RATHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

A Happy and Grace filled Christmas to you all.

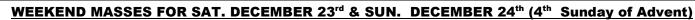
May the humility of the Shepherds, the perseverance of the Wise Men,

the Joy of the Angels,

and the peace of the Christ Child,

be God's Gift to you and yours this Christmas time and always.

Happy and safe celebrations.



RATHMORE MULTI-INTENTIONAL MASS

Tim & Nell Reen, Moulagow **KNOCKNAGREE Sat MULTI-INTENTIONAL MASS**

Nellie & Timmie Twomey, Umeraboy

Richard & Michael Murphy, Shanballa

SHRONE Sun **Donors Intention**

GNEEVEGUILLA Sun Frank Sanderson, Liverpool

Nora & Tim Cronin, I/o Chertsey, England, Goulane & Annaghbeg

24th PLEASE NOTE NO 11.30AM MASS **RATHMORE** Sun

> CHRISTMAS EVE, **CHRISTMAS DAY** & ST. STEPHEN'S DAY

CHRISTMAS EVE Sun. 24th RATHMORE **7.00 pm** Mass

(Special welcome to all children who will be going to bed early for Santa's visit.)

KNOCKNAGREE 7.30 pm Mass

GNEEVEGUILLA 8.30 pm Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY Mon. 25th **SHRONE 9.00** am Mass

> **GNEEVEGUILLA 10.00 am Mass KNOCKNAGREE 11.00 am Mass** 11.30 am Mass

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY Tues 26th RATHMORE 11.00 am Mass George & Elizabeth O'Keeffe, their

daughter Eileen & son Con, West End

Tim & Kathleen Collins, Gneeveguilla Village

Rathmore

Wed 27th 7.30pm Tommy Kelleher I/o Star Bar, Rathmore

Deceased of Kelleher family, Star Bar

Joe Kelleher, Scrahanaveal

Denny Cronin, Quarry Cross (2nd Anniv.)

Fri. 29th 7.30pm Johnny Kelly, Ard Mhuire (1st Anniv.)

Sat 30th 6.00pm Denis O'Sullivan, Knocknaloman

Andrew & Elizabeth Sheahan, Nohovaldaly

Sun 31st 11.30am Shared Christmas Mass Intentions

Gneeveguilla

Sun 31st 10.00am Donors Intention

Knocknagree

Thurs 28th 9.30am Donors Intention 30th 7.30pm Donors Intention Sat

Shrone

31st 9.00am Donal O'Donoghue, Brú na Sinsear & Shronemore Sun

Fr. Tom Leane P.P. (087)2300565 is the priest on duty on this SUNDAY for emergency and sick calls

Fr. Pat O'Donnell P.P. 086 8351732

CHILD PROTECTION REPRESENTATIVES

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

PARISH OFFICE-064 7761669: Opening hours: Closed during Christmas Re-opening Thursday 28th Dec. 4-7pm Friday 29th 11am to 2pm COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER: Resumes weekend 6th/7th Jan. Email correspondence relating to the Community Newsletter to communitynewsletter@rathmoreparish.ie or telephone Janice 064 7758219

















































































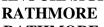








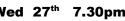


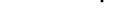














Come let us















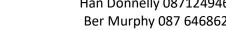


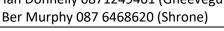




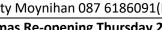


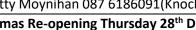












PRAYERS & SYMPATHY: To Mary Brosnan, Lacka on the death of her sister **Nellie Noonan**, Broadford & I/o Ballydesmond and sympathy also to her sister-in-law Noreen Collins, Knocknagree. Her funeral took place during the week in Broadford. To Gerard Murphy, Corran and also to his brothers and sisters on the death of their mother **Joan Murphy** whose funeral took place on Friday in Rathmore. May **Nellie and Joan** rest in peace and may all who mourn their loss be comforted.

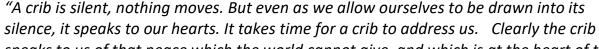
ANNIVERSARY: Please remember in your prayers, Peter Leader, Tureenglanahee, whose anniversary occurs on Christmas Day and also his wife Peggy R.I.P.



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)

FR. PAT WRITES OUR CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners & Friends of Rathmore Parish Christmas and the Family





speaks to us of that peace which the world cannot give, and which is at the heart of the Christmas message. The very stillness of the crib breathes a peace that can still the anxieties and cares of our hearts, and draw us upwards towards a new vision of ourselves enveloped by the love of the God who came to us as a baby"

Being drawn into the heart of the Holy Family, our thoughts invariably turn to our own family, and longing for the togetherness that is part of the Nativity Scene. Many things lift our spirits over the Christmas time, but nothing nothing brings greater joy that than the warm hug of a loved ones homecoming. Equally, the empty chair of our departed loved ones pulls severely on the heart strings.

This Christmas we focus our thoughts on family life, as part of our ongoing preparations for the World Meeting of Families 2018 in Dublin next August (21st to 26th). Pope Francis has described the family as "the first school, the nearest hospital and the best place to grow old".

During this Christmas season my prayer is that your family gathering may be all that you wish it to be. I ask you to join hands around the Christmas table and invoke the infant Jesus in prayer.

Dear Lord,

Thank you for all my loved ones who are seated around this table.

Thank you for the food that you have provided for us this day.

Thank you for this Christmas season when we can find JOY in the birth of Jesus

We are also thankful for the joy of being with our family and the blessings of sharing a festive meal.

Lord, we ask that you bless this food and bless our gathering today.

Amen

On behalf of all Parishioners we wish to acknowledge the many of you have served so generously this past year. Whether it's participating in ministries, parish committees, parish collectors, leading groups; shepherding children; playing music; attending to the church environment, acting as area contacts; or any one of the countless other (usually unseen) tasks that keep our Parish warm and vibrant. Our thanks too to our Secretaries and Sacristans who are so wholehearted in their giving. Thank you so much for all you do.

Fr Pat

2018 PARISH CALENDAR: Our annual Parish Calendar was delivered to all houses during the week.
Unfortunately there is an error in the Vigil and Sunday Masses for the months of January, March, May and July for Knocknagree and Gneeveguilla churches. For these months
January, March, May & July – Vigil Mass – Gneeveguilla 7.30pm Sunday Mass – Knocknagree 10 am