

ROSCREA, BOURNEA, KYLE & KNOCK

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Mass Times		Parish Office Opening: Tuesday to Friday 10am-1pm Tel: 0505-31835 <i>Items for Parish Newsletter to be submitted by 1pm each Wednesday please</i>
Saturday:	Sunday:	
Roscrea 6.30pm	Roscrea 9.00am	
Knock 7.30pm	Ballaghmore 9.30am	
Couraguneen 8.00pm	Camblin 10.00am	
	Clonakenny 11.00am	
	Roscrea 11.30am	

Mass Intentions This Week

Roscrea

Sat 21st Dec 6.30pm: Months Mind/Mass Card Mass for Murt Carry;
Anniv Mass for Margaret Tynan, Limerick Street;
Anniv Mass for Deceased Members of the
Whelan, Flynn & Gleeson Families.

Sun 22nd Dec 11.30am: Anniv Mass for Esther & Michael Cordial;
Anniv Mass for Johnny, Lena & Thomas Fogarty.

Mon 23rd Dec 10am: Anniv Mass for Seanie Murphy.

Tue 24th Dec 10am: Anniv Mass for George Johnson;
Anniv Mass for Bridie McDonald;
8pm: Anniv Mass for Eileen De Lewis;
Remembrance of Martin Cunningham;
Anniv Mass for Michael Carroll, Benamore.

Wed 25th Dec 11.30am: Anniv Mass for Joseph Thompson.

Fri 27th Dec 10am: Anniv Mass for Sarah Bartlett.

Sat 28th Dec 10am: Anniv Mass for Josie Moloney;
Anniv Mass for Willie & Janet Ward;
6.30pm: Months Mind & Mass Card Mass for
Elizabeth O'Connor, née Sharpe;
Anniv Mass for Johnny Downey;
Anniv Mass for Dena O'Meara.

Sun 29th Dec 10am: Anniv Mass for Mick Lynch;
11.30am: Months Mind & Mass Card Mass for Nora Kennedy;
Anniv Mass for Elizabeth & Michael O'Connor;
Anniv Mass for William Bergin, his parents & deceased family.

Knock

Sat 21st Dec 7.30pm: Anniv Mass for Francis & Elizabeth Byrne.
Tue 24th Dec 7.30pm: Anniv Mass for Tommy, Mick & Linda Carey &
Deceased Members of the Carey Family.

Ballaghmore

Sun 22nd Dec 9.30am: Anniv Mass for Joe Ryan.

Couraguneen

Sat 21st Dec 8pm: Anniv Mass for John, Peg & Mary Clarke.
Tue 24th Dec 8pm: Anniv Mass for Paddy & Margaret Ryan,
Gortmullen & Deceased Family Members.

Clonakenny

Sun 29th Dec 11am: Months Mind Mass for Ned Stapleton &
Anniversary Mass for Gary Stapleton.

We remember those who died recently, especially:

Averil Wallace Doughan, Parkmore Carraig
Bill Lalor Jnr, New Zealand & Late of Mountheaton
Martin Abbott, Shannon & Late of Assumption Park
John Fehan, UK & Late of Railway View

Christmas Wishes

We, the Priests of the Parish, wish all parishioners a Christmas filled with peace & joy. We pray that the celebration of the birth of Jesus may be renewed in all our hearts as we seek peace & unity.

As a society, we are conscious of the fact that Christmas isn't a good experience for all for many reasons – bereavement, loneliness, sickness, addiction, financial problems etc.

The Christmas story is centred on a child born in poverty, far from his home, surrounded by animals in a stable.

The image of the stable in Bethlehem reminds us of the humble beginnings of the Son of God.

This year, we remember yet again all those who are homeless or are living in temporary accommodation or direct provision centres – with the eyes of faith, we see Christ in the people pushed to the very edges of society.

Christmas assures us that God is with us.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas & a happy New Year.



Christmas Mass Times

Roscrea: Christmas Eve 8pm
Christmas Day 9am, 11.30am
Camblin: Christmas Day 10am
Knock: Christmas Eve 7.30pm

Ballaghmore: Christmas Day 9.30am
Couraguneen: Christmas Eve 8pm
Clonakenny: Christmas Day 11am

Peter McVerry Trust: As we are aware there are so many thousands of people homeless in our country at this time. This weekend, the loose coin in the baskets in Roscrea Parish will be donated to the Peter McVerry Trust on behalf of the parish. In 2018, Peter McVerry Trust worked with over 5800 people. The charity provides over 1600 residential placements per night.

The Hope Foundation: Thank You!

Thank you to all the generous parishioners who kindly donated to the Hope Foundation's Church Gate Collection last weekend. All monies raised will go directly to Hope's 60+ projects helping the street and slum children of Calcutta, India. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

**Sacrament of the Sick
Monday 23rd December 10am
Saint Cronan's Church**

**There will be a Blessing of the Sick during 10am
Mass on Monday. All are welcome.**



Couraguneen – Carol Service

A Carol Service will take place in Couraguneen Church before the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve from 7.15pm. All are welcome!

Request for Blankets: If you have any clean, warm spare blankets or throws, (NO duvets please) please drop them in to the Sacristy in Roscrea or the Parish Centre. Thank you.

Financial Matters -Basket Collections 14th/15th Dec

Thank you for your continued support to our weekly collection for the upkeep of our parishes.

*Priests Collection for Christmas will be taken up this week – please use specific envelope from annual supply
Bournea: Please use either the December Priests Collection envelope or the Christmas Day Priests Collection. Thanks.*

Rotas are ready for collection in the Sacristy

Readers – 24th/25th December

Roscrea: 8pm: C Moloney **9am:** B Colclough
11.30am: Folk Group **Camblin:** 10am: M Ryan
Couraguneen 8pm: B O'Sullivan **Clonakenny 11am:** P Greed

Readers – 28th/29th December

Roscrea: 6.30pm: Folk Group **9am:** Ann Moore
11.30am: J Murphy **Camblin:** 10am: C Meagher
Couraguneen 8pm: K Cantwell **Clonakenny 11am:** M Maher

Ministers of the Eucharist – 24th/25th December

8pm: M Mullally, A Dooley, M Ryan, J Carroll, F De Lewis
9am: B Fitzgerald, B Hynes, M Shanahan, M Heffernan
11.30am: M Ryan, J O'Grady, M Ryan, L Hennessy
Camblin 10am: M Fitzgerald
Ballaghmore 9.30am: A Buckley & B Phelan
Couraguneen 8pm: B Cantwell & M Carroll
Clonakenny 11am: M Kiely & E Greed

Ministers of the Eucharist – 28th/29th December

6.30pm: M Dooley, A Delaney, R Carroll, F De Lewis
9am: N Dooley, A McManus, M Kenny, M Lupton
11.30am: E Reinyte, P Landy, M Nash, M Teehan, J McMahan
Camblin 10am: M Leamy **Ballaghmore 9.30am:** B Hally
Couraguneen 8pm: M Coonan **Clonakenny 11am:** E Treacy

**Parish Calendars are available at
Church Entrances**

Looking for that last minute Christmas gift?

Look no further! Our Parish Shop in Saint Cronan's Church has beautiful Christmas gifts in stock, among them Anne Crean's new CD "Remember Me", with proceeds to the Dean Maxwell Day Care Centre, so whilst finding that special gift, you are also supporting Dean Maxwell!

You'll also find beautiful candles, holy water fonts, rosary beads, books, christening gifts, wedding candles, prayers, gravelights, prayer books, statues, christening frames and signed Mass cards. The shop opens immediately after weekday & weekend Masses. Your support is appreciated!

Age Friendly Roscrea Dinner & Hooley

Sunday 5th January 1pm to 5pm - Racket Hall Hotel
Tickets €18 available from Committee Members or by contacting Anne at 083-1133987

Roscrea Hospice: Remembrance Tree is now up in the Credit Union. This year, there is also a small tree in Bernie's Super Valu. This is a lovely way to remember loved ones as well as supporting this vital cause.

Roscrea Hospice Fundraising Wren Walk will take place at 11am on St Stephen's Day starting at Dromakeenan National School this year. Roscrea Hospice Fundraising would like to thank you for your generous support throughout the past year and wish you a very happy Christmas and New Year.

SemiColon Project Roscrea – Counselling

SemiColon Project Roscrea are delighted to bring a Counsellor to Roscrea – she is working with aged 16+. She is in Roscrea *every Monday* and can be contacted at 089-2007668.

Roscrea Youth Service – Counselling

The Eisteacht Project, a mental health & wellness programme for youth aged 10-17 years, will commence in *Roscrea in January.* There will be one-to-one counselling or group facilitation services available. More info from: 087-9529041

Christmas Trees/Holly Wreaths For Sale

Moloney's Hurley Store, Old Tesco *Car Park 10am to 5pm or in Killavilla after 6pm.* For more info, contact 087-6897766.

The Christmas Tree

From a tree, a manger was made,
On the first Christmas, in it He laid.
Also from a tree, a cross was made,
And on it, for our sins, the price He paid.
I remember each year, as the tree I adorn,
His gift giving began the day He was born.
As I gently place each ornament of gold,
In His hands I place my heart,
And my life, for Him to hold.
Trusting in Him to take good care of me,
I pray and I sing as I decorate the tree.
"I am the Way, the Truth and the Light," said He,
That's why I put lights on my Christmas tree!