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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.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK ROSCREA

Sat Dec 7th 6.30pm:

Months Mind & Mass Card Mass: Caroline Troy, Ard Ross,
 Anniv: Paddy & Chrissie Butler, New Line,
 Anniv: Carmel Dooley & her brother Fr. John & all deceased members of the Dooley family,

Anniv: Bridget Maher & deceased members of the Maher & Ireland families Glentara.

Sun Dec 8th 11.30am:

Anniv: Eamon O'Riordan,
 Anniv: Bill Lalor & Mary Lalor, Mountheaton,
 Anniv: Jackie Moten, Limerick Street,
 Anniv: Joan Madden, Cherryhill & also remembering her husband Michael,
 Anniv: Breda Tobin, Thomas & Catherine Tobin & all deceased members of the Tobin family,
 Anniv: Edward & Margaret Moloney, Whitepark.

Mon Dec 9th 10am:

Special Intention.

Tues Dec 10th 10am:

Anniv: DC & Maureen Bergin, Golden Grove Road,
 Deceased members of Tipperary County Council.

Sat Dec 14th 6.30pm:

Anniv: Paddy & Mairead O'Meara & their children Bro. Cronan, Sr. Nora, Tommy, Maeve & Liam,
 Anniv: Daniel & Gertrude Connaire, Birr Road.

Sun Dec 15th 11.30am:

1st Anniv: Christopher Fitzgerald, Ashbury & also his brother Peter & all deceased members of the Fitzgerald family,
 Anniv: Jack Keevey, Golden Grove Road,
 Anniv: Jimmy & Elizabeth Coughlan, Limerick Street.

Camblin Sun Dec 15th 10.15am:

Anniv: Marion McDonald, Clonan.

Couraguneen Sat Dec 7th 7.30pm:

Anniv: Tom & Grace Hennessy.

Ballaghmore Sun Dec 8th 9.15am:

Anniv: Theresa Sandhu.

Knock Sun Dec 15th 9.15am:

Anniv: Charlie & Helen Scully.

Shared Christmas Mass Bouquets

The Parish will be selling Shared Christmas Mass Bouquets in aid of The Mombasa Project to build 2 new Primary School Classrooms in January. 3 cards for €10. These can be purchased in the Parish Office or the Parish Shop.

Parish Shop

Our Parish shop located at the back of St. Cronan's Church is now stocking Cribs, Calendars, Candles, Christmas Mass Bouquets, Shared Christmas Mass Bouquets & lots more. Feel free to drop in and have a look.

St Cronans Association CLG Roscrea (E53 WY98) are holding a **Christmas Craft Fair on Wednesday 11th December from 12noon to 4pm.** There will be a variety of beautiful crafts, gifts, smore boxes, crepes, hot chocolates and lots of other treats available, as well as carol singing, children's corner, demonstrations and Santa will be making a visit! Raffle tickets for a variety of super prizes will be on sale also. Please come along and join us!

Our Prayer to our Guardian Angel

Angel sent by God to Guide us
 Be our Light and Walk beside us
 Be our Guardian and Protect us
 On the Paths of Life Direct us. Amen

Happy Advent! I hope these days are prayerful as we Wait in joyful hope for the great Birth again of Jesus Christ.

Thanks to all who supported and attended the Roscrea Community Choir Concert last Saturday night in our Church. €1000 was donated to our local SVP.

Thanks to our Speakers from Mary's Meals who gave us some knowledge of the great work they do with your help. This weekend we welcome Speakers from our local SVP and next weekend Barry Dunne, who will speak to us about Volunteering in Community and Africa. **Fr. John**

Invitation

On behalf of St. Cronan's Pastoral Area & in conjunction with the Diocese of Killaloe we invite all Singers, Choirs and Musicians to Lourdes next year from June 25th-30th. What a Spiritual gift to keep in mind this Christmas in helping send a family member to the Shrine of the Mother of God and St. Bernadette next Summer? More details to follow. **Fr. John**

Advent Penitential Services & Confessions

Monday 9th December at 7pm in St. Cronan's with **Fr. Michael O'Meara.**

Monday 16th December at 7pm with **Fr. Michael Reddan**
 All are invited from the Pastoral Area. There will be a cup of tea in the Legion Hall on both nights.

THE RAY OF SUNSHINE FOUNDATION CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Ray of Sunshine Foundation, run a child sponsorship programme in Likoni Village, Mombasa, Kenya. It is one of the poorest areas of Mombasa, they do not have access to proper housing or sanitation facilities and water supply is rare. The children attending our preschool school and primary school are from this village.

By sponsoring a child, you can provide essential needs such as access to educational books, provide a wholesome meal each day, a uniform and a pair of shoes, thus giving the children an opportunity to break free from the cycle of poverty.

How can I donate?

Once off donation of €100 or setting up a Standing Order of €8.50 per month. The Ray of Sunshine Foundation bank account details are as follows: Allied Irish Bank, Bank Place, Ennis IBAN: IE90AIBK93538756328023

Email: info@rayofsunshine.ie or telephone Olive on 087/6994599 **Fr. John Molloy 086-8152828**

Journey Prayer

Arise with me in the morning, travel with me through the day. Welcome me on my arrival. God be with me all the way. **AMEN**

We welcome the **Nenagh Brass Band** who will be playing **Festive Music on Sun December 15th before & during 11.30am Mass**

The Shepherds is the second film from **The Chosen** series. It will be presented in the **Youth Centre on Wednesday, December 11th at 8pm**. The Shepherds had a distinct role and purpose in The Nativity as we see through the eyes of some of the local shepherds: simple working men. But these men particularly a devout young cripple, had a world-shaking visit, which began to change the world forever. Come and See!

Roscrea Readers -Sat Dec 14th 6.30pm – Ann Dooley & Caroline Moloney, **Sun Dec 15th 11.30am** – Mary Teehan & Liz Hennessy. **Camblin Reader – Sun Dec 15th 10.15am** – Mary Kelly.

| Bournea, Kyle & Knock and Camblin Mass Times Please note new Mass times in Knock, Ballagmore & Camblin | | |
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| Couraguneen | Clonakenny | Camblin |
| Saturday 7.30 pm | Saturday 7.30 pm | Sunday 10.15am |
| Dec 7 th | Dec 14 th | Dec 15 th |
| Dec 21 st | Dec 28 th | Dec 29 th |
| Ballagmore | Knock | |
| Sunday 9.15am | Sunday 9.15am | |
| Dec 8 th | Dec 15 th | |
| Dec 22 nd | Dec 29 th | |

Anniversary Masses for all churches within the Pastoral Area can be booked through the Parish Office ONLY at 0505-31835. Funeral Masses in St. Cronan's Church 10am & 12 Noon.

PARISH LOTTO

Last Week's Lucky Dip Winner was
Pauline Ryan - Congratulations

Go to www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/stcronanscluster

Epilepsy Collection in Clonakenny

Thank you to all who contributed to the recent Epilepsy Association Collection in Clonakenny. The total amount collected was €1120.

Wren Walk

St Stephen's Day Walk in Aid of North Tipperary Hospice will take place in Mount St Joseph's Abbey (**Please note change of venue**) starting at 11am. Tea/Coffee served after the walk.

Reflection for the Second Sunday of Advent

This week we meet John the Baptist; a man of courage, zeal and love for the coming Messiah. He was the voice crying out in the wilderness with the message of repentance and forgiveness. A desert is a vast empty place but it did not deter John. Today sometimes our words of hope and tolerance land on dry barren places. Sometimes we may feel our words are empty. This week let's put compassion and mercy into our actions to soften our hearts and fix the broken places in our lives. Then we may continue our walk to Christmas with renewed purpose, enthusiasm and love for the Babe that awaits us in the manger.

Newly Baptised!

We welcome into our Catholic Christian Community: Zachary Flynn & Jamie Ryan. We remember you in our prayers & we wish God's blessing on you & your families at this very special time & always!

The 2024 Bournea Reaching Out Historical Society have launched their annual publication.

Books available in outlets in Roscrea, Templemore, Clonakenny & Dunkerrin.

Saint Vincent de Paul

Saint Cronan's Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in Roscrea is seeking donations as part of our National Annual Appeal (**Theme 2024 – The Wonder of Christmas**) to help those in need.

Many of you regularly support our work. Thank you. Without this help, we simply would not be able to support our fellow Parishioners on your behalf. Please support our Annual Appeal Collection, which will take place on the weekend of 7th/8th December 2024 outside local Churches. Donations can also be given to members of the local Conference or left in our Vincent's shop at Church Street, Roscrea – Attention Conference President.

The Parish of Bournea in conjunction with Clonakenny GAA Club, Annual Christmas Fundraising Event.

On Sunday 15th December
in Lismackin Community Hall at 2.30pm.

Along with the Annual Raffle there will be a Sale of Timber, Children's Entertainment, Wheel of Fortune, a visit from Santa and Lismackin National School Colouring Competition. The Committee greatly appreciate your continued support for the Fundraising Event each year and look forward to your support again this year.

An Advent Prayer

Lord, send down Your Spirit to guide me during Advent this year. May the Holy Spirit help me journey closer to You and lift me up when I feel down and lead me when I feel lost. I may stumble at times, but I know my ultimate journey is to draw closer to You and build Your kingdom here on earth—a kingdom that Jesus's birth, life and death helped secure. **Amen.**