

RATHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

BAPTISM OF THE LORD We return to the scene of the Baptism of Christ. We are invited to recognize in Jesus not just a good man, not just a good teacher, not just a compassionate human being. No, we are invited to believe in Jesus as the one, unique and only God. And He has come to save us. If we are baptized in Him, let us share His mercy and walk with faith.

WEEKEND MASSES FOR SAT. JANUARY 12th & SUN. JANUARY 13th

Sat. 11th	6.00pm	RATHMORE	Denis Lynch, Convent View & deceased of Lynch family Denny Cronin, Quarry Cross Andrew & Sheila Moynihan, Behinaugh Maurice Leader, Cahirbarnagh
Sat. 11th	7.30pm	GNEEVEGUILLA	Kitty Barry, Tureenamult Catherine & John O'Keeffe, Bounard John & Mary Buckley, Renasup Thady Lawlor, Gullane
Sun. 12th	9.00am	SHRONE	Donors Intention
Sun. 12th	10.00am	KNOCKNAGREE	Timmy O'Keeffe, Ballydesmond & l/o Knocknagree (1st Anniv.)
Sun. 12th	11.30am	RATHMORE	Donors Intention

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Mass Intentions
for the Week

MONDAY 13th JANUARY TO SUNDAY 19th JANUARY 2020

Mon. 13th	9.30am	GNEEVEGUILLA	Donors Intention (<u>Please note time</u>)
Tues. 14th	9.30am	KNOCKNAGREE	Donors Intention
Wed. 15th	7.30pm	RATHMORE	Eleanor Moynihan, The Bower
Thurs 16th	9.30am	RATHMORE	Donors Intention
Fri. 17th	7.30pm	GNEEVEGUILLA	Sheila O'Leary, Gortnaprocess (1st Anniv.) and remembering her husband David O'Leary
Sat. 18th	6.00pm	RATHMORE	Peg O'Leary, Readrinagh Mary & Patie Reen l/o Counerough Abina & John Cavanagh l/o Raheen & Washington Hannah Mai Trant, Killarney John & Mai O'Connor, Gloungriskeen Anne Buckley, Clounts
Sat. 18th	7.30pm	GNEEVEGUILLA	Timmie & Julia Cronin, Reaboy
Sun. 19th	9.00am	SHRONE	Donors Intention
Sun. 19th	10.00am	KNOCKNAGREE	Michael & Lena Dineen, Knockeenagullane John & Mary Smith l/o Shanballa Richard & Michael Murphy, Shanballa
Sun. 19th	11.30am	RATHMORE	Donors Intention



Fr. Joe Tarrant (064)7751104 & (086)3978642 is the on duty this Sunday for emergency and sick calls

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PARISH OFFICE - (064)7761669

Opening hours: Mon. and Tues. 9.30am to 12.30pm. Wednesday 4pm to 7 pm. CLOSED THURSDAY Friday 11 am to 2pm

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

All Email correspondence relating to the Community Newsletter to: communitynewsletter@rathmoreparish.ie
Phone enquiries January to July (064) 7758219. Please note all adverts to be submitted by lunchtime TUESDAY to be guaranteed inclusion the following weekend. All short term ads, must be paid for in advance to the Parish Office. Acknowledgements to be pre-booked as only one can be included per week due to limited space.

HEARTFELT SYMPATHY & PRAYERS: To Eileen Moynihan, Gullane and to her family, Michelle & Aoife, on the death of her husband Mike John Moynihan and to his brothers and sisters. His funeral took place on Friday. May **Mike John** rest in peace and may all who mourn his loss be comforted by the love, support and kindness of family and friends.

PARISH CALENDAR: 2020 Parish calendars have been distributed to all households in the parish together with parish envelopes for next year. If you have not received these, please contact the Parish Office. If you would like to send the calendar to a friend they are available at all the churches and Parish Office. **Donations are invited for same and proceeds going to local St. Vincent de Paul conference.**

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: *Thank you to all who volunteered to be Ministers of the Eucharist. We may be seeking a few more in some areas. If you would like to help, please give your name to Fr. Pat or Parish office or to any of the Sacristans. Training for Minister of the Eucharist will take place before the end of the month.*

NEEDS OF THE HOLY LAND COLLECTION: Last weekend's collection raised **€825**. Very many thanks for your generous support.

RATHMORE BRANCH OF KERRY PARENTS AND FRIENDS wish to thank all who supported the recently held Monster Bingo. A special word of thanks to our sponsors, patrons and all who helped on the day. The total amount collected was €4863.

CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION... PASTORAL COUNCIL AND PARISHIONERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN PASTORAL MINISTRY COURSE on Tues. 14th Jan. at 7.30pm in Teach Iosagain. Short meeting to carry on the conversation that started in September. Looking forward to meeting you. Fr. Pat

BAPTISM - THE DOOR OF THE CHURCH

The Sacrament of Baptism is often called "The door of the Church," because it is the first of the [seven sacraments](#) not only in time (since most Catholics receive it as infants) but in priority, since the reception of the other sacraments depends on it. It is the first of the three [Sacraments of Initiation](#), the other two being the [Sacrament of Confirmation](#) and the [Sacrament of Holy Communion](#). Once baptized, a person becomes a member of the Church.

IN 2019 IN OUR PARISH

We welcomed 47 new members into our Church through the sacrament of Baptism. We celebrated 9 Marriages and 54 parishioners were welcomed into eternal life after their funeral Masses were celebrated in our Churches.

TO ARRANGE A BAPTISM: Group baptisms will take place monthly in each church on a Saturday at 3.30pm or Sunday at 12.30pm. 2 Saturdays and 2 Sundays are allocated monthly with 1 group baptism taking place in each church. We have 4 churches in our parish and there are 4 possible dates each month. Please see our parish calendar for dates each month and contact the parish office to arrange a baptism. Complete the application form and bring it along with a photocopy of your child's birth certificate to the church on the day of baptism.

For the Baptism you will need the following:

- **A Candle:** The Father of the baby will be asked to light this candle from the Pascal Candle. This light, love and hope of Jesus is being passed on to the new Christian through YOU the parents. This Baptismal candle which is unique to the child will also be needed for the sacraments of First Communion & Confirmation.
- **Baptism Robe/Shawl:** After the anointing with chrism, the baby is clothed in the christening shawl, which is normally white and symbolises both the new beginning and the child being wrapped in the warmth and love of the Christian family.
- **Sponsor:** *One Sponsor is sufficient, male or female: (but there may be two, one Male and one Female,)* of not less than sixteen years of age, a Catholic, who has received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation and is a practicing Catholic. A non-Catholic may be used as a witness only but not as a Sponsor. (Parents are not allowed to sponsor their own babies). Should a Sponsor be unable to attend the ceremony another person, even one of the parents, may act as Proxy for him/her.

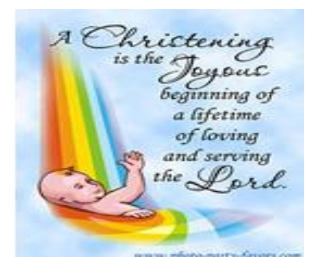
Flame of Faith

This light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly.

These children of yours have been enlightened by Christ.

They are to walk always as children of the light.

May they keep the flame of faith alive in their hearts. (Rite of Baptism for Children)



“Christian Initiation incorporates us into Christ and forms us into God’s people. In Baptism, God adopts us as children and makes us a new creation through water and the Holy Spirit. As we are signed with the gift of the Spirit in Confirmation, God brings us to the full stature of the Lord Jesus to continue his mission in the world. At the table of the Eucharist, we are fed on the sacrament of Christ’s body and blood, and, with the whole Church, take part in the saving offering of Christ on the cross. In Sunday Mass, those who have been initiated are continually formed by the word of God and affirmed in their belonging to the Church, the Body of Christ.”

(Christian Initiation for Children)