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<b>Weekday Mass Times</b> <i>Monday to Saturday</i>	<b>Saturday Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	<b>Parish Office</b> <b>Opening Hours:</b>
Saint Cronan's Church 10am	Saint Cronan's Church 6.30pm	Saint Cronan's Church 11.30am	Mon. & Tues. 10am to 4pm Wed. & Thurs. 10am to 1pm

**All Masses in Saint Cronan's Church are available via Parish Radio or Webcam - [www.stcronanscluster.ie](http://www.stcronanscluster.ie)**  
**Items for Parish Newsletter to be submitted by 11am each Wednesday please.**

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK ROSCREA****Sat Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm:**

Anniv Mass: Paddy &amp; Mairead O'Meara &amp; their children Br. Cronan, Sr. Nora &amp; Tommy,

Anniv Mass: Dan &amp; Gertrude Connaire, Birr Road.

**Sun Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 11.30am:**

Anniv Mass: Eamon O'Riordan,

Anniv Mass: Kay &amp; Harry Jeffs &amp; Sadie Maloney,

Anniv Mass: Paddy &amp; Chris Butler, Newline,

Anniv Mass: Patsy &amp; Sarah Maher &amp; Thomas, Rosemount,

Anniv Mass: Michael &amp; Sadie O'Donnell, Fanure &amp; deceased members of the O'Donnell &amp; Maher families,

Anniv Mass: Tommy &amp; Angela Maher, Parkmore.

**Mon Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 10am:**

Anniv Mass: Paddy, Kate, Pat &amp; Elizabeth Breen, Golden Grove.

**Tues Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 10am:**

Anniv Mass: Michael Leamy, Derrymore &amp; all deceased family members.

**Wed Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Anniv Mass: Michael & Mary Sharp.**Thur Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 10am:**

Deceased members of the Scully family,

Anniv Mass: Christine Murphy &amp; all Murphy &amp; Doughtan families late of Ashbury,

Birthday Remembrance for Christina Doughtan, Limerick Street.

**Fri Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 10am:**

Anniv Mass: Fr. John Dooley, his sister Carmel &amp; all deceased members of the Dooley family.

**Sat Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 10am:**

Anniv Mass: Josie Feighery &amp; her parents Patrick &amp; Bridget.

**Sat Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm:**

Anniv Mass: Nancy Troy,

Anniv Mass: Josephine Scully her husband Ned &amp; daughter Helen, Cooleshall.

**Sun Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 11.30am:**

Month's Mind Mass: Michael Healy, Loughpark,

Anniv Mass: Esther &amp; Michael Cordial, Sheehane,

Anniv Mass: Margaret &amp; Kieran McNicholas,

Remembrance Mass: Whelan family Knock, Roscrea &amp; Manchester,

Anniv Mass: Thomas Maher formerly of Rosemount,

Anniv Mass: Jack Keevey, Golden Grove Road,

Anniv Mass: Donie O'Meara, his parents Ned &amp; Peg his brother

Eamon &amp; his Aunt May Stapleton.

**Courguneen Sat Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm:**

Anniv Mass: Tom &amp; Grace Hennessy, Boulerea,

Anniv Mass: John, Peg &amp; Mary Clarke, Boulabane,

Anniv Mass: Canon John, Larry &amp; Ann Bergin, Boulerea.

**Ballaghmore Sun Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 10am:**

Month's Mind Mass: Paddy Quinlan, Fort George House, Ballaghmore

Anniv Mass: Theresa Francis Sandhu,

Anniv Mass: Joe &amp; Lena O'Grady.

**Knock Sun Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 10am:**

Anniv Mass: Charlie Scully.

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

Grace Hogan (née Cunningham), 11 Limerick Street,

William Billy Flynn, Mountheaton,

Peter Fitzgerald, 7 Ashbury,

Mary Lalor, Kimmage, Dublin / Mountheaton, Ballyskenech.

**Shared Christmas Mass Bouquets**

This year the Parish will be selling Shared Mass Bouquet Cards for Christmas in aid of The Missionary Society of St. James the Apostle Peru & Ecuador at a price of 6 cards for €10. These can be purchased in the Parish Office or the Parish Shop.

**Tax Back Scheme**

Under the Charities Act, parishes can claim tax back for people who have contributed over €250 to the parish in a year. If you are interested in allowing the parish to avail of this scheme, at no cost to yourself, we ask you to contact the Parish Office for a form. We will then process them.

**Waiting for Spring**

Winter, in all its cold damp airs, its hard stiff frozen ground. Of short days and long nights, and those mushed wet leaves trampled underfoot.

How can anything survive in this cold earth?

But, waking slowly from their death like rest, green fingers start poking through the hard ground.

Green fingers waking from a long sleep slowly pointing

skywards where later drooping white petals shyly open, as if apologising for the long delay from last February.

They tentatively open in the rawness of winter.

Natures hope of a new world. David Wood.

**BETHLEHEM EXPERIENCE**

A joyful pilgrimage from church to church in Roscrea, with the Community Choir & enjoy the Nativity with live animals.

Taking place on **December 17<sup>th</sup> 3pm-5pm**

Starting from the Roscrea Catholic Church.

We shall not cease from exploration, and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time. [T. S. Eliot](#)

**Nenagh Brass Band** will be accompanying our Church Choir during Mass this Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec, and they will also be playing festive tunes before and after Mass.

**Christmas Carol Service in the Methodist Church** on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm. All are welcome.

Roscrea Readers – Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 6.30pm – Jim Feeley, Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 11.30am – Liz Hennessy.

**Pastoral Area's Public Mass**

**Saint Cronan's Church Roscrea:** Monday to Saturday inc.

10am: Saturday 6.30pm: Sunday 11.30am

**Camblin:** Every second Sunday 10am

**Bournea:** Every second Saturday in either Couraguneen or Clonakenny 7.30 pm – SEE TABLE BELOW

**Kyle & Knock:** Every second Sunday in either Ballaghmore or Knock at 10am – SEE TABLE BELOW.

<b>Bournea and Kyle &amp; Knock</b>	
<b>Couraguneen</b>	<b>Clonakenny</b>
<b>Saturday 7.30 pm</b>	<b>Saturday 7.30 pm</b>
Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	Dec 17 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Ballaghmore</b>	<b>Knock</b>
<b>Sunday 10 am</b>	<b>Sunday 10 am</b>
Dec 11 <sup>th</sup>	Dec 18 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Camblin</b>	
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	
Dec 18 <sup>th</sup>	

**Anniversary Masses for all churches within the Pastoral Area can be booked through the Parish Office ONLY.**

**Christmas Mass Bouquets**

Signed Christmas Mass Bouquets are available in Phelan's Shop Ballaghmore.

**Clonakenny GAA & Bournea Parish**

Will hold an Auction & Raffle

**On Sunday Dec 11<sup>th</sup> at 5pm**

in the Norebrook Lounge Clonakenny

**Raffle Prizes:** 1<sup>st</sup> Prize €500

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Dinner for 2 in Fiachri House

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize €100 Voucher for Templemore Jewellery Shop

4<sup>th</sup> Prize Membership for Tipperary Draw for 1 year

Tickets available from Club Members & Bournea Parish Council Members

**Cleaning of Clonakenny Church** will take place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7 O'clock. All help greatly appreciated.

**Thank you**

**Ballaghmore Pastoral Council** would like to sincerely thank everyone who supported their recent fundraising concert in Racket Hall.

**Choir Practice in Ballaghmore Church** on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

God be with you in the dying of the year and at its birth: in the ending of a page of your life and your work, and the turning of another, with all the challenges that it may offer. May God be with you always.

**Parish Office - Notice of Christmas closure**

Please note – the office will be closed from Wed afternoon 21<sup>st</sup> December until Tues morning Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023

If you have any notices for the newsletter or wish to book any masses during those dates, please have them with us by latest Tues 20<sup>th</sup> December @ 13:00.

**SVP**

Saint Cronan's Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) based in Roscrea is seeking donations as part of our National Annual Appeal (**Theme 2022-Impossible Choices-Food or Heat**) 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 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> December 2022 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. Envelopes available at back of Church.

**Roscrea Creative Art Group (Age Friendly and St. Cronan's)**

Roscrea Creative Art Group (Age Friendly and St. Cronan's) are holding an exhibition of their paintings from 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. in Roscrea Shopping Centre. Grand opening on Saturday by Patrick Bergin at 3pm.

**Christmas Raffle in aid of Mary's Meals**

A Christmas Raffle will take place in Roscrea on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December in aid of Mary's Meals.

Tickets are €2 each or 3 for €5.

Tickets are available from Phelans Siopa, Ballaghmore, Byrnes Shop, Dunkerrin, Toohers Shop, Kinnitty or directly from Mary Heffernan, Margaret Ryan, Patricia Gleeson or Angela Moore. Donations can be made online at [Tipp-Off Christmas Raffle | Mary's Meals \(marysmeals.ie\)](http://Tipp-Off Christmas Raffle | Mary's Meals (marysmeals.ie)) It costs just €18.30 to feed a child in a place of education for an entire school year through Mary's Meals! Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**PARISH LOTTO**

**Last Week's Lucky Dip Winner was Margaret Kirwan - Congratulations**

Go to [www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/stcronanscluster](http://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/stcronanscluster) to join <https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/stcronanscluster/>

**Light up our lives**

Christ, come into our world of darkness

Light up our lives with your coming.

Fulfil all our longings with the joy of your birth

Strengthen our resolve to work for change in our world  
And to share the hope of your birth that each Advent brings.

Amen.

*Sr Bridgetta Rooney/CAFOD*