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**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK – Roscrea****Roscrea****Sat 16th Jan 6.30 pm:**

Months Mind Mass: Mary (Mai) Teehan – Cloneganna,  
 Dunkerrin, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv Mass: Maureen Kealy,  
 Anniv Mass: Mary Rickard, Anniv Mass: Jim & Terrie  
 Foley, Anniv Mass: Michael Russell.

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 11.30am:**

Anniv Mass: Maura Robinson,  
 Anniv Mass: Delia Deegan – New Line,  
 Anniv Mass: Johnny & Peg Broder  
 Anniv Mass: Sadie Maher Ballycleary & deceased family  
 members,

Anniv Mass: James Aitken & Mary Simmons

Anniv Mass: Paddy Carey,

Anniv Mass: Dan Gilmartin & John & Mary Rigney.

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 10am:**

Anniv Mass: Finbarr Hogan & Grandparents Cronan &  
 Margaret Hogan, Anniv Mass: Molly & Larry Lyons.

**Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 10am:**

Memorial Mass Gerdy Butler.

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 10am:**

Anniv Mass: Richard Murphy,  
 Anniv Mass: Mary & Tom Brown,  
 Anniv Mass: The Winter Family.

**Thur 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 10am:**

Anniv Mass: Pat Carroll & deceased members of the  
 Carroll & Willoughby families.

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 10am:**

Anniv Mass: Joseph & Ciss Butler, Glentara.

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 10am:**

Anniv Mass: Mick & Brid Carroll.

**Sat 6.30pm:**

Months Mind Mass: Meave Healy,  
 Anniv Mass: Teresa Grimes,  
 Anniv Mass: Thomas Ryan, Ashmere.

**Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 11.30am:**

1<sup>st</sup> Anniv Mass: Maura Campion & also remembering her  
 husband Jimmy,  
 Anniv Mass: Monty Franks, Anniv Mass: Maura Keeshan,  
 Clonakenny & deceased family members, Anniv Mass:  
 Kathleen Russell, Anniv Mass: Jimmy Fitzgerald.

**We remember those who died recently including:**

John Guidera Dublin and formerly of Springfield, Knock.  
 Joseph (Joe) Phelan – Ballaghmore, Borris-in-Ossory  
 Ann O'Connell (nee Brewer) - Bansha/ Roscrea  
 Nuala Costelloe – Borris-in-Ossory

**Spiritual Communion Prayer**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present  
 in the most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things and

I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,  
 come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there  
 and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

**Holy Communion**

As a precautionary measure due to the extremely high  
 numbers of Covid 19 cases, there will be no Holy  
 Communion distributed after Masses.

**Roscrea Support Group**

If you are an adult living in Roscrea or surrounding  
 areas who is living through grief or loss, the Roscrea  
 Bereavement Support Group are available for support  
 and help.

For more information, please contact 085-1918550.

**Church Envelopes**

The Annual Church Envelopes are now ready for  
 collection and delivery. If you normally deliver  
 envelopes and can do so again this year, please call to  
 the Parish Office or phone 0505-31835 to arrange  
 collection.

## **Extracts from Bishop Fintan's Response to the Mother and Baby Home Report issued January 13<sup>th</sup> 2021**

### **Killaloe Involvement**

There were two Mother and Baby Homes in the Diocese of Killaloe: Sean Ross Abbey in Roscrea (1931-1969) and another home in Kilrush, The County Clare Nursery (1922-1932). Both came under the scrutiny of the Report and are not exempt from severe criticism in the findings of the Report.

### **The Report**

The Report gives an opportunity to listen, first-hand to the experience and stories of the many survivors and reflect with them on the painful memories that are so real. It is clear that in the recent past many single mothers and their children were treated unfairly, unjustly and harshly in those Homes. The pain, described so often in the report of a mother being separated from her home, family and baby is unimaginable.

I am aware that mothers and their children have carried a legacy of pain from their experience in these homes. So many have struggled to have a sense of identity as a result of that experience. I would like to think that this Report will go some way to giving them the recognition they so rightly feel is their due. I say to them: "You are our sisters and brothers and you were let down by the Church and State."

### **Apology**

As bishop of Killaloe, I humbly say sorry to all who suffered as outlined in the Report. For the degradation caused, I am sorry; for the suffering inflicted, I am sorry; for the failure of the Church to demonstrate its commitment to the sacredness of human life, I am truly sorry.

Sorry is a small word that may seem inadequate in the light of all that is attempting to address. I can only say that it comes from my heart.

### **A Plea for Forgiveness**

As Church in the true Christian tradition of repentance we acknowledge our wrongdoing, accept it and ask for forgiveness.

It is a bitter irony and cause of great shame that a Church which valued the sacredness of all human life and saw all its members as equal in God's eyes, failed to show an equal love to all the children of God's Family – single mothers and their children.

My hope is that we, as Church and Society have learnt much from the hard lessons of the past in relation to *Safeguarding* and now the *Mother and Baby Home Report*. As a consequence of the enormity of this sadness and suffering it will make the Church and Society of our day a better, safer place.

I would hope that our Church as a result of this will be more open to listen to the voices of women and men, but particularly women.

If anyone affected by any issues arising from the report would like to meet with myself or any Church personnel you are welcome to make contact through the diocesan Office in Ennis. Counselling and support details from the Commission website are available below.

### **Counselling Service for Former Residents of Mother and Baby Homes**

The National Counselling Service (NCS) was asked to provide counselling to former residents through its counselling locations:

- The HSE's NCS has 20 years of experience in providing counselling and psychotherapy to a wide range of clients including those who have experienced psychological difficulties due to time spent in institutions.
- Counselling is available face to face, by telephone or online through secure video.

This service is available to adults living in Ireland if you are a former resident of Mother and Baby Homes (mothers or children).

### **How you can access this service – Referral Process**

Access to the National Counselling Service for former residents may be made by direct self-referral. You can do this by referring yourself to the service that is nearest to you.

We will also accept written referrals from health care professionals such as GPs.

Individuals referred will be offered an initial assessment appointment. This to establish if the NCS is the appropriate service to meet a person's needs at this time.

If counselling is appropriate the next available counselling place will be offered.

When making a referral to the NCS it would be helpful to identify if you are a former resident of a mother and baby home.

This will ensure you are prioritised for the next available counselling place.

### **Contact Details**

You can find out about your nearest counselling service by contacting the HSE region which looks after your county.

**Please see our full list of contact details here.**

### **Outside of office hours**

Anonymous telephone support is available from [Connect Counselling](#), a HSE funded service. Freephone [1800 477 477](#) from 6pm to 10pm every day (7 days a week).

Other Support Options

Visit [yourmentalhealth.ie](http://yourmentalhealth.ie) for more mental health support options including phone, text and online.

**Bishop Fintan Monahan's full response is on the Parish Website [www.stcronanscluster.ie](http://www.stcronanscluster.ie) and Facebook Page.**

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