



RATHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

The Shepherd gathers us "Like a shepherd He feeds His flock; in His arms He gathers the lambs, caring for them close to His heart and leading the ewes with care"

Jesus in this second week of Advent you are calling me to be part of your flock.

Remind me of that when I am tempted to go off on my own.

WEEKEND MASSES FOR SAT. DECEMBER 7th & SUN. DECEMBER 8th 2019

Sat	7th	6.00pm	RATHMORE	Kathleen, Jeremiah & John McAuliffe, Forge Cross
Sat	7th	7.30pm	KNOCKNAGREE	Jeremiah Twomey, Umeraboy Andy B. Hickey, Mountcain Rory, Marie & Bríd O'Connor, Umeraboy Jim Fitzpatrick, Carrigaline
Sun.	8th	9.00am	SHRONE	Donors Intention
Sun.	8th	10.00am	GNEEVEGUILLA	John (Jack) Collins, Knocknageeha (1st Anniv)
Sun.	8th	11.30am	RATHMORE	Michael O'Sullivan, Boherbue Catherine Lehane, Islanderagh



MONDAY 9th DECEMBER TO SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER 2019

Mon	9th	9.30pm	RATHMORE	Donors Intention
Mon	9th	6.30pm	GNEEVEGUILLA	Brendan O'Sullivan, Ballincollig & Coom Lr.
Tues	10th	9.30am	KNOCKNAGREE	Donors Intention
Wed	11th	7.30pm	RATHMORE	Patrick Cahill, Inches & his son Neily Cahill, London Joe Dineen, West End
Fri.	13th	7.30pm	RATHMORE	Tommy Kelleher, Star Bar & Church Place
Sat	14th	6.00pm	RATHMORE	Johnny Reen, Counerough (Months Mind)
Sat.	14th	7.30pm	KNOCKNAGREE	Pat Reen, Tureenareeha Eileen & Dan O'Connell, Tureen
Sun	15th	9.00am	SHRONE	Donors Intention
Sun	15th	10.00am	GNEEVEGUILLA	Margaret Leizcyneski & deceased of O'Donovan, Houlihan & Regan families

**Paudie & Kathleen O'Leary & their son Pat and daughter-in-law Helena O'Leary, Gneeveguilla village
Deceased members of Gneeveguilla GAA club**



**Batt & Julia Cronin, Tureencahill & sons Batt, Jeremiah & Willie
Jeremiah & Catherine McCarthy, Gullane**

Sun	15th	11.30am	RATHMORE	Mary & Giles O'Sullivan, Milleen Joan & John Murphy, Corran & their son Sean and grandson, Matthew Daniel (Bobby) Sheehan, Shinnagh Mary Murphy, Kilquane Lr.
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Please Note: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Monday Dec. 9th

Fr. Tom Leane P.P. (029)78096 & 087- 2300565 is the on duty this Sunday for emergency and sick calls

FR. PAT O'DONNELL P.P. (086)8351732

CHILD PROTECTION REPRESENTATIVES

Han Donnelly(087) 1249461 (Gneeveguilla)	Margaret McGrath (089) 4182683 (Rathmore)
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Opening hours: Mon. & Tues. 9.30am to 12.30pm. Wednesday 4pm to 7 pm. FRIDAY 11am to 2pm Closed: Thursday

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

All Email correspondence relating to the Community Newsletter to: communitynewsletter@rathmoreparish.ie

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL – LOCAL CONFIDENTIAL CONTACT: 087 3462332

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY:To Peggy O'Keeffe, Tureencahill and to her family Catherine, Geraldine, Pat & Michael on the death of her husband Dan Joe O'Keeffe, whose funeral took place on Wednesday in Gneeveguilla and afterwards to Nohoval cemetery. May **Dan Joe** rest in peace and may all who mourn his loss be comforted.

CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION

Knocknagree will be setting up the crib in the Church on Tuesday night next 10th Dec. at 7.30pm and would welcome any volunteers who may wish to help. Thank You.

NOTICE

Christmas Mass Bouquets now available in Parish Office. Mass for these shared Mass intentions will be offered on Thursday 26th Dec. at 11am in Rathmore.

MONSTER BINGO - RATHMORE BRANCH OF KERRY PARENTS & FRIENDS - will hold their annual Bingo on this **Sun. 8th December** in **Community Centre Rathmore at 3pm.** Large Jackpot and Raffles. **Please Support.**

KNOCKNAGREE - KENYA: The Cake Sale that took place on Sunday 24th Nov. raised €691. The committee thank all who contributed in any way.

GIANNA CARE KERRY: This Advent as we prepare for the birth of Jesus who was born in a stable in Bethlehem, we invite you to support Gianna Care Kerry; an organisation that supports expectant mothers and their babies. You can help us by donating nappies, wipes, baby clothes and products. Donated items can be left in the baskets in St. John's Church, Tralee and in Curraheen and at the Parish Centre at St. Mary's Cathedral, Killarney "In truth I tell you, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

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.

2020 PARISH CALENDAR: *Our annual Parish Calendar together with parish envelopes and Fr. Pat's annual letter will be delivered to every home next week. We thank all the contact people for each area who help us to distribute these each year.*



CHRISTMAS SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

MAKE GOD'S FORGIVENESS A REALITY - ALL WELCOME

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on next Sunday **22nd December** from **4pm to 6pm** in **Rathmore Church**. The Priests of the Pastoral Area will be available during this time. Even if you are not receiving the Sacrament, please come in and spend a little time in quiet prayer.

Reconciliation Services will also take place in other churches in the deanery on the following dates:

Millstreet Tuesday 17th Dec. 7.30pm

Dromagh Wednesday Dec. 18th 7.30pm

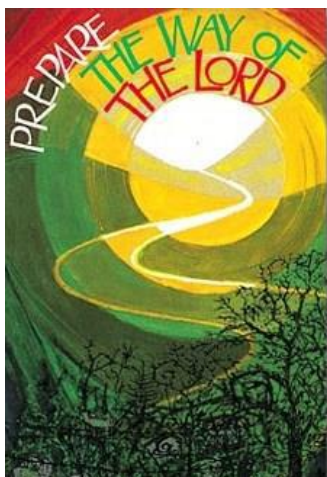
Boherbue Thursday 19th Dec. 8.00pm

Ballydesmond Friday 20th Dec. 8.00pm

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 next weekend Sat. 14th & Sun. 15th. 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.

NANO NAGLE BIRTHPLACE, BALLYGRIFFIN, CO CORK: SAT 14TH DECEMBER: 'Day of Meditation and Relaxation' with Eileen Nash pbvm: Give yourself the Gift of a day away from the busyness and stress of your everyday life! 10.30am – 3.30pm (registration 10am); bring a packed lunch; cost €25 incl. tea/coffee. Booking essential: 022 26411; secretary@nanonaglebirthplace.ie



ADVENT CALENDAR

This Advent, you are invited to take a line of God's Word from the Sunday reading, to pray with it on Sunday and to act out that Word daily in your own life during the following week.

2nd Sun of Advent 'Prepare a way for the Lord. Make his paths straight'

Dec 9th Mon: Think of the preparations you make when expecting visitors

Dec 10th Tue: Straighten the path for those around you today

Dec 11th Wed: Pray for those whose paths are difficult

Dec 12th Thu: Take time to prepare for the Lord's coming

Dec 13th Fri: Notice how the Lord touches your life daily

Dec 14th Sat: Give thanks for all the straight paths you walk today