

RATHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

In our Parish people are nourished by the Word of God. It is a Parish where love is tangible and practical. It is a place where people pray together. Our Parish community is centred on Jesus Christ, on knowing and loving Him. It is incarnated in the love we show one another.

VIGIL MASSE FOR SATURDAY 13TH & SUNDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2021

Sat 13th 6.00pm Rathmore Mary Twomey Inches (Months Mind)

Sun 14th 11.30am Rathmore Abina Collins Gneeveguilla. (1st Anniv)
Feast of St. Valentine

6th Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time

Happy
Valentine's
Day

Weekday Masses Monday 15th Feb to Sun 21st Feb 2021

Mon 15th 7.00pm. Gneeveguilla Peg O'Mahony Gullane. John & Eileen Kelly, Rathmore Townland & their Daughter Eileen Barker l/o New York. Sheila O'Callaghan, Gortnagown. Donal O'Mahony, Gneeveguilla & his daughter in law Geraldine O'Mahony. Eileen & Jerh Murphy, Corran & their son Jerry & his friend Sean. Timmy Sheehan ARD Mhuire & deceased family members.

Tue 16th 9.30am Rathmore People of the Parish

Wed 17th 7.00pm Rathmore Ash Wednesday (Day of Prayer for Temperance)

Thur 18th 9.30pm Rathmore Special Intentions

Fri 19th 7.00pm Rathmore Michael Dennehy l/o Clounts (Months Mind)

Sat 20th 6.00pm Rathmore John Horgan, Ard Mhuire/Kilcorney. Mary McCarthy Ballycullane Fr Andrew Reen. Michael D Kelleher Mausroure. Michael & Bride O'Brien, Shinnagh & their son Michael Anthony & their daughter Aileen (O'Leary) Convent View. Bridie & Stephen O'Sullivan, Banard Hannah Mary O'Sullivan, Gneeveguilla Village

Sun 21st 11.30am Rathmore Timothy, Johanna, John & Patrick O'Donoghue Gortdarrig Julia Cronin Reaboy. Willie & Catherine McCarthy Gneeveguilla . Denny McCarthy Gneeveguilla. Muriel Moore l/o Manhattan/Gneeveguilla Dan & Margaret Cronin Gortnaulough . Margaret & Maria Murphy East End & their parents Tim & Nina

Mass Intentions
for the Week

Fr. John Fitzgerald (029) 70043 (087 7752948) is the priest on duty this Sunday for emergency **and sick calls**.

Fr. Pat O'Donnell P.P. (064)7758026 & (086)8351732 Rathmore Parish Priest

NOTICE Parish Offices are to remain closed to the public. Any query please phone, leave a message and we will get back to you. There will be no collection service for mass cards. Mass cards can be ordered by telephone to the Parish Office (064) 7761669 or email : rathmore@dioceseofkerry.ie and we will then send out in the post

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Prayer & Sympathys To Mary (O'Connell), Eilish (Lawlor), Kay (O'Leary) and John on the death of their father Philip (Philly Ban) Cremin Lissyconnor whose funeral took place on Friday. To John Coakley & family on the death of his aunt Kit Coakely Dempsey l/o Dublin & Rathmore Townland whose funeral took place in Dublin. To the family of Flor O'Riordan l/o Clare, London & Annabeg whose funeral took place in Clare.
May Philip, Kit & Flor rest in peace

HAPPY ST. VALENTINES DAY: *May the Lord bless you on this Valentine's Day. May He keep you in His loving care. May He grant you happiness in everything you do. For in everything you seek and share His love is always with you.*

The Year of St Joseph

One of the first things you'll notice when you tune in for mass in Rathmore this weekend is the new colourful banners on the back wall of the sanctuary, and on the front of the ambo. Our church is the Church of St Joseph and this year he is given special prominence .

Pope Francis has announced that from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021, will be the Year of St. Joseph. The Holy Father explained why he made this decree in his Apostolic Letter PATRIS CORDE.

"Now, one hundred and fifty years after his proclamation as Patron of the Catholic Church by Blessed Pius IX (8 December 1870), I would like to share some personal reflections on this extraordinary figure, so close to our own human experience. For, as Jesus says, "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks" (Mt 12:34).

My desire to do so increased during these months of pandemic, when we experienced, amid the crisis, how "our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked. People who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines, or on the latest television show, yet in these very days are surely shaping the decisive events of our history. Doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests, men and women religious, and so very many others. They understood that no one is saved alone... How many people daily exercise patience and offer hope, taking care to spread not panic, but shared responsibility.

How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday ways, how to accept and deal with a crisis by adjusting their routines, looking ahead and encouraging the practice of prayer. How many are praying, making sacrifices and interceding for the good of all".

Each of us can discover in Joseph - the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence - an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all."

Ash Wednesday 2021

Ash Wednesday, February 17th, is a day of fast and abstinence. To celebrate Ash Wednesday and the start of the Lenten season, the people of the diocese are invited to participate in Masses online. There will no distribution of ashes at Masses. Lent calls us to 'come back to God with all our heart' and the practices of prayer, fasting and giving to charity are a way of making real our return to God. Ashes marking our foreheads remind us of our human frailty and our dependence on God. This year, in the absence of blessed ashes, people are invited to trace the sign of the cross on themselves or on each others' foreheads at home. *Marking Ash Wednesday at Home* is a prayer resource available on the diocesan website, www.dioceseofkerry.ie

Diocese of Kerry Mission 2021 Youth Project on the theme "Let US Dream, The Path To A Better Future"

Jesus and our Yes

Floating through life a lot of people you'll find,

Getting caught up in nothing and believing the lies..

"You're not loved". You can't do anything right"

All these words racing through our minds late at night

Counting the hours until..

Counting the days until..

Wishing our lives away.

That was me and that be I

But for the grace of God on high

I hope for the future where we fight the lies we have believed,

I pray for a future where we want to be the best version we can,

A future that's not all about money, work and finding the perfect man.

A future of love and nothing less

This all starts with you, Jesus and our "yes"

by Mairead Fleming

