Parishes of ROSCREA, BOURNEA, KYLE & KNOCK Dec 22nd,2024

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

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 Dec 21st 6.30pm:
Anniv: Ann England-Moloney, Clonaganna, Dunkerrin,
Anniv: Willie Stokes.
Sun Dec 22nd 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,
Anniv: Deceased members of the Rooney & McCarthy families & also remembering Niall who died in July.
Mon Dec 23rd 10am:
Month's Mind: Timmy Casey, Parkmore,
Anniv: Thomas Moten, The Valley,
Anniv: Billy & Mary Dooley, Assumption Park,
Tues Dec 24th 10am:
Anniv: Eileen & Frankie De Lewis, Chapel Lane,
Birthday Remembrance of Noel Delaney, Legion Villas.
Tues Dec 24th 8pm:
Remembrance: Martin Cunningham, Legion Villas,
Anniv: George Johnson,
Anniv: Danny Bergin, Cloonagh,
Anniv: John Feehan, Carrig Roscrea.
Wed Dec 25th 11.30am:
Anniv: Billy Delaney, Glebe View.
Thur Dec 26th – NO MASS
Fri Dec 27th 10am:
LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH HOLY COMMUNION
Sat Dec 28th 10am:
5th Anniv: Donie O'Meara, Green Street his parents Ned & Peg, his brother Eamonn & Aunt May Stapleton,
Anniv: Mick Lynch, Assumption Park.
Sat Dec 28th 6.30pm:
Anniv: Willie & Janet Ward & their grandson Aaron Nash.
Sun Dec 29th 11.30am:
1st Anniv: Francis O'Meara, Kennedy Park,
Anniv: Mary Collins, Ashbury,
Anniv: Martin McCarthy & all members of the McCarthy & Harty families.

Couraguneen Sat Dec 21st 7.30pm:
Month's Mind: Seamus Breslin, Gortderrybeg,
Anniv: John, Mary & Peg Clarke, Boulebane.
Ballaghmore Sun Dec 22nd 9.15am:
1st Anniv: Bernadette (Bernie) Grady,
Anniv: Joe Ryan, Ballaghmore.
Couraguneen Tues Dec 24th 6pm:
Anniv: Paddy & Margaret Ryan, Gortmullen & all deceased family members.
Special Intention.
Knock Tues Dec 24th 7pm:
Anniv: Tommy Carey, Derrymore.
Anniv: Francis & Elizabeth Byrne, Kilmartin & all deceased members of the Byrne family.

We remember those who died recently including:
Michael Mick Minogue, Newline, Roscrea,
Sally Delaney (née Thompson), Ballinla, Ballaghmore, Laois

Roscrea Indian Community

A Mass will be held on Monday December 23rd at 5pm in St. Cronan's Church Roscrea for the Indian Community in the Roscrea & Birr areas. All are welcome.

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**

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**.
NO MASS ON ST. STEPHEN'S DAY BUT CHURCH WILL BE OPEN AT 9AM WITH ADORATION FROM -2PM TO 6PM
FRIDAY 27th 10AM - LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Parish Office - Notice of Christmas closure

Please note – the office will be closed from
Thur. afternoon 19th December
until Monday morning Jan 6th 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 18th December @ 13:00.

Reflection for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

In today's gospel, Mary visits Elizabeth bringing her comfort and support; a simple action. This simple act of kindness is God working in every day events. Roscrea like Bethlehem is a small and simple place but greatness comes from thoughtful acts of compassion and care performed in small and simple places.
What can we do this week to model Mary?
Pope Francis tells us the first act of charity is to offer a smile to others. This smile will bring someone JOY just as Mary brought joy to Elizabeth. Christmas is about joy. **SMILE**

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**

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 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.

Roscrea Readers - Sat Dec 28th 6.30pm – Joseph Moloughney & Catherine Lorigan, **Sun Dec 29th 11.30am** – Marguerite Maguire McGrath & Emer Collis. **Camblin Reader – Sun Dec 29th –** Denis Heenan.

Bournea, Kyle & Knock and Camblin **Mass Times**
Please note new Mass times in Knock, Ballagmore & Camblin

Couraguneen	**Clonakenny**	**Camblin**
Saturday 7.30 pm	**Saturday 7.30 pm**	**Sunday 10.15am**
Dec 21st	Dec 28th	Dec 29th
Jan 4th	Jan 11th	Jan 12th
Ballaghmore	**Knock**	
Sunday 9.15am	**Sunday 9.15am**	
Dec 22nd	Dec 29th	
Jan 5th	Jan 12th	

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
Declan Dunford - Congratulations
Go to www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/stcronanscluster

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

Stay strong in God
For after winter -
Summer comes:
After night –
The day returns:
And after the storm –
Calm is restored.

Advent Blessing before Christmas

May you be happy and blessed
The light of Christmas star to you
The warmth of home and hearth to you
The cheer and goodwill of friends to you
The hope of a childlike heart to you
The joy of a thousand angels to you
The love of the Son of God's peace to you. **Amen**

Happy Christmas from Bournea Historical Society

Bournea Historical Society would like to take this opportunity to wish all a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year. And a reminder that the 2024 issue of the Bournea Historical Journal can be purchased in outlets in Roscrea, Templemore, Clonakenny & Dunkerrin.

Thought for the Fourth Sunday of Advent
Live one day at a time – and make it a masterpiece
A to Zen of Life

Avoid negative sources, people, places and habits
Believe in yourself
Consider things from every angle
Don't give up and don't give in
Everything you're looking for lies behind the mask you wear
Family and friends are hidden treasures, seek them and enjoy their riches
Give more than you planned to
Hang on to your dreams
If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door
Judge your success by what you had to give up in order to get it
Keep on trying no matter how hard it seems
Love yourself
Make it happen
Never lie, steal or cheat
Open your arms to change, but don't let go of your values
Practice makes perfect
Quality not quantity in anything you do
Remember that silence sometimes is the best answer
Stop procrastinating
Take control of your own destiny
Understand yourself in order to better understand others
Visualize it
When you lose, don't lose the lesson
Xcellence in all your efforts
You are unique, nothing can replace you
Zero in on your target and go for it

-Dalai LAMA