



Weekday Mass Times <i>Monday to Saturday</i> 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 - ww.stcronanscluster.ie

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

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK ROSCREA

Sat 16th Dec 6.30pm:

Month's Mind Mass: Michael Murphy, Kennedy Park,
 5th Anniv: Frank Ryan, Assumption Park.

Sun 17th Dec 11.30am:

Months Mind Mass: Baby Christopher McDonagh,
 Anniv: Esther & Michael Cordial, Sheehane,
 Anniv: Mary & Thomas O'Brien, Kennedy Park,
 Anniv: David Fitzpatrick, Ballahall,
 Christmas Remembrance for the deceased members of the
 Whelan family, Knock, Roscrea & Manchester.

Mon 18th Dec 10am:

Anniv: Carmel, Jim, Fr. John Dooley & their parents.

Thur 21st Dec 10am:

Special Intention.

Fri 22nd Dec 10am:

Anniv: Thomas Moten, The Vallery.

Sat 23rd Dec 10am:

Anniv: Josie Feighery, Limerick St. & her parents Bridget & Patrick,

Anniv: Seanie Murphy, Grove Street.

Sat 23rd Dec 6.30pm:

Month's Mind Mass: Joan Morrissey, Kennedy Park,
 Anniv: William Ward & his wife Janette, Sheehane,
 Anniv: Ann England Moloney, Dunkerrin.

Sun 24th Dec 11.30am:

1st Anniv: Danny Bergin, Cloonagh,
 1st Anniv: John Feehan, Kennedy Park,
 2nd Anniv: John Feehan, Carrig.

Sun 24th Dec 8pm:

Remembrance Mass: Martin Cunningham,
 Anniv: George Johnson.

Camblin Sun 17th Dec 10am:

Anniv: Marion McDonald, Clonan.

Clonakenny Sat 16th 7.30pm:

Anniv: The Bourke family, Clonakenny.

Knock Sun 17th Dec 10am:

Anniv: Francis & Elizabeth Byrne, Kilmartin,
 Anniv: Charlie & Helen Scully.

Couraguneen Sat 23rd Dec 7.30pm:

Anniv: John, Mary & Peg Clarke, Boulebane,
 Anniv: Paddy & Margaret Ryan & family, Gortmullen, Roscrea.

Knock Sun 24th 7pm:

30th Anniv: Tommy Carey & deceased members of the Carey family.

We remember those who died recently including:

William (Willie) Hayes, Lisheen, Carraig Hill, Roscrea,
 Seán (John J.) DeRoe, Shinrone, / Birr, Offaly,
 Joe England, Liverpool formerly Mount Butler,
 Phil Moloughney, Stockwell London formerly of Ashmere.

Roscrea Readers – Sat Dec 23rd 6.30pm – Ann Moore, Sun Dec 24th 11.30am – Emer Collis. Couraguneen Reader Sat 23rd Dec 7.30pm: Kate Cantwell.

Thank You for your weekly generosity for the ongoing increases with Parish expenses for the upkeep and maintenance of our Churches.

Thank You sincerely for all your kind donations for the expenses for our recent Pastoral Area Mission.

Fr. John, Antun & Tom.

Advent Penitential Service

On Tuesday 19th December 7.30pm

All are invited and welcome in our entire Pastoral Area.

CONFESSIONS: We Priests are available for Individual Sacrament of Reconciliation after each Mass next week.

Advent Prayer of Hope

Stay with us, Lord Jesus and be our companion on our way.

Set our hearts on fire with new hope, so that with our sisters and brothers we may always recognise you in the Tabernacle, Scriptures, Holy Communion and in Others, who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses: Clonakenny 6pm, Knock 7pm, Roscrea 8pm.

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

Christmas Carols

The children of Scoil Mhuire Lismackin will be performing Christmas Carols on Thursday the 21st of December in Curraguneen Church at 7.p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Fatima Prayers will be recited at Our Lady's Altar After 10am Mass on 1st Saturday of each month

Parish Office - Notice of Christmas closure

Please note – the office will be closed from
 Thur. afternoon 21st December
 until Wednesday morning Jan 3rd 2024.

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 19th December @ 13:00.

Bournea, Kyle & Knock and Camblin Mass Times		
Couraguneen	Clonakenny	Camblin
Saturday 7.30 pm	Saturday 7.30 pm	Sunday 10am
Dec 9 th	Dec 16 th	Dec 17 th
Dec 23 rd	Dec 30 th	Dec 31 st
Ballaghmore	Knock	
Sunday 10 am	Sunday 10 am	
Dec 10 th	Dec 17 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.

Thoughts/Prayer before Receiving Holy Communion –

As we hold out our Hands – Body of Christ –
 Lord, as we fervently process
 we offer You a throne
 Upon to rest
 Oh King of everyone
 May Your will be done and
 What we now receive, we become.
AMEN

Both Mary and Joseph were asked by God to take on a huge responsibility. Their answer to God was: YES!

As we approach the altar, may our daily words and actions also say Yes to God.

“Amen” is our response as we receive the host at Communion. The translation of Amen is: Truly, firm, so be it.

As we receive the host, we firmly believe that we receive the Body of Christ. Jesus truly enters our hearts so that we may become what we receive.

PARISH LOTTO

Last Week's Lucky Dip Winner was
John Lupton – Congratulations

Go to www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/stcronanscluster

Cleaning of Clonakenny Church will take place on
Monday 18th December at 7.30pm.
All help appreciated.

An Advent Poem by John Bell

Light looked down and saw the darkness “I will go there,” said light. Peace looked down and saw war. “I will go there said peace” Love looked down and saw hatred. “I will go there,” said love. So he, The Lord of Light, The Prince of Peace, The King of Love, came down and crept in beside us.

Bournea Reaching Out Historical Book 2023

The full set of 10 books are available to purchase by contacting bourneareachingout@gmail.com.

The Newest book is available for sale in The Norebrook Lounge Clonakenny, Mulrooney's Gala Shop Roscrea, Mulrooney's Gala Shop Templemore, Carroll's Centra / Circle K Roscrea, Lua & Teresa Ryans Roscrea, Centenary Loran Farm Store, Centenary Montore Farm Store, Centra Templemore, Cambie's Londis, Templemore, Fitzpatrick's Newsagents Templemore, Byrne's An Post Dunkerrin.

Roscrea Hospice Wren Walk

The Wren walk will take place at 11am on St. Stephen's Day. The walk will start at Fancroft Mill. Tea & Coffee provided on the morning.

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!

A Classical Christmas Concert with Baritone

Dylan Rooney & Friends

In

St. Joseph's Church,

Ballinree, Toomevara @ 8pm

On Friday 22nd December, Tickets €25

Prayer for Advent

“Prayer for a Holy Advent”

Lord, another year has passed, and it is time for us to take stock of our spiritual strengths and weaknesses, our faith and where we lacked it, the times we loved You fully, and the times we lacked that focus and dependence on You. Advent is a double expectation. While we are preparing to commemorate Your Blessed Incarnation so many years ago, we are, with Saint John the Baptist, also preparing for when You come again. We ask You, sanctify this Advent so that by Christmas, You may find us more worthy of Your mercy and Your love. **Amen**