



# RATHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

All nations now are called to belong to Jesus Christ, to enter into the House of David and Kingdom of God, the Church. Together, through the obedience of faith, we have been made a new race – a royal people that seeks for the face of the God of Jacob



## VIGIL & SUNDAY MASSES FOR SATURDAY 17th & SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER

**Rathmore Sat 17<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Martin Duggan, Meentogues (Months Mind)**  
**Gneeveguilla Sat 17<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm RE-DEDICATION OF GNEEVEGUILLA CHURCH**  
**(Bishop Ray Browne will celebrate Mass followed by light refreshments in GAA Hall)**  
**Shrone Sun 18<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Phil & Margaret Cremin, Shrone**  
**Knocknagree Sun 18<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Tom Walsh, Mountcain**  
**Rathmore Sun 18<sup>th</sup> 11.30am Donors Intention**



### RATHMORE

**Tues 20<sup>th</sup> 9.30am People of the Parish**  
**Wed 21<sup>st</sup> 11.30am St. Joseph's Day Centre Christmas Mass**  
**Wed 21<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm Tommy Kelleher, West End**  
**All deceased of Kelleher family, Star Bar**  
**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**  
**Sun 25<sup>th</sup> 11.30am CHRISTMAS DAY MASS**



# Prepare the Way of the Lord

### KNOCKNAGREE

**Thur 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.30am Nora Kelleher, Bandon & I/o Knockeenagullane**  
**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> 8.30pm CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**  
**Sun 25<sup>th</sup> 11.00am CHRISTMAS DAY MASS**

### GNEEVEGUILLA

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Michael & Joan O'Connor, Maughantourig**  
**Nora McAuliffe, Gneeveguilla & her daughter Deirdre Maguire**  
**Thanksgiving for all who participated in Rosary Rally**  
**Nora & Tim Cronin, Chertsey, England & I/o Goulane & Annaghbeg**  
**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> 9.30am The Cronin Family, Quarry Cross**  
**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**  
**Sun 25<sup>th</sup> 10.00am CHRISTMAS DAY MASS**

### SHRONE

**Sun 25<sup>th</sup> 9.00am CHRISTMAS DAY MASS**



**Fr. Joe Tarrant (086)3978642 is the priest on duty TODAY SUNDAY for emergency and sick calls**

### CHILD PROTECTION REPRESENTATIVES

Han Donnelly 0871249461 (Gneeveguilla) Margaret McGrath (089)4182683 (Rathmore)  
 Ber Murphy 087 6468620 (Shrone) Betty Moynihan 087 6186091)Knocknagree

### PARISH OFFICE - 064 7761669

**Opening hours:** Mon. and Tues. 9.30am to 12.30pm. Wednesday and Thursday 4pm to 7 pm. Friday 11 am to 2pm  
**During the Christmas period the Parish Office will be closed on Mon. 26<sup>th</sup> and Tues. 27<sup>th</sup> December and Mon. 2<sup>nd</sup> and Fri. 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

### COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

**From Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 all Email correspondence relating to the Community Newsletter must NOW be sent to our new email address**

[communitynewsletter@rathmoreparish.ie](mailto:communitynewsletter@rathmoreparish.ie)

Compiling the Community Newsletter will now be shared between the Parish Office and Janice.

During the months of January, March, April, May, June & November – it will be done by Janice and all phone enquiries to 064-7758219

During the months of February, July, August, September, December. – it will be done by Parish Office and all phone enquiries to 064-7761669 (October to be compiled by either depending on workload)

Short term adverts, must be paid for in advance to the Parish Office before 12.30pm Tuesday to be guaranteed inclusion the following weekend. Acknowledgements must be booked in advance to be guaranteed preferred date.

**PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY:** To Eileen O’Keeffe, Gattabawn, on the death of her husband Paddy Martin and sympathy also to his sons, Mairtean and Denis and their families. His funeral took place on Thursday in Gneeveguilla. To Sheila Cremin, Lissyconnor, on the death of her sister Bridie McGovern (nee O’Leary) New York & I/o Clounts whose funeral takes place today Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> in New York. May **Paddy Martin** and **Bridie** rest gently in the presence of the Lord and may all who mourn their loss be comforted.

**CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS** now available in the Parish Office and also at Knocknagree church.

**Mass for all the shared intentions will be on *Mon 2nd Jan. 2017 at 11 am in Rathmore.***

**KERRY HOSPICE CHRISTMAS CARDS:** are now available at Rathmore Credit Union, Rathmore Post Office, Reen’s Pharmacy, Maria Ryan and Donal O’Keeffe. Packs of 10 for €7. Your support would be greatly appreciated

**DON'T BE LONELY THIS CHRISTMAS:** Senior Help Line, Ireland’s only national listening service for older people, will be open every day over Christmas and the New Year from 10 am to 10 pm. We are here to take your call if you are on your own, feeling isolated, worried or would like someone to talk to. Senior Help Line volunteers are trained older people who understand the ups and downs of life, and are happy to listen, to keep company and to support. **So let us put the companionship into Christmas this year. LoCall 1850 440 444, no call costs more than 30 cents. All calls completely confidential.**



**CHRISTMAS SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION  
MAKE GOD’S FORGIVENESS A REALITY - ALL WELCOME**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on this Sunday **18th December** from **4pm to 6pm in Rathmore Church**. The Priests of the Pastoral Area will be available during this time. Even if you are not receiving the Sacrament, please come

in and spend a little time in quiet prayer. **Reconciliation Services will also take place in other churches in the deanery on the following dates:**

**MON. 19<sup>th</sup> Kiskeam 8.00pm TUES. 20<sup>th</sup> Millstreet 7.30pm WED. 21<sup>st</sup> Dromagh 7.30pm**

**KERRY SAMARITANS - CHURCH GATE COLLECTION:** will take place on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at all churches throughout Kerry. Your generous support will help them to provide continued help and emotional support to all who call them and the community.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Rathmore **finishes** on Thurs. 22nd Dec.----- **resumes** on Thurs. 12th Jan.  
 Knocknagree **finishes** on Wed. 21st Dec.----- **resumes** on Wed. 11th Jan.  
 Gneeveguilla **finished** on Tues. 13th Dec.----- **resumes** on Tues. 10th Jan

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE FOR OUR PARISH**

Christmas Eve	– Sat. 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec. -	7.00pm	- Rathmore
		7.30pm	- Gneeveguilla
		8.30pm	- Knocknagree
Christmas Day	- Sun. 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec. -	9.00 am	- Shrone
		10.00am	- Gneeveguilla
		11.00am	- Knocknagree
		11.30am	- Rathmore

*Jesus is  
the reason  
for the  
season*

**PARISH CALENDAR:** 2017 Parish calendar will be distributed to all households in the parish together with parish envelopes and a Christmas message from Fr. Pat.

**CHRISTMAS DUES:** The Christmas Dues and Priests Fraternity Fund (Pink envelope) Collection will be taken up at all Masses in the parish as a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Many thanks for your support during the year.