



<b>Weekday Mass Times</b> <b>Monday to Saturday</b> Saint Cronan's Church 10am	<b>Saturday Vigil Mass</b> Saint Cronan's Church 6.30pm	<b>Sunday Mass</b> Saint Cronan's Church 11.30am	<b>Parish Office</b> <b>Opening Hours:</b> 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 - [ww.stcronanscluster.ie](http://ww.stcronanscluster.ie)

Items for Parish Newsletter to be submitted by 11am each Wednesday please.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK ROSCREA

Sat Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm:

**Prep. Mass for Confirmation,**

Anniv: Paddy & Mairead O'Meara & their children Bro. Cronan, Sr. Nora, Tommy, Maeve & Liam,

Anniv: Daniel & Gertrude Connaire, Birr Road.

Sun Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 11.30am:

**Prep Mass for First Holy Communion**

1<sup>st</sup> 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,

Anniv: Michael Leamy, Derrymore,

Anniv: Caroline Mary Murphy, Shanakill Dublin & formerly Market Square

Mon Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 10am:

Birthday Remembrance: Christina Doughan, Limerick Street.

Tues Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 10am:

Anniv: Peig & Charlie Deane,

Anniv: Mary & Thomas O'Brien, Kennedy Park.

Wed Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 10am:

Anniv: Michael, Mary & Frances Sharpe, Mount Dudley.

Anniv: Thomas Maher, Rosemount.

Thur Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 10am:

Special Intention.

Fri Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 10am:

Special Intention

Sat Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 10am:

Anniv: Josie Feighery, Limerick Street & her parents Patrick & Bridget,

Anniv: Mary & Hugh Maher & Elizabeth Doheny.

Sat Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 6.30pm:

Anniv: Ann England-Moloney, Clonaganna, Dunkerrin.

Sun Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> 11.30am:

Anniv: John Feehan, Kennedy Park,

Anniv: Esther & Michael Cordial, Sheehane,

Anniv: Seanie Murphy, Grove Street,

Remembrance: The Whelan family of Knock, Roscrea & Manchester.

Camblin Sun Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 10.15am:

Anniv: Marion McDonald, Clonan.

Knock Sun Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 9.15am:

Anniv: Charlie & Helen Scully.

Couraguneen Sat Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm:

Month's Mind: Seamus Breslin, Gortderrybeg,

Anniv: John, Mary & Peg Clarke, Boulebane.

Ballaghmore Sun Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.15am:

1<sup>st</sup> Anniv: Bernadette (Bernie) Grady,

Anniv: Joe Ryan, Ballaghmore.

### We remember those who died recently including:

Anthony Bourke, St. Finbarr's, Derrymore Upper, Roscrea

Mary Parlon (née Delaney), Ballinla, Ballaghmore,

Caroline Tooher (née O'Hara), 28 Rosslands, Roscrea,

Philip Kennedy, Golden Grove Road, Roscrea,

Mary Hartigan (née Shanahan), Glin, Limerick & formerly Roscrea,

Teresa Hayden (née Devereux), Streamstown, Roscrea,

### 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.

### 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

### 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 afterwards.

### CHRISTMAS MASS ST. CRONAN'S PASTORAL AREA

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

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

### Parish Office - Notice of Christmas closure

Please note – the office will be closed from

Thur. afternoon 19<sup>th</sup> December

until Monday morning Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 2025.

If you have any notices for the newsletter or wish to book any masses during those dates, please have them with us by latest Wed 18<sup>th</sup> December @ 13:00.

### Advent Prayer for Families

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Help us to live in that love together as a family this Advent.

Prepare our hearts for Christmas. Bring us closer to each other and to your Son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. **Amen**

## 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**

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## 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.

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**We welcome Theresa Larkin & her group to St. Cronan's Church next Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec at 6.30pm Mass.**

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**Roscrea Readers - Sat Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 6.30pm** – Ann Moore & Bernie Campion, **Sun Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> 11.30am** – Margaret Ryan & Marion Flanagan. **Couraguneen Reader – Sat 21<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm** - John Joe Ryan.

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

**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.**

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## PARISH LOTTO

Last Week's Lucky Dip Winner was  
**Eileen O Connor - Congratulations**

Go to [www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/stcronanscluster](http://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/stcronanscluster)

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## 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.

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## Reflection

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!

## Reflection for the Third Sunday of Advent

Our readings today are of joy and hope.

“Rejoice because The Lord is near “

Yes, Christmas is near and getting closer but God is always near. God is close to us when we:

**SING ALOUD** in praise and thanksgiving.

**REJOICE** for our many blessings

**SHOUT ALOUD** against poverty, racism and homelessness. These are the very answers: share what you have and promote social justice John the Baptist gave to the question:

What should I do?

This week, what will I do to bring God's joy and hope to others?

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## Newly Baptised!

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

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## 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. Donations can be given to members of the local Conference or left in our Vincent's shop at Church Street, Roscrea – Attention Conference President.

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## Age Friendly Roscrea

Flower Arranging Demonstration with Doreen & Mary will take place on **Wednesday 18th of December at 2pm** followed by Carol Singing with **The Rosie Greys**.

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**The Parish of Bournea in conjunction with Clonakenny GAA Club, Annual Christmas Fundraising Event.**  
**On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## A Prayer for Advent

As continue our Advent journey, guide us, dear God of love. Help us to recognize the great gift You have given us in Your Son, Jesus, and may we prepare well for His rebirth in our hearts.

On each day of this journey, may we move closer to Jesus, the Prince of Peace, the Light of the World. Shine the light of Your grace upon us that we may follow Him faithfully.

In all our preparations for Christmas, may we always remember that Jesus is the reason for this blessed season.

Thank you, loving God, for this time of joy and expectation. Walk with us and show us the way of Your grace, today and every day of Advent. **Amen.**