



ROSCREA, BOURNEA, KYLE & KNOCK

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CLUSTER MASS TIMES	Saturday:		Sunday:		Sunday:	
	Roscrea	6.30pm	Roscrea	8.30am	Roscrea	10.30am
Knock	7.30pm	Barna	9.30am	Clonakenny	11.00am	
Dunkerrin	7.30pm	Ballaghmore	9.30am	Moneygall	11.00am	
Couraguneen	8.00pm	Camblin	10.00am	Roscrea	12 noon	

Parish Office Opening: Tuesday to Friday 10am-1pm

Items for Newsletter to be submitted by 1pm Wednesday please

Mass Intentions This Week

Roscrea

- Sat 23rd Dec 6.30pm:** Anniv Mass for Johnny Fogarty & his parents.
Sun 24th Dec 10.30am: Anniv Mass for Bridie McDonald;
 Anniv Mass for Martin, Mary & William Bergin & deceased relatives.
8pm: Anniv Mass for Eileen De Lewis;
 Memorial Mass for Martin Cunningham.
Mon 25th Dec 10.30am: Anniv Mass for Joseph Thompson.
Tue 26th Dec 10am: Anniv Mass for Tessie Noonan & Remembrance
 of her husband Joe & daughters Geraldine & Ann.
Wed 27th Dec 10am: Anniv Mass for Sarah Bartlett.
Thur 28th Dec 10am: Anniv Mass for Josie Moloney;
 Anniv Mass for Mick Lynch.
Fri 29th Dec 10am: Anniv Mass for Martin & Margaret McCarthy &
 Deceased Members of the McCarthy & Harty Families.
Sat 30th Dec 10am: Anniv Mass for Deceased Legionaries;
 Anniv Mass for Willie & Jeannette Ward;
6.30pm: Anniv Mass for Johnny Downey.
Sun 31st Dec 10.30am: Anniv Mass for Ted Brophy;
12noon: Anniv Mass for Elizabeth & Michael O'Connor.
Sat 30th Dec 6.30pm: Anniv Mass for Johnny Downey.
Sun 31st Dec 10.30am: Anniv Mass for Ted Brophy;
12noon: Anniv Mass for Elizabeth & Michael O'Connor.

Knock

- Sat 23rd Dec 7.30pm: Penitential Service;**
 Anniv Mass for Francis & Elizabeth Byrne, Kilmartin.
Sun 24th Dec 7.30pm: Anniv Mass for Tommy, Linda & Mick Carey.
Sat 30th Dec 7.30pm: Anniv Mass for Elisha Cahill & her grandparents
 Winnie & Bill Cahill.

Ballaghmore

- Sun 24th Dec 9.30am: Penitential Service.**

Couraguneen

- Sat 23rd Dec 8pm:** Anniv Mass for Paddy & Margaret Ryan, Gortmullen
Tue 26th Dec 11am: Mass. (Please note time)
Sat 30th Dec 8pm: Anniv Mass for Mary & John Clarke.

Clonakenny

- Sun 31st Dec 11am:** First Anniversary Mass for Bridget Treacy.

We pray for those who died recently including:

Angela Cunningham, née Quinlan, Dublin & Coolanure
 Mary Quinn, née McGrath, Shanakill, Roscrea

Roscrea Folk Group will sing some Christmas
 Carols from 10am on Christmas Morning

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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 Christ may be brought alive
 in all our hearts as we seek harmony, peace & unity.

As part of the preparation for the
 World Meeting of Families in August,
 our Theme this Christmas is Family.

As a society, we are conscious of the fact that
 Christmas isn't a good experience for all due to various
 reasons – bereavement, loneliness, sickness, addiction,
 financial problems etc. This year we are acutely aware
 of our homeless crisis in our country and our need as
 Christians to be out-reaching. The image of the stable
 reminds us of the humble beginnings of the Son of God
 – Emmanuel, God is with us.

MASS TIMES

From the 1st January 2018,

Sunday Mass Times will be as follows in Roscrea:

- St Cronan's Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.30pm
 St Cronan's Sunday Morning Mass: 9am & 11.30am
 Camblin Sunday Morning Mass: 10am

Baptisms & Marriages

**Request Forms must be filled out for all Baptisms &
 Marriages taking place in Roscrea, Bournea, Kyle &
 Knock. Request Forms are available in the Parish
 Office & in the Sacristy in Roscrea or can be
 downloaded at [www.stcronanscluster.ie/-
 preparations.html](http://www.stcronanscluster.ie/-preparations.html)**

A Fee of €300 is payable for the booking of weddings in
 our Parish Churches. This fee covers Church
 Paperwork, Use of the Church, Priest & Sacristan.

The fee is payable upon booking.



Christmas Mass Times

Roscrea: Christmas Eve 8pm
 Christmas Day 8.30am, 10.30am, 12noon
Camblin: Christmas Day 10am
Knock: Christmas Eve 7.30pm
Ballaghmore: Christmas Day 9.30am
Couraguneen: Christmas Eve 8pm
Clonakenny: Christmas Day 11am

Bournea: *Please note – one Mass only in each church*

Roscrea Baptism Team

The next meeting with the Baptism Team will be on Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. As normal, a member of the Baptism Team will contact all families with upcoming baptisms regarding this meeting.

Readers – Christmas Day

Roscrea: 8pm: L Hennessy 8.30am: Mgt Ryan
 10.30am: Folk Group 12.00noon: Y O'Rourke
Couraguneen 8pm: E Mullally **Clonakenny** 11am: Á Fogarty

Readers – Sunday 31st December

Roscrea: 6.30pm: Folk Group 8.30am: A Moore
 10.30am: L Hennessy 12.00noon: Y O'Rourke
Camblin: 10am: M Burke
Couraguneen: 8pm: T Hennessy Jnr
Clonakenny: 11am: L Doran

Ministers of the Eucharist – Christmas Day

Roscrea
 6.30pm: A Delahunty, E Tynan, A Delaney, P J Hassett, J Mulvey
 8.30am: M Shanahan, C Phelan, A McManus, M Heffernan
 10.30am: N Dooley, S Wrenn, Mgt Ryan, P Guidera, M Landy
 12noon: P Caverley, J Haugh, N & M Moore
Camblin: 10am: D Cody
Couraguneen: 8pm: E Mortimer
Clonakenny: 11am: T Shanahan



Ministers of the Eucharist – Sunday 31st December

Roscrea
 6.30pm: N Loughnane, R Carroll, J Keeshan, J Mulvey
 8.30am: M Lupton, R Mulrooney, M Kenny, T Carroll
 10.30am: P Landy, N Brophy, M Phelan, E Collis
 12noon: E Lupton, J Byrne, J McMahan
Camblin: 10am: M Fitzgerald
Couraguneen: 8pm: K Hennessy
Clonakenny: 11am: M Kiely

Parish Calendars are available at Church Entrances

The Parish Office is closed for Christmas – it will reopen on Wednesday 3rd January 2018 at 10am

Killaloe Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bishop Fintan Monahan will lead the **62nd Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** from Shannon Airport on Tuesday 26th June returning on Sunday 1st July. €695 full board for online booking at www.joewalshstours.ie. Special section for sick or assisted pilgrims at a reduced price. Early booking advisable. Full details from Fr Tom Ryan 061-364133.
Autumn Pilgrimage from Sunday 7th October, returning Friday 12th October €669 for online booking.

Hospice Wren Walk

December 26th at 11am from Fancroft Mills.
 Walk for as long or as short as you wish!
 Refreshments served afterwards.
 All support welcome for this Hospice Fundraiser.

Roscrea Red Cross Food Distribution

The Roscrea Branch of the Irish Red Cross are operating a "Food Cloud" every Wednesday between 12.30pm & 1pm at the Parish Centre. This surplus food donated by Tesco is available free of charge to those who need it.

New Year Dinner & Hooley

Roscrea Age Friendly invite you all to their New Year Celebration, including three course meal & lots of entertainment, in Racket Hall Hotel on Sunday 7th January from 1.30pm to 5pm. Tickets €15 available from Committee Members or by contacting 083-1133987.

Killavilla Text Alert: Annual Subscription of €10 is due for the Text Alert for Killavilla, Coolehall, Ballybritt, Roscomroe & Corville. A member of the committee will be calling in the coming weeks to collect this subscription.

A Letter from Santa Clause to the Baby Jesus

My dear precious Jesus,
 I did not mean to take your place,
 I only bring toys & things, but you bring love & grace.
 People give me lists of wishes & hope that they come true;
 But you hear prayers of the heart,
 And promise your will to do.
 Children try to be good & not to cry
 When I am coming to town;
 But you love them unconditionally
 And that love will always abound.
 I leave only a bag of toys & temporary joy for a season;
 But you leave a heart of love, full of promise & reasons.
 I have a reputation to keep, what one might call fame;
 But I never healed the blind or tried to help the lame.
 I have rosy cheeks & a voice full of laughter;
 But no nail-scarred hands or a promise of the hereafter.
 You may find several of me in town or in a mall;
 But there is only one of you, to answer all our calls.
 And so, my dear precious Jesus, I kneel here to pray,
 To worship & adore you, on this your holy birthday.

The best present you can open this season is your heart!