

RATHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

WEEKEND MASSES FOR SAT. DECEMBER 30th & SUN. DECEMBER 31st 2017

RATHMORE	Sat	30th	6.00pm	Denis O'Sullivan, Knocknaloman
				Andrew & Elizabeth Sheahan, Nohovaldaly
KNOCKNAGREE	Sat	30th	7.30pm	Shared Christmas Mass Intentions
SHRONE	Sun	31st	9.00am	Donal O'Donoghue, Brú na Sinsear & Shronemore
GNEEVEGUILLA	Sun	31st	10.00am	Shared Christmas Mass Intentions
RATHMORE	Sun	31st	11.30am	Shared Christmas Mass Intentions

RATHMORE



Mon 1st 11.00am Public Holiday - Feast of Mary, Mother of God, World day of Peace
 Tues 2nd 9.30am People of the Parish
 Wed 3rd 7.30pm Denis (Gary) O'Leary, Gleann na Gréine (1st Anniversary)

KNOCKNAGREE

Thurs 4th 9.30am Donors Intention

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY - SAT. 6TH JANUARY -

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

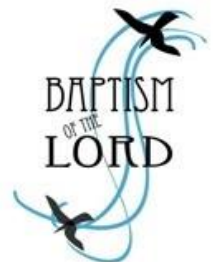
Mass in the four Churches as follows:



Fri. 5th Vigil 6.00pm Rathmore - John C. O'Leary, l/o School Place & Corby, England
 - Denis O'Sullivan, Rathbeg
 - Mary Murphy, Nohovaldaly (10th Anniv.)
 - Denis & Hannah Mary Murphy, Nohovaldaly
7.30pm Gneeveguilla - Mary C. T. Cronin, Goulane
 - Connie Fleming, Renasup
 - Eugene Kelliher, Coom Lr.
Sat. 6th 9.00am Shrone - Thomas & Bridget O'Connor, Moulagow
10.00am Knocknagree - Donors Intention

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD - SUN. 8TH JANUARY

Sat 6th 6.00pm Rathmore - John McAuliffe (Shoemaker), East End
 - Denis Lynch, Convent View & deceased of Lynch Family
 Sat 6th 7.30pm Gneeveguilla - Joan & Patrick O'Sullivan, Annaghbeg
 Sun 7th 9.00am Shrone - Donie Creedon, Knocknaloman
 Sun 7th 10.00am Knocknagree - Mary Buckley, Knockeenagullane (4th Anniv.)
 Sun 7th 11.30am Rathmore - Donors Intention



Fr. Joe Tarrant (086)3978642 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)
 Ber Murphy 087 6468620 (Shrone) Betty Moynihan 087 6186091(Knocknagree)

PARISH OFFICE - 064 7761669

Opening hours: Mon. and Tues. 9.30am to 12.30pm. Wednesday and Thursday 4pm to 7 pm. Friday 11 am to 2pm
 The Parish Office will be closed on Mon. 1st Jan. 2018

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

All Email correspondence relating to the Community Newsletter to: communitynewsletter@rathmoreparish.ie
 Phone enquiries Jan. to June (064)7758219 July to December (064) 7761669. Short term adverts, must be paid for in advance to the Parish Office before 12.30pm Tuesday to be guaranteed inclusion the following weekend.
 Acknowledgements must be booked in advance to be guaranteed preferred date.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY: To Paudi O’Leary & Marie Brosnan, Tureenamult on the death of their sister Noreen O’Leary, Tureenamult & I/o Leam, whose funeral took place on Thursday in Gneeveguilla. To Kathleen Smith, Shronemore on the death of her sister Nellie Creedon (nee Moynihan), Birmingham & I/o Shronemore who died on Dec. 27th. May **Noreen and Nellie** rest in peace and may all who mourn their loss be comforted.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

The world Meeting of Families comes to Ireland from 21st to 26th August 2018, guided by the theme “The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World”. Now is the time to start planning – if you, your family or a group, or organisation would like tickets for any of the events please see the website www.worldmeeting2018.ie for more information. This important and joyful international gathering in our country will be preceded by a period of faith education, which has been prepared by the Church in Ireland for use by local parishes and across the world. The *Amoris: Let’s talk Family! Let’s Be Family!* Programme. This Programme is a response to Pope Francis’ request. The programme aims to support families and parishes as we set out on the journey of preparation to the World Meeting of Families, and to continue that journey in the years ahead.

“This Christmas, mindful of the World Meeting of Families in 2018 (WMF 2018), let us remember the story of our own families over the past two or three generations, the joys and the sorrow, the births and the deaths. Recalling the past, see the wonderful loyalty, care and love of your own family through the decades. Pray that worldwide all families will one day have the opportunities that we take for granted in Ireland. WMF2018 asks us to see all people on earth as one family under God Our loving Father. It will call on the whole world to appreciate and give priority to family life. Remember especially families in Ireland with no hope of a place to call home. Home, family and marriage are God’s greatest gifts to humanity. God bless all our homes and families.”

Bishop Ray Browne Christmas 2017



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)

DIOCESAN COLLECTION: A Second collection will be taken up at all masses next weekend 6th/7th Jan. for the Needs of the Holy Land. Your generous support would be deeply appreciated and would help in maintaining the holy and sacred spaces in the Holy Land.

FROM THE PARISH RECORDS: Here is the breakdown of Funeral Masses, Baptisms and Marriages celebrated in our four churches from January to December 2017:

- Funerals - Rathmore - 18 Knocknagree - 8 Gneeveguilla -9 Shrone – 2**
- Baptisms - Rathmore - 26 Knocknagree - 11 Gneeveguilla - 21 Shrone - 9**
- Marriages - Rathmore - 9 Knocknagree - 4 Gneeveguilla - 2 Shrone - 2**

TO START A NEW YEAR.

"A new year is unfolding—like a blossom with petals curled tightly concealing the beauty within.
Lord, let this year be filled with the things that are truly good—with the comfort of warmth in our relationships, with the strength to help those who need our help and the humility and openness to accept help from others.
As we make our resolutions for the year ahead, let us go forward with great hope that all things can be possible—with Your help and guidance."

**GOD’S LOVE, PEACE, HOPE AND JOY
TO YOU FOR THE YEAR AHEAD**

A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain, But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy, But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you, But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine, But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you that when people and their causes need you most, you will be there to help.