



RATHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

The Lord has anointed me ... to bring Good News to the poor, to heal the broken hearted God of anointing in sending Your Son to be one of us You have called us too, to be the Body of Christ. Strengthen me on this Joyful Sunday as I live this anointing, this privilege, this responsibility.

WEEKEND MASSES FOR SAT. DECEMBER 16TH & SUN. DECEMBER 17TH (3rd Sunday of Advent)

RATHMORE	Sat	16th	6.00pm	Mary Murphy, Kilquane
				Jerry & Peggy Hyde, Ard Mhuire
KNOCKNAGREE	Sat	16th	7.30pm	Pat Reen, Tureenareha
				Dan & Nora O'Leary, Umeraboy
				Pat & Kathy Hickey, Mountcain & their son Patrick
SHRONE	Sun	17th	9.00am	Donors Intention
GNEEVGUILLA	Sun	17th	10.00am	Dan T. O'Keeffe, Tureencahill
				Michael & Joan O'Connor, Maughantourig
				Daniel Cronin, Gneeveguilla Upper
				Timmy & Mossey O'Donoghue, Lisheen
RATHMORE	Sun	17th	11.30am	George & Maura Byrne, Shinnagh & their son John
				John, Margaret & Alec Hickey, Inches

RATHMORE TODAY SUNDAY 17TH 4.00PM CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS IN THE CHURCH

Gneeveguilla

Mon 18th	6.30pm	MULTI-INTENTIONAL MASS	John & Catherine O'Keeffe, Bounard
Fri 22nd	7.30pm	Eileen Murphy (nee Cronin) Celbridge & l/o Lyre (Months Mind)	
Sun 24th	10.00am	Frank Sanderson, Liverpool	Nora & Tim Cronin, l/o Chertsey, England, Goulane & Annaghbeg

Rathmore

Tues 19th	9.30am	People of the Parish	
Wed 20th	6.30pm	(Please note time) Donors Intention	
Sat 23rd	6.00pm	MULTI-INTENTIONAL MASS	Tim & Nell Reen, Moulagow
Sun 24th	PLEASE NOTE NO 11.30AM MASS		

Knocknagree

Thurs 21st	9.30am	Donors Intention	
Sat 23rd	7.30pm	MULTI-INTENTIONAL MASS	Nellie & Timmie Twomey, Umeraboy

Shrone

Sun 24th	9.00am	Donors Intention	
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Fr. Pat O'Donnell P.P. (086)8351732 is the priest on duty on this SUNDAY for emergency and sick calls

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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. & Tues. 9.30am to 12.30pm - Wed. & Thurs. 4pm to 7pm - Fri. 11 am to 2pm COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER: Email correspondence relating to the Community Newsletter to communitynewsletter@rathmoreparish.ie or telephone Parish Office 064 7761669

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE FOR OUR PARISH

Christmas Eve	- Sun. 24th Dec	7.00pm	- Rathmore - Childrens' Christmas Mass
		7.30pm	- Knocknagree
		8.30pm	- Gneeveguilla
Christmas Day	- Mon. 25th Dec. -	9.00 am	- Shrone
		10.00am	- Gneeveguilla
		11.00am	- Knocknagree
		11.30am	- Rathmore

Jesus is the reason for the season

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY: To John Lehane, Tureen, and all his brothers and sisters on the death of their brother Noel Lehane, Two Gneevs, Cullen whose funeral took place on Wednesday in Cullen. May Noel rest in peace and may all who mourn his loss be comforted.

A.G.M. of Eucharistic Adoration Gneeveguilla on Mon. 18th Dec. in Le Cheile Centre after 6.30pm Mass.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN OUR PARISH EVERY WEEK

10am to 9pm in Gneeveguilla - Tuesday 10am to 9pm Knocknagree - Wednesday
10am to 9pm in Rathmore - Thursday Shrone – 5.30pm-6.30pm Thursday & 9-11am Friday

Please note the following arrangements during the Christmas period:

Church	Last date of Adoration before Christmas	Date Resuming after Christmas
Gneeveguilla	Tuesday 19 th December 2017	Tuesday 9 th January 2018
Knocknagree	Wednesday 13 th December 2017	Wednesday 17 th January 2018
Rathmore	Thursday 21 st December 2017	Thursday 11 th January 2018
Shrone	Thurs. 21 st /Fri. 22 nd December 2017	Thurs. 11 th /Fri. 12 th January 2018



The Holy Rosary is being recited before all weekend Masses in each church in the parish. We thank those who are on rotas in each church for agreeing to lead the rosary. It will commence 20 minutes before Mass. "The Rosary will cause virtue and good works to flourish" (Promise of Our Lady)

Important Dates

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS IN THE DEANERY:

Boherbue – Mon. 18th Dec. 8.00pm Millstreet – Tues. 19th Dec. 7.30pm Dromagh Wed. 20th 7.30pm

NOTICE

Christmas Mass Bouquets now available in Parish Office. Mass for these shared Mass intentions will be offered on Sunday 31st Dec at 11.30am in Rathmore.

2018 PARISH CALENDAR: Our annual Parish Calendar will be available this week. They will be delivered to every home with the parish envelopes. It promises to be a nice surprise with lots of parish information.

CHRISTMAS WEEK IN THE PARISH OFFICE: Normal opening hours next week Mon. 18th to Fri. 22nd Dec. Closed during Christmas. Re-opening on Thursday 28th December. Closed on Mon. Jan 1st 2018.

NEWSLETTERS: This publication, the Mass Bulletin will be published each weekend. The last edition of the Community Newsletter is this weekend 16th/17th Dec. The Community Newsletter will resume again weekend 6th /7th January 2018.

CHRISTMAS DUES: The Christmas Dues (Pink envelope) Collection will be taken up at all Masses in the parish as a 2nd collection on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please return your Christmas Dues envelope in this collection or you may wish to make an anonymous donation. Many thanks for your support during the year.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESE: Christmas and New Year is often a time when we are reminded of our deeper selves and deepest hopes, and deepest pain. The vision of *Towards Peace* is to provide a safe supportive space for people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context, and who are seeking to explore the spiritual impact of the abuse. If you have been abused and would like a space to reflect on the impact of the trauma of abuse on your own relationship with God and spirituality, *Towards Peace* is here for you: www.towardspeace.ie / 01 505 3028.

GAUDETE SUNDAY – JOYFUL SUNDAY- BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

For the past several decades, each year on Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, children (and adults) bring their Baby Jesus figures from the crib in their homes to St. Peter's Square in Rome where the Pope blesses both the people and the figurines during the Angelus. This tradition is known as 'Bambinelli Sunday.' ***This year we are celebrating "Bambinelli Sunday" at all Masses in our parish this weekend. All are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their crib at home to Mass this weekend to be blessed.*** Following the blessing, the tradition is that the family takes their "bambinelli" home and place it in a gift box or wrap it and save it for Christmas morning when it is the first gift to be opened. One of the younger members of the family then places your Baby Jesus figure in the crib.

God our Father, you loved us so much, you sent us your only Son, Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary, to save us and lead us back to you. We pray that, with your blessing, these images of Jesus might be a sign of your presence and love in our homes. Good Father, give your blessing to all who gather with us this Christmas, family and friends. Open our hearts, that we might receive Jesus in joy, do always what he asks of us and see him in those who need our love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son, who came to give peace to the world. You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen. (Pope Benedict, Bambinelli Sunday 2008)