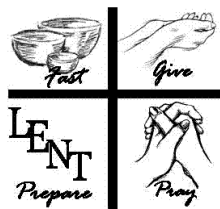


RATHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

THE GOSPEL TODAY SETS US OUT ON OUR LENTEN JOURNEY AS WE, LIKE JESUS, ARE LED INTO THE WILDERNESS. LENT CAN BE A POIGNANT TIME FOR REFLECTION, FOR LOOKING AT OUR LIVES AND OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE WORLD AND ASKING 'HOW AM I DOING?' LENT INVITES US TO ENTER INTO A SUBTLE TRANSFORMATION WITH THE PEOPLE AND THE WORLD AROUND US.

VIGIL & SUNDAY MASSES FOR SATURDAY MARCH 4th & SUNDAY MARCH 5th

RATHMORE	Sat 4th	6.00pm	Noel Hassett, Rathmore Village Deborrah O'Sullivan, Rathduane John Sheahan, Rathmore Village Mary & Michael Murphy, Kilquane & Hannah Mary Lyne, Knockeenduve Timmie Sheehan, Ard Mhuire Patrick Nagle, Shinnagh Alec Hickey, Rathmore Townland
GNEEVEGUILLA	Sat 4th	7.30pm	Sr. Lupeta Carmody l/o Glountane, Cordal & U.K. (Months Mind)
SHRONE	Sun 5th	9.00am	Timothy, Johanna & John O'Donoghue, Gortdarrig Mary Hickey, Aunaskirtane
KNOCKNAGREE	Sun 5th	10.00am	Eileen Howard, Laxie (1st Anniv.)
RATHMORE	Sun 5th	11.30am	Donie Dineen, Caherbarnagh



Mass Intentions
for the Week

RATHMORE

Mon 6th 7.30pm Jimmy Fitzgerald, Lyreaoune (Months Mind)
Tue 7th 8.15am (Please note time – Special Mass time for Lent) **PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**

Wed 8th 7.30pm Denis & Nora F. Hickey, Knocknaloman
8.00pm First Confession for children from Holy Family N.S. & Shrone N.S.
Fri 10th 7.30pm John Houlihan (7th) & Hannah B. Houlihan (3rd), Stagmount
Pat O'Leary, West End & his daughter Eileen & her husband
Gerard Moynihan, Kilkenny
Andrew & Nora Moynihan, Stagmount, their daughter Marie, son
Donal & Andrew's brother Arthur & deceased of Moynihan family
Dan Joe & Moira Dineen, Caherbarnagh
Paud O'Donoghue, Rathbeg

Sat 11th 6.00pm Betsy O'Hanlon, East End, (1st Anniv.)

Sun 12th 11.30am Michael P. Moynihan, Knockdurath

GNEEVEGUILLA

Fri 10th 6.30pm Connie & Bridget Casey Leam

Sat 11th 7.30pm Neilie Cronin, Goulane & his sister Noreen O'Sullivan and their

parents Jeremiah & Molly Cronin

Jeremiah & Nora McCarthy, Stagmount

Kathleen & Daniel O'Leary, Meenagisaugh

Jeremiah Crowley, Annaghbeg

Brendan Cronin & his daughter Joan, Mausroure

KNOCKNAGREE

Thurs 9th 9.30am Hannah O'Sullivan, Nohoval & her daughter Hannah

Sun 12th 10.00am Margaret O'Connell, l/o Doneraile & Knockeenagullane (Months Mind)

SHRONE

Sun 12th 9.00am Donors Intention

Fr. John Fitzgerald P.P. (087)7752948 is the priest on duty TODAY SUNDAY for emergency and sick calls

LENT: THIS YEAR PASTORAL AREAS IN THE DIOCESE WILL HOST LENTEN TALKS - Next week Killarney Pastoral Area 'Hearing, Happening, Hoping – Food for Deeper Living from the Gospels' Speaker: Fr. Seamus O'Connell will take place in John Paul II Pastoral Centre on Friday March 10th at 7.30pm.

LENTEN TALK FOR OUR PASTORAL AREA WILL BE GIVEN BY Fr. Peter McVerry in Boherbue

Comprehensive School on Monday March 20th at 8pm. The theme – 'Homelessness and poverty – the challenge of the Gospel. Everyone is welcome.

Sincere thank you to all who attended 6.30pm Mass in Gneeveguilla on Mon 27th Feb. in honour of Our Lady of Fatima to launch our parish response to Our Lady's request. Special thanks to Fr. Pat for his encouraging words.

Open Day
Coláiste Íde
Dingle Sat 11th
March 12 to 4pm

Lenten Justice Talk:

Mon Mar 13th at 7.30pm in St. John's Church, Tralee, Richard Moore from Children in Crossfire will speak on his experiences of healing



CHILD PROTECTION REPRESENTATIVES

Han Donnelly 0871249461 (Gneeveguilla)
Ber Murphy 087 6468620 (Shrone)

Margaret McGrath (089)4182683 (Rathmore)
Betty Moynihan 087 6186091 (Knocknagree)

PARISH OFFICE-064 7761669: Opening hours: Mon. and Tues. 9.30am to 12.30pm Wed. and Thurs. 4pm to 7pm Friday 11 am to 2pm

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER: From Jan. 1st 2017 all Email correspondence relating to the Community Newsletter must NOW be sent to our new email address communitynewsletter@rathmoreparish.ie DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH the community newsletter will be compiled by JANICE and all phone enquiries to (064)7758219. Short term adverts, must be paid for in advance to the Parish Office before 12.30pm Tuesday to be guaranteed inclusion the following weekend.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY: To Catherine Daly, Kilquane, and her family on the death of her husband Thomas Daly whose funeral took place on Monday in Barradubh. May **Thomas** rest gently in the presence of the Lord and may all who mourn his loss be comforted.

ANNUAL CONSECRATION TO OUR BLESSED LADY (Legion of Mary), will be held on Sun 12th March at 3pm in the Church of the Resurrection, Killarney. Everyone is very welcome.

Fundraising Dance in aid of Kerry-Cork Health Link Bus Sun. 5th March at River Island Hotel, Castleisland 2-6pm
Tickets €10 Contact 0863273908

ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE (0667134276)
Padre Pio: Mon. 6th Mar. 7.00pm
The Faith Prayed: Fr. Sean Sheehy, Wed. 8th Mar 7.00pm.

Rathmore Branch of Kerry Parents & Friends will hold their **AGM** on Thurs. 9th March in the Fr. Corridon Centre, Rathmore at 8pm. New members welcome.

Invitation to **BALLYDESMOND PARISH MISSION** Thurs 9th to Sun 12th March - Directed by the Columbans // THUR - Mass at 7am - Adoration with Mindfulness 8 to 8.30am -Healing Mass at 7.30pm // FRI - Mass at 7am - 3-5pm Individual spiritual direction (can be at church and presbytery) Mass at 7.30pm // SAT 10-12 Individual spiritual direction (can be at church and presbytery) Mass at 7.30pm // SUN 11am Mass 3pm Closing Ceremonies

Rosary Novena to Our Lady of Fatima will begin on Mon. Mar. 13th - If you can say a Rosary a day during the 9 days of the Novena for a great parish response to Our Lady's Requests please contact 087/7853706 (Eugie) 089/2452787 (Seamus)

Rathmore Parish Pastoral Council

At last Monday night's Pastoral Council Meeting the following matters were discussed: **We would particularly draw your attention to item three.**

1. Gathering for those who had a child baptised in 2016 will be held in Rathmore Church and Teach Íosagáin on Sun. March 19th at 3pm.
2. It was decided to seek to book a group to provide a Parish Mission for October 2018.
3. **Preparing for the Parish of the Future:** We began a conversation about what parishes might look like in the future and what we will need to put in place to prepare for this new reality. The following are some of the items that arose: Parishes will still retain their identity but need to be seen in the context of the Pastoral Area. It is inevitable that the number of parishes without a priest will continue to grow (it is anticipated to occur at a rate of two parishes per year)

Parishes in the Pastoral area are well equipped in terms of Pastoral Councils, Finance Committees, Liturgy Groups, and Safeguarding Committees. It was felt that these groups will take on a far greater oversight role in the future and will and as a consequence be meeting more frequently. Laity will take on a far greater role in leading liturgies, and it was felt that in this and other areas of involvement additional training will be needed.

This is just the beginning of a conversation. We invite parishioners to become part of the discussion by emailing your views to rathmore@dioceseofkerry.ie or writing to: Rathmore Parish Pastoral Council, The Parish Office, Teach Íosagáin, Rathmore, Co Kerry.

Following the call of Pope Francis it was agreed that we would try to create areas of greater bio-diversity in the grounds of Rathmore Church. (Areas in Knocknagree & Shrone were also identified) Chris Barron will lead this project on behalf of the Council and would welcome others who would like to become involved.

Training for Liturgy groups will take place in the Parish Centre in Millstreet on April 27th at 8pm.

This will be facilitated by Frances Rowland.