minutes & it is hoped to recruit enough volunteers to work on a rota basis. For further info or to offer your time, please contact Anita at 0505-21955/086-3337266 or the Parish Office. Your help would be very much appreciated!

Seeking God in Prayer & Community

Mount Saint Joseph Abbey are hosting a Monastic Experience Weekend from Friday 1st - Sunday 3rd June. It is an opportunity for men between the ages of 20 & 50 who may be discerning a monastic vocation to find out more about monastic life. For more info contact our Vocations Director, Br Malachy Thompson by email to malachy@msjroscrea.ie or text 'INFO' to 085 8338503.

Concert: Songs of Home & Family for the Homeless

Your support will be greatly appreciated for this event which takes place in St. Mary of the Rosary Church, Nenagh on Thursday May 24th at 8pm, to mark this Special Year of the Family, the visit of Pope Francis & in doing so, to help the Homeless. Donations for the McVerry Trust & Focus Ireland will be very welcome on the night.

Catholic Radio Station: Radio Maria Ireland is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station. Prayer, Catechesis, uplifting music, talks, interviews and testimonies - all commercial free

- Listen via free app "RADIO MARIA IRELAND", streaming on www.radiomaria.ie or via phone - get live radio feed by calling 01 4373277. Please join our growing faith family!

Readers – Sunday 27th May

Roscrea: 6.30pm: Folk Group; 9am: C Moloney 11.30am: A Mulvey Camblin: 10am: M Kelly Couraguneen:8pm: T Hennessy Clonakenny:11am: A Shelly

Ministers of the Eucharist – Sunday 27th May Ros: 6.30pm: E Tynan, A Delaney, E MacMahon, PJ Hassett 9am: N Dooley, C Phelan, A McManus, M Kenny, M Lupton 11.30am: M Ryan, P Guidera, E Lupton, N Brophy, M Landy Camblin: 10am: D Cody

Ballaghmore: 7.30pm: A Buckley

Couraguneen8pm: B Carroll Clonakenny11am: M Greed

Basket Collections 12th/13th May

Míle Buíochas!

Lourdes Collection will be taken up during the month of May please use specific envelope from annual supply

Exam Prayers are available at Church Entrances

World Meeting of Families Symposium

19th & 20th June in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth; Reg: €15 Contact Aoife at specialevents@spcm.ie for info.

Bereaved Parents Monthly Meeting

Anam Cara, an organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its next monthly Parent Evening on Monday 21st May 7.30pm-9pm in the Horse & Jockey Hotel, Thurles. Anam Cara offers a safe, comfortable setting where you can 'drop the mask' and be yourself among people who understand. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether this was recent or not.

Coláiste Phobal Ros Cré College of Further Education

Are you looking to up-skill for employment or progress to higher education? Limited places on QQI Certified courses at Level 5 & Level 6 are on offer in Business, Childcare, Healthcare, Nursing, Social Care & Construction. Full time, one-year courses starting in September 2018. For more info, phone 0505-23939 or 087-1967129.

Host Families Required: Host families are required for Spanish children aged 12 to 16, arriving on June 27th & July 4th. For more info, please contact 087-0682629.

Killavilla, Ballybritt, Corville Text Alert Area Meeting in Racket Hall Hotel on Tuesday 22nd May at 8pm. Guest Speakers: Anne Keevey, Age Friendly Roscrea, on the availability of personal alarms; the Gardaí on security; Eoin Meagher on farm safety & Joe Coughlan, who will give a presentation on the history of Roscrea & surrounding areas. Refreshments served. All are welcome!

Darkness Into Light

The Darkness Into Light Committee would like to sincerely thank all those who took part, donated money, shop premises or sponsored our walk on May 12th. Well done to all concerned. Your support is much appreciated.

Roscrea Scout Group

Roscrea Scout Group wish to thank all those who supported their recent Race Night, to the Community of Roscrea for their usual support & goodwill and to the many sponsors involved locally - it was greatly appreciated.

Friends of St. Luke's

A Church Gate Collection will take place at St. Cronan's Church next weekend for the Friends of St. Luke's, in memory of Andrea Regan. Your support will be welcome.

Irish Wheelchair Association are holding their National Bag Pack in Tesco on Friday 6th & Saturday 7th July. Can you volunteer just 2 hours? Register to volunteer at www.iwa.ie/tesco or call 046 9072539. Thank you.