

RATHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

In our Parish people are nourished by the Word of God. It is a Parish where love is tangible and practical. It is a place where people pray together. Our Parish community is centred on Jesus Christ, on knowing and loving Him. It is incarnated in the love we show one another.

WEEKEND MASSES FOR THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI - SAT JUNE 17th & SUN JUNE 18th

RATHMORE Sat 17th 6.00pm

Gretta Sheahan, Nohoval

KNOCKNAGREE Sat 17th 7.30pm

James Lucey, Shanballa

Jeremiah & Nora Sheehan, Tureencahill

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION AFTER 7.30PM MASS IN KNOCKNAGREE

SHRONE Sun 18th 9.00am

Phil Cremin, Gortnagown

GNEEVGUILLA Sun 18th 10.00am

Jim, Mai & Pat Joe Cronin, Coom Lr.

Anne O'Keeffe, Coom Lr.

RATHMORE Sun 18th 11.30am

Shared Mass for Exam students



Thur 22nd 10.30am

Gneeveguilla N.S. Graduation Mass in church

Sun 25th 10.00am

Helen O'Sullivan, Milltown & Umeraboy

Rathmore

Mon 19th 8.00pm

KILQUANE CEMETERY MASS

Tues 20th 9.30am

People of the Parish

Wed 21st 7.30pm

MASS ON TOKENFIRE MOUNTAIN

Fri 23rd 1.00pm

Holy Family N.S. Graduation Mass in the school

Sat 24th 6.00pm

MULTI-INTENTIONAL MASS

Bridget Dineen, Clounts

Elaine Lowe, Gneeveguilla

Christopher O'Sullivan, Freemount & Gleann Rua

Mamie & Patrick Nagle, Shinnagh Lr.

Sun 25th 11.30am

Moira Casey, Shinnagh

Knocknagree

Fri 23rd 7.30pm

Donors Intention

Sat 24th 7.30pm

MULTI-INTENTIONAL MASS

Paddy & Eileen O'Sullivan, Tureenclassagh

Patrick & Nora O'Sullivan, Nohoval Upper

Timmy Collins, Knocknagree & daughter Maria O'Keeffe, Kilcummin

Shrone

Sun 25th 9.00am

Michael O'Callaghan, Gortacorrin



Fr. John Fitzgerald P.P. (087) 7752948 is the priest on duty on this 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 Wed. and Thurs. 4pm to 7pm Friday 11 am to 2pm

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER - (064)7758219

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER: Email correspondence relating to the Community Newsletter to communitynewsletter@rathmoreparish.ie
DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE 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.

May Jesus in the Eucharist always be the very centre and heart of our church, the centre and heart of our faith, the centre and heart of our parish, and the centre and heart of the lives of each of us.

**O Sacrament most holy,
All praise and all thanksgiving**

**O Sacrament divine,
be every moment thine.**

FRIDAY 23rd JUNE - FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

RATHMORE PARISH ANNUAL CEMETERY MASSES: All Masses at 8pm

Mon. 19th June – Kilquane

Mon. 26th June – Knocknagree

Thurs 29th June – Nohoval

Mon. 3rd July – Old Chapel

Wed. 5th July – Behinaugh

CEMETERY MASS REMEMBRANCE STONES

This year you are invited to bring a stone to be used as a 'prayer stone' to the Cemetery Masses in the parish and we will create a cairn of stones. ... to honour our prayerful gathering.

Cairns are a group of monuments constructed for a ritual or social gathering. There are just over 400 of them in Ireland, and they are almost all found north of a line between Galway Bay and Dublin, i.e. in the northern half of the country. There is also a Jewish custom of leaving stones on the grave to mark a visit to remember a loved one.

Please inform people outside Parish who may have relatives buried in any of the aforementioned of dates and time. It is greatly appreciated that all our graveyards are kept tidy.

For those of you who would like to attend Ballydesmond Cemetery Mass it is on next Sunday June 25th 11am

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION WITH OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS:

Our first Holy Communicants from all our National Schools in the parish will be in Knocknagree Church getting ready to process after Mass in our annual **Corpus Christi procession on this Saturday 17th June after 7.30pm Mass.** Dressed in their beautiful communion clothes, the children once more will radiate the beauty and innocence of their faith as they walk with the Blessed Sacrament which they have received very recently. Our sincere thanks to all our teachers in our national schools who prepared the children together with parents and families for their First Communion. We especially thank the teachers and parents for such beautiful art work which has adorned the churches since Communion day. Please God weather conditions will be favourable for the procession. The First Holy Communicants who will lead this procession which will process from the church through the Church grounds to the Cemetery. There will be Benediction on the main pathway at the top of the cemetery to end the Procession.

All are welcome

ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE (Bookings & info call 066 713 4276)

Self Care Day: Practical skills for stress management and emotional wellness, Sat. 8th July 9.45am-4.00pm. Contact: Anna O'Donoghue 0879447105 Ref. capacitar-Ireland.org

CARVE OUT SOME TIME – it only takes 15 minutes to say the family rosary – you will transform your ordinary day into a precious bouquet of love for Our Lady. “Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world.” – Pope Pius IX “There is no surer means of calling down God’s blessings upon the family... than the daily recitation of the Rosary.” – Pope Pius XII.

MASS ON TOKEN FIRE MOUNTAIN - This Wednesday June 21st 7.30pm

Join us in celebrating mid- Summer

Midsummer is the time when we celebrate the bounty of the earth and the power of the sun. Our fields are flourishing, fruits are blossoming on the trees and herb bushes are fragrant and full of life. The sun is at its highest point in the sky, and it has bathed the earth in its warmth, heating up the soil so that when autumn rolls around, we'll have a rich and bountiful harvest. Celebrations that accompany the solstice or take place on a day between June 19 and June 25. (The Feast of John the Baptist)

The Gospel of Luke (Luke 1:36, 56–57) states that John was born about six months before Jesus; therefore, the feast of John the Baptist was fixed on 24 June, six months before Christmas Eve. This feast day is one of the very few saints' days which commemorates the anniversary of the birth, rather than the death, of the saint being honoured.

The following description is edited from a piece written in 1943 by an old schoolmaster who lived in West Limerick:

"...old people of thirty years ago and more remembered how the fire used to be lit exactly at sunset and had to be watched and tended until long after midnight. Prayers use to be said to obtain God's blessing on the crops, then at the peak-point of summer bloom. (see St. John's Eve in old Ireland by Bridget Haggerty)

JOIN US ON TOKEN FIRE MOUNTAIN ON JUNE 21ST AT 7.30PM

AS WE AS A COMMUNITY GIVE THANKS FOR LIFE, FOR HEALTH AND FOR THE FRUITS OF THE EARTH.

THE BEAUTIFUL GIFT OF HOLY COMMUNION : Hand, head and heart – and for each of us, the greatest of these is heart. And when the heart is moved and touched by Holy Communion, we are living life as God intended us to do. Happy feast of Corpus Christi to all and may our reception of Holy Communion this weekend move our hearts in serving the Lord faithfully.