

Parishes of ROSCREA, BOURNEA, KYLE & KNOCK

Dec 21st 2025

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Weekday Mass Times Monday to Saturday 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 - www.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 ROSCRE

Sat Dec 20th 6.30pm:

Anv: Ann England Moloney, Dunkerrin,
Anv: Carmel & Fr. John Dooley & all deceased family members,
Anv: Thomas Moten.

Sun Dec 21st 11.30am:

Months Mind & Mass Card Mass: Frank Kennedy, Dublin Road,
1st Anv: Nora Dooley, Mill Road, Fancroft,
Anv: John Feehan, Kennedy Park,
Anv: Esther & Michael Cordial, Sheehane,
Anv: Deceased members of the Rooney & McCarthy families.

Mon Dec 22nd 10am: Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Tues Dec 23rd 10am:

Anv: Michael Leamy, Derrymore,
Anv: Seanie Murphy, Grove Street,
Christmas Remembrance: Janet Molloy.

Wed Dec 24th 10am:

Anv: Eileen & Frankie de Lewis, Chapel Lane.

Wed Dec 24th 8pm:

Anv: George Johnson,
Anv: Jonh Feehan, Carrig Road,
Anv: Danny Bergin, Cloonagh.
Christmas Remembrance: Seamus Deeley,

Thur Dec 25th 11.30am:

Anv: Bridie McDonald.

Sat Dec 27th 10am:

Anv: Donie O'Meara, his parents Ned & Peg, brother Eamon & aunt May Stapleton, all of Green Street.

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,
Anv: Mick Lynch, Assumption Park,
Anv: Francis O'Meara,
Anv: Maureen Fitzpatrick, Kennedy Park & her husband Frank.

Couraguneen Sat Dec 20th 7.30pm:

1st Anv: Mary Hennessy, Boulera & also her parents-in-law Tom & Grace Hennessy,
Anv: Mary, John, & Peg Clarke,

Anv: Canon John, Larry & Annie Bergin, Boulera.

Ballaghmore Sun Dec 21st 9.15am:

Anv: Bernadette (Bernie) Grady,
Anv: Joe Ryan, Ballaghmore.

Ballaghmore Thur Dec 25th 9am:

Anv: Anne Carroll.

Knock Sun Dec 28th 9.15am:

Anv: Francis & Elizabeth Byrne, Kilmartin & Patricia Byrne.

CHRISTMAS MASS ST. CRONAN'S PASTORAL AREA

Christmas Eve Masses: Family/Children's Mass St. Cronan's 5pm, Clonakenny 6pm, Knock 7pm, Roscrea 8pm.

Christmas Day Masses: Ballaghmore 9am, Camblin 10am, Couraguneen 10.30am, Roscrea 11.30am.

Parish Office - Notice of Christmas Closure

Please note – the office will be closed from

Tues. afternoon 23rd December
until Monday morning Jan 5th 2026.

If you have any notices for the newsletter or wish to book any masses during those dates, please have them with us by latest Mon 22nd December @ 13:00.

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

Advent 2025

Speakers at Masses 6.30pm & 11.30am each weekend.

4th Saturday/Sunday: December 20th/21st:

Barry Dunne: Volunteering, Sport and Faith

Our Lady of Silence Monastery (formerly Mount St. Joseph) Roscrea

Confessions available daily from Thursday 18th Dec to Christmas Eve from 2.30pm to 4pm

Theresa Larkin School of Music & Silvermines Folk Choir
are singing at evening mass **Saturday 20th December 6.30pm**
in St. Cronan's Roscrea.

Roscrea Tidy Towns

Roscrea Tidy Towns would like to wish all their volunteers and supporters a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Many thanks to everyone who helped out during 2025. Pride in your place is to be recommended as a New Year's Resolution. Any time you can spare to help us is appreciated no matter how little. Work for the 2026 season will start in spring next year. Notice will be posted here and other places regarding our restart date.

Roscrea Readers – Sat Dec 27th 6.30pm – Caroline Moloney & Anne Dooley, Sun Dec 28th 11.30am – Mary Teehan & Margaret Ryan. Camblin Reader – Sun Dec 28th 10.15am – Caitriona Meagher.

Bournea, Kyle & Knock and Camblin Mass Times		
Couraguneeen	Clonakenny	Camblin
Saturday 7.30 pm	Saturday 7.30 pm	Sunday 10.15am
Dec 20 th	Dec 27 th	Dec 28 th
Jan 3 rd	Dec 10 th	Jan 11 th
Ballaghmore	Knock	
Sunday 9.15am	Sunday 9.15am	
Dec 21 st	Dec 28 th	
Jan 4 th	Jan 11 th	

PARISH LOTTO

**Last Week's Lucky Dip Winner was
Ger Fitzgerald – Congratulation**

Dimmas Books at the SVP Shop in Church Street has hundreds of new books on offer as Christmas presents. Of particular interest are the many lovely Christmas books at a fraction of the retail price.

Also, diverse other titles to suit all tastes. Pay a visit and help those in need in our community while getting great bargains.

And Man shall live forever more because of Christmas Day

Christmas is a time for Santa and Santa commands a dominant place in shop and store, in parent's love and children's hope. Santa means love and hope, Santa means planning and expense, but Santa is an earthly expression of what the baby Jesus means and Jesus is the fuller expression of what life is really about. The life that lives by faith, hope and love, a life of joy and generosity, a life of hope and happiness, a life of forgiveness and fortitude, a life that is lived with a vision of eternal life, nourished by the practice of charity and prayer that can overcome the pain of loss and the fear of failure.

It is a full life in spite of anger, greed and vengeance which are forgiven and overcome with the grace of God given through the Life, Death and Resurrection of the baby Jesus to save us forever.

May the spirit who filled the womb of Mary, fulfill us in the life of faith in the eternal love of God made flesh in the infant at Bethlehem. **Fr Tom**

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate the joy of Christmas, I extend to each of you my heartfelt wishes for a holy and peaceful Christmas. At this sacred time, we rejoice in the great mystery of our faith: Emmanuel - God is with us. In the birth of Jesus, God draws near to His people, sharing our lives, our joys, and even our sorrows. No matter our circumstances, we are never alone, for God has chosen to dwell among us.

I am especially mindful during this season of those who are grieving, and of our loved ones who have gone before us to God. We remember them with love and gratitude, and I assure you that they are remembered in my prayers at the altar. May the hope born in Bethlehem bring comfort to all who mourn and strengthen our trust in God's promise of eternal life.

May the light of Jesus Christ, born for us this day, fill your homes with faith, hope, and love. May Emmanuel, God-with-us, bless you and remain close

to you and your families now and throughout the coming year.

With every good wish and the assurance of my prayers,

Fr Antun

Ballaghmore Choir Practice

There will be Choir Practice after 9.15am Mass this Sunday for our Christmas Day Mass. All are welcome

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Emmanuel:

God is with us; we are faithful to God.

Emmanuel – God is with us. These are most reassuring words; sometimes taken for granted. Yet, God IS with us every moment of the day. Advent reminds us to wake up to God's presence in our lives: in our joys and sorrows, success and failures, strengths and weaknesses. He is there, alive and working through us as we share our gifts, our lives with one another.

So, on this Sunday we are encouraged to build up our relationships with one another. We do this because we are God' children made in His image and likeness; the divine is in our DNA. It is a time to celebrate this shared bond with God and one another.

LAST MINUTE GIFTS

Give the gifts that last.

Everyday Miscellaneous, a book of reflections, will give the reader much thought and joy as well as helping Fr. John's Ray of Sunshine building projects in Mombasa, Kenya. It is available in the sacristy for a donation of 8 euro. "For it is in giving that we Receive." - St. Francis of Assisi

Christmas Message:

Christmas is a time to say THANKS:

For Family, Faith, Friends, Relations, Neighbours and Community. Thank God we are not in a war-torn country. Please continually pray for a cessation of the Russian War in Ukraine. Pray for all people especially children suffering in conflict zones throughout the World, in our so-called Modern World. History is repeating itself.

I am acutely aware despite the apparent economic buoyancy of the Irish economy, it is very obvious that many people and families especially children in particular are struggling to make ends meet due to high energy and food costs, and the housing crisis across the Island of Ireland.

I am also very aware of many who are sick in hospital, in treatment and in recovery. And for those who are grieving and mourning the loss of a loved one you are particularly in my prayers these days.

Thank You loyal Parishioners for all your generosity, support and kindness to us Priests and our Churches. You are in all my prayers and Masses for Christmas and in the New Year. Let the New Born Baby - Jesus Christ - Born of Mary bring you healing, support and strength. Go raibh maith agat! Gracias por Dios. A Blessed, Holy and Peaceful Christmas to you and yours. **Fr. John**