

RATHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Praying Holy Week and Easter at home

Our homes are sacred spaces where we encounter God. We have become mindful of this during this challenging year, as we pray at home, on our own or with family. During this special week, you are invited to join the wider faith community by participating at Mass and the Holy Week ceremonies online. Ready the space in which you will be sitting, so that it helps you to pray, either online or alone. As you begin your prayer-time at home....

- *Light a candle as you begin, remembering God awaits you.*
- *Ask God for the gift of an open heart and mind as you pray each day.* The Way of the Cross can be viewed online through our diocesan YouTube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g4j8hnsN4jc&t=166s>

SATURDAY 27th March & Sunday 28th March 2021

Sat 27th 6.00pm Rathmore Kay McCarthy (nee Mullooly) l/o Kanturk & Convent View
Paddy & Margaret Desmond, Rathbeg & their son Patrick
Colm O'Mahony, Clounts. Connie & Mary Fleming, Reanasup.
Mick & Eileen Kissane, Mausrour & their son Mike
Patrick & Mary Foley, Mounthorgan.

Sun 28th 11.30am Rathmore



Patrick & Catherine McCarthy, Convent Place
Michael P Moynihan. Knockdurath.
Patrick & Mary Donnelly, Coom Lr
Paddy & Maureen Ring Lacka,



Holy Week Weekday Masses Monday 29th March to Easter Sunday 4th April 2021

Mon 29th 7.00pm. Gneeveguilla Donors Intentions

Tue 30th 9.30am Shrone Donors intentions

Wed 31st 7.00pm Knocknagree Donors Intentions



Holy Thursday 1st 7.00pm Rathmore Mass of The Lords Supper <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-josephs-church-rathmore>
There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for half an hour after Mass



Good Friday 3.00pm Rathmore Passion of the Lord

Good Friday 7.30pm Millstreet Pastoral Area Stations of the Stations of the Cross
(streaming from Millstreet Church <https://www.churchservices.tv/millstreet>)

All priest of the Pastoral Area are coming together in Millstreet Church for this
Celebration of The Stations of The Cross



Easter Sat 3rd 8.30pm Rathmore Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday 4th 11.30am Rathmore Denis & Abina O'Leary Clounts, (Danny) Daniel P Hickey, Mountcain
Bridget Mary & Patsy Hickey, Tureencahill & Bridget Mary's mother
Eileen Carmody. Patrick Pa Herlihy, Tureencahill
Helen Gleeson l/o New York & Shrone. Timmy Moynihan Shrone.
Nora Moynihan Shrone. Con Moynihan Shrone.
Marion Breen & her father John, Knocknagree.
Joan (Flor) Sheehan Shinnagh

Fr. Pat (086)8351732 (064) 7758026 is the priest on duty this Sunday for emergency and sick calls.

Keep your distance:

NOTICE While it is sad that we cannot have congregations for Easter again this year, we are nonetheless thankful that parishioners can attend all our churches for private prayer.

It is likely that during Holy Week and especially Good Friday, that there will be a greater through flow than usual.

Please, please at all times sanitise your hands on entering, observe strict social distance, and wear a mask at all times.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY: To Mary (Hickey) & Eileen (Cahill), on the death of their brother Matt O'Donoghue Rathbeg, also to his nephews & nieces & extended family. Matt was laid to rest in Rathmore on Monday. To Jack McCarthy Gneeveguilla and his family Cáit, Máire, & Liam on the death of his wife and their mother Mary T. We also extend our sympathies to her sisters Geraldine, Kate, Joannie, Patsy, Anne & Martina, grandchildren & extended family. Mary T. was laid to rest on Thursday in Gneeveguilla. May Matt & Mary T. rest gently in the presence of the Lord and may all who mourn him be comforted.

Holy Week

For Christians, Holy Week is the most important week of the year. Holy Week lasts from **Palm Sunday** until **Easter Sunday** and reaches its highpoint in what we call the Easter Triduum – those three great days from the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper to Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. Reflecting on the Scriptures and turning to ritual and symbols, Christians throughout the world, journey with Jesus through those final days of his life, his passion, his death and resurrection. In the process, we experience God's presence, our faith is deepened, our hope is renewed and our commitment to living a life of love of God and one another is strengthened.

A different way of praying as a community of faith.

Again this year our celebrations will be very different from anything that has gone before. The restrictions in place because of the Covid-19 Pandemic mean that as a Christian Community we cannot gather together for our usual religious services. This will not prevent us from uniting spiritually and taking time to pray, to reflect and to make this Holy Week a truly enriching experience of the presence of God in our lives.

Streamed ceremonies

We are blessed that many of the traditional ceremonies associated with Holy Week will be livestreamed.

Please Note The Church Doors will be closed 30 minutes before each ceremony.

Tue March 27th 7.00p.m: Chrism Mass: Cathedral. <http://www.killarneyparish.com/webcam-3/> At the Chrism Mass the bishop blesses the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens and consecrates the Oil of Chrism. These oils are used in the diocese throughout the following year

Thur April 1st 7.00p.m: Holy Thursday : Rathmore <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-josephs-church-rathmore>
There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for half an hour after Mass

Fri April 2nd 3p.m Passion of the Lord: Rathmore <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-josephs-church-rathmore>
7.30p.m Pastoral Area Stations of the Cross. The Priests of the Pastoral Area (Rathmore, Millstreet, Ballydesmond, Boherbue Dromtariffe) will come together to celebrate the Stations of the Cross in Millstreet Church. <https://www.churchservices.tv//millstreet>

Sat April 3rd 8.30p.m Easter Vigil Rathmore Church.

While the celebration will be streamed from Rathmore Church, the ceremony will be representative of all the parish. The high point of the ceremony is the formal lighting of the Pascal Candle, but this year we will have four candles (The candles of our four churches). At the end of the ceremony the candles will be brought to Knocknagree, Shrone and Gneeveguilla Churches to celebrate the Light of Christ's love and hope spreading through the parish. After the Mass Parishioners will be able to tune into the other churches to see the candle being formally placed there.

Text of ceremonies are available at <https://us.magnificat.net/free>.

The Ceremonies are also available on RTE

In the home

Not everyone can watch the broadcast ceremonies. For those who cannot, this guide has a simple prayer ritual for each day of Holy Week that can be celebrated alone or with your household.

Prayer space

Please set up a prayer space in a prominent place in your home. There, each day, you can place different symbols or things of meaning to you and your family. You might start by placing in the prayer space the most beautiful candle you have to remind us of the living presence of Jesus among us and a Bible which contains God's Word. The following link brings lots of resources for celebrating Holy Week at Home http://www.liturgy-ireland.ie/uploads/8/4/2/9/8429650/k Bringing_holy_week_home.pdf

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

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