

RATHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

VIGIL AND SUNDAY MASSES FOR SATURDAY 17th AND SUNDAY 18th NOVEMBER

Sat. 17th 6.00pm RATHMORE: Vincent & Joan Cahill, West End & their sons Stephen & Donal Peter & Bridie Dennehy, Anablaha, Kilcummin Patrick Cahill, Inches, & his son Neily Cahill, I/o London & Inches

Sat. 17th 7.30pm GNEEVEGUILLA: Neil Fleming, Renasup James & Margaret Casey, Leam Fr. Dan Cronin, Quarry Cross John, Mary & Jack Riordan, Annaghbeg Brendan Ashe, Sliabh Luachra Estate Frank Sanderson, I/o Liverpool Sheila Woulfe & her husband Ned, I/o Athea & Umeraboy Brian Christy O'Connor, Leam Patsy Brosnan, Bounard



Sun. 18th 9.00am SHRONE:

Sun. 18th 10.00am KNOCKNAGREE: John & Teresa Linehan, Mountinfant & their sons Johnny & Kevin Benny O'Connor, Umeraboy

Margaret Mary Moynihan & deceased of Moynihan family, Knocknagree Christy & Bridie Mahony, Nohoval Upper & their daughter Brenda Tier, Newcastle, Dublin Dan O'Keeffe, Umeraboy Jackie O'Halloran & his parents John & Aileen, Shanballa Kit Dennehy, Knocknagree Tade & Nellie Lehane, Park

Sun. 18th 11.30am RATHMORE: Donal Moynihan, Raheen

MONDAY 19th NOVEMBER TO SUNDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2018

Mon. 19th 6.30pm GNEEVEGUILLA: NOVEMBER LISTS

Tues. 20th 9.30am RATHMORE: People of the Parish

Wed. 21st 7.30pm RATHMORE: NOVEMBER LISTS – Feast of Presentation of Our Lady

Thurs. 22nd 7.30pm RATHMORE: Mary (2nd Anniv.) & Pat Joe (11th Anniv.) Cremin, Counerough

Fri. 23rd 9.30am KNOCKNAGREE: Donors Intention

Sat. 24th 6.00pm RATHMORE: Johnny Arthur & Babe Moynihan, Bridge Bar

Sat. 24th 7.30pm GNEEVEGUILLA: Denis & all deceased of Nagle family, Kilquane

Dan & Susan Daly, Knocknageeha

Patrick, Julia, Johnny & James Doyle, Maulykevane

Sun 25th 9.00am SHRONE: Jackie & Cathy Scannell, Shronebeg

Sun. 25th 10.00am KNOCKNAGREE: John Horgan, Knocknageeha (Months Mind)

Sun. 25th 11.30am RATHMORE: Donors Intention

Fr. Pat O'Donnell P.P. (086)8351732 is the priest on duty this Sunday for emergency and sick calls

THOUGHTS & PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AT THIS TIME OF SORROW: To Ciss Riordan, Tureencahill on the death of her brother, Michael Fleming, I/o Tureencahill and Boston, whose funeral took place in Boston on Wed. 7th Nov. (Memorial Mass for Michael Fleming on Mon. 3rd Dec. in Gneeveguilla Church @ 6.30pm.) To Mary Devitt, Shronemore, on the death of her sister Helen Gleeson (nee Moynihan) I/o Shronemore & New York whose ashes were interred in Shrone Cemetery on Thurs. Nov. 8th. To Pdraig & Donal Reddington and their families on the death of their father Matt Reddington, Shinnagh, whose funeral took place on today Saturday in Rathmore. May Michael, Helen & Matt rest in peace and may God's love sustain and comfort all who mourn their loss.

KERRY HOSPICE CHRISTMAS CARDS are now available at Rathmore Post Office, Rathmore Credit Union, Reen's Pharmacy or from Maria Ryan or Donal O'Keeffe. The proceeds from the sale of cards goes to funding the Palliative Care Unit at University Hospital Kerry.

THE IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE will hold a Blood Donor clinic in St. Joseph's Day Care Centre, RATHMORE 6pm – 9pm Wednesday 21st November 2018

O'CALLAGHAN COACH HOLIDAYS will be travelling to the Night Vigil in Knock on December 7th/8th. For enquiries or bookings please contact the office on 0646631095

KNOCKNAGREE-KENYA: Cake Sale in aid of Kenya (Fr. Sean Cremin) will be held in Adoration Room Knocknagree Church before and after 10am Mass Sun. 25th Nov. All proceeds in aid of Missionary work.

MONSTER BINGO – RATHMORE BRANCH OF KERRY PARENTS & FRIENDS – will hold their annual Bingo on Sun. 9th December in Community Centre Rathmore at 3pm. Please Support.

The Wandering Padre

Dear Parishioners,

After much speculation over the past few months, I wish to confirm that I will be taking some time out from my duties from January 2019 to the end of June. Fr Anthony O'Sullivan, whom many of you have already met, will be stepping in during that period. Don't panic just yet, I am not departing the Parish, you will be seeing me every once and a while throughout my time off, and normal service will resume in July. Furthermore, I will be in regular contact with Fr. Anthony, the Parish Pastoral Council, the Parish Office, for any matters that they feel might need my attention.

I did not to make this announcement earlier as I didn't want to distract from the everyday work of the parish particularly in the build up to the Parish Mission.

Why now? This is something I had hoped to do in the future, but in discussions with the diocese, it became clear (with declining numbers) that if I did not avail of the opportunity now, I would be unlikely to get a chance in the future.

What will I be doing?

Throughout my time away I will be working with **The Centre for Parish Development** which is based in Chicago. My initial engagement with them will be through online content, and this will enable me to be linked with them from various settings; beginning in January with a four week **Hakimah Programme** at the Jerusalem Tantar Centre (run by Notre Dame University). This will explore the role of women in Jewish, Christian and Muslim texts and traditions. Following on from this, I will visit some Diocese in England to see for myself some initiatives which are being undertaken there.

From late April to June I hope to be based in Chicago where I will be attending seminars run by the Centre for Parish Development and also taking some classes in Loyola University.

Of course my time away won't be all work. I look forward to being able to 'recharge the batteries' and also spending some time with distant cousins.

Why bother, don't you know enough already?

Yes there's a lot I have learned, but there is a lot of change on the horizon and the Chicago Centre seeks to anticipate some of those changes. The reality is that priest numbers are declining. This trend will continue to impact on us in the coming years, but there are other matters which we also need to focus on. For many years Diocese' and Parishes worked under the axiom "*If you build it, they will come,*" all one had to do is have the church building and people would flock in. Unfortunately, that saying no longer applies, and so we must become a church that goes out a Missionary Church.

If you are reading this piece from the Church pew look around: are there many whom you know who are not here? These too are our cherished parishioners, these are people to whom we feel that we have something beautiful to give, and they too have much to offer. We must be open to encountering our people in new and creative ways. In the words of Pope Francis:

"I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security. I do not want a Church concerned with being at the centre and which then ends by being caught up in a web of obsessions and procedures.—Evangelii Gaudium

While I look forward to my upcoming adventure, it won't be long before I'm back before you all, and it will be like I had never been away.

Fr. Pat



For all those involved in Committees and Ministries below

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Mon. 26th Nov. @ 7.30pm in Le Cheile Centre, Gneeveguilla.

LITURGY GROUPS FROM ALL CHURCHES: Wed. 28th Nov. @ 4pm in Presbytery, Rathmore.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS WHO BRING COMMUNION TO THE HOUSEBOUND: Wed. 28th Nov. @ 8pm in Teach Iosagain.

SCHOOLS PASTORAL SUPPORT TEAM: Thursday 29th Nov. @ 4pm in Presbytery, Rathmore.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mon. 3rd Dec. @ 7.30pm in Presbytery, Rathmore.