

## RATHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT:** As we enter the season of Lent we are being called once again into the 'wilderness'. The temptations are not just a testing episode in the life and ministry of Jesus, but are an integral part of his mission. This wilderness is Spirit-led. And so it is for us. When it comes down to it, each of the temptations is about the same thing – our ability to trust in God. This should not direct us towards complacency or apathy but to listen. We listen to his Word; we now must listen to what he is saying to us through the Book of Creation. We must trust in those signals and signs.

### VIGIL MASSE FOR SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> & SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2021

Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> 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 21 <sup>st</sup> 11.30am	Rathmore	Timothy, Johanna, John & Patrick O'Donoghue Gortdarrig Julia Cronin Reaboy. Willie & Catherine McCarthy Gneeveguilla . Denny McCarthy Gneeveguilla. Muriel Moore I/o Manhattan/Gneeveguilla Dan & Margaret Cronin Gortnaulough . Margaret & Maria Murphy East End Rathmore & their parents Tim & Nina



### Weekday Masses Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021

Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> 7.00pm.	Gneeveguilla	Special Intention for Mrs Ellis
Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup> 9.30am	Rathmore	People of the Parish
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> 7.00pm	Rathmore	Jerry Lyne Annabeg & his parents Johnny & Han John Sheahan East End Rathmore, Mary & Denis Murphy, Nohovaldaly & Daughter Hanna Mary & their Son Tim.
Thur 25 <sup>th</sup> 9.30pm	Rathmore	Donors Intentions
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> 7.00pm	Rathmore	Gene Reen, Rathbeg (1st Anniv)
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> 6.00pm	Rathmore	Sheila Murphy Tureencasslagh, Knocknagree (Months Mind)
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> 11.30am	Rathmore	Sean & Anne O'Keefe Coom, Gneeveguilla. Willie & Nellie Murphy Gneeveguilla Denis & Julia Mary Long Knocknaloman. Johnny & Babe Moynihan, The Bridge Deceased members of the Gneeveguilla GAA Club. Sheila McElligott I/o Killarney & Rathmore. Catherine Reen, Counerough. Joan Brosnan Coom Lr. Dan Moynihan Knocknagree Townland



Fr. Pat O'Donnell P.P (064)7758026 & (086)8351732) is the priest on duty this Sunday for emergency **and sick calls.**

**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](mailto:rathmore@dioceseofkerry.ie) and we will then send out in the post

**Prayers & Sympathies** To David, Oliver & Ray Fleming & their families on the death of their niece Katrina (daughter of Liam) whose funeral took place in London on Tuesday. May Katrina rest in peace & all those who mourn her loss be comforted.

Please Remember in your Prayers Maura Sheehan Umeraboy whose Anniversary occurs at this time.

## What are you giving up for Lent?

In present circumstances with all its restrictions Lent offers an additional challenge this year. What more can I give up, given that many ordinary things are already out of bounds; contact with Grandparents, going to school, going for a long drive, to name but a few.

The Three Pillars of Lent are Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving, so this year may be most practical to concentrate on Prayer and Almsgiving.

**Prayer:** This Lent offers an opportunity to increase our prayer life, for our own benefit, for our family. We don't have to do all of these, try picking one or two of them and do it for 40 days from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, and then looking back we will see much spiritual growth.

- Pray daily. Try to start every morning with a prayer. Pray before you fall asleep.
- Drop into the church and sit in the quietness.
- Particularly during Lent Pray the Stations of the Cross.

There are also some lovely online resources which can facilitate moments of prayer: Fr Niall Howard has some lovely videos for children which can be accessed on the Diocesan Website. <https://www.dioceseofkerry.ie/2021/02/fr-niall-visits-ross-castle/>

Morning: <https://pray-as-you-go.org/> & [Sacred Space](#) –Prayers for people on the go..  
Afternoon Join the Redemptoristine Sisters in Drumcondra for Adoration, Prayer and Mass find out more <https://www.rednuns.com/>

In these stressful times perhaps, the following may help.

### Prayer Before Sleep

Dear God, as I lay me down to sleep,

relax the tension of my body;

calm the restlessness of my mind;

still the thoughts which worry and perplex me.

Help me to rest myself and all my problems in your strong and loving arms.

Let your Spirit speak to my mind and heart while I am

asleep, so that, when I wake up in the morning,

I may find that I have received in the night-time,

light for my way;

strength for my tasks;

peace for my worries;

forgiveness for my sins.

Grant me sleep tonight, and tomorrow power to live. - Author Unknown

### Stations of the Cross

**With the present restrictions on the attendance at liturgies, we hope that you will join us online for the Stations of the Cross**

**From various settings in the parish we will walk 'Nature's Via Dolorosa'. We hope that these Stations will help your prayerful journey through Lent.**

**You can access the Stations by going on the parish website (Rathmore Parish.ie) and clicking on: The Wandering Padre ( Fr. Pat's Blog).**

**Alternatively you will find a link on the MCN site where you join us for daily Mass.**

### Parents of First Holy Communion children webinar

The Diocese of Kerry will be holding two Pre-Sacramental Preparation Webinars on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February and 2<sup>nd</sup> of March. Dr Dan O Connell of Mary Immaculate College Limerick will present a webinar for parents whose child is going forward for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion on **Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of Feb from 7pm to 7:40pm.**

**Workshop for Parish Cantors and Music Directors** In preparation for the season of Easter, the diocese will host a workshop for parish cantors and music directors. The workshop will take place on **Wednesday, February 24th at 8pm via zoom.** The focus for the evening will be how to approach music and singing for the Easter ceremonies and the Easter season. The workshop will be led by Tomás Kenny (Diocesan Pastoral Team) and Ailish Walsh (Director of Music at Castleisland Parish). Please contact Tomás at [tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie](mailto:tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie) to register and for the zoom link.

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