

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.

SATURDAY 1st & SUNDAY 2nd May 2021



Sat 1st 6.00pm Rathmore Kitty Casey, Hollymount (1st Anniv)
(St. Joseph the Worker)

Sun 2nd 11.30am Rathmore Sr Genevieve (Lyne). Presentation Convent. (Months Mind.)



The Holy Rosary is being recited before all weekend Masses. It will commence 20 minutes before Mass
"The Rosary will cause virtue and good works to flourish" (Promise of Our Lady)

Monday 3rd to Sunday 8th May 2021

Mon 3rd 11.00am) Rathmore Mick & Catherine Sheehan, Mauvlykevane. Shane Fleming, Gneeveguilla
(PublicHoliday) Con Hurley, Lyreacorrrin & also remembering his wife Kathleen

Denis & Nora O'Rourke Gullane. Christy & Mai Crowley, Gortdarrig
Sheila Buckley and deceased members of the Buckley family Cladgh Lodge
Denis Dineen, Gortnaprocess. Philomena Davy (nee Brosnan) Lr Coom.



Tues 4th 9.30am Gneeveguilla People of the Parish

Wed 5th 7.00pm Rathmore Mary McCarthy Glynn l/o Ballycullane & Isl of Man (Months Mind)

Thur 6^h 9.30 am Knocknagree Peggy Crenin, Scrahan

Fri 7th 7.00pm Rathmore Jerry Horan Cahirbarnagh (1stAnniv) & remembering his wife Kitty

Fri 7^t 7.30pm Knocknagree Denis P. Hickey, Umeraboy (Celebrant Fr Kennelly)

Sat 8th 6.00pm Rathmore Jerry O'Leary Nohovaldaly & his parents Kathy & David
& deceased members of the Scannell family Rathbeg
Ritchie & Patsy O'Connor, Doon.

John & Liz Murphy, Ballinahulla
Con Doherty Gneeveguilla and all members of the Doherty family Scrahanagullane.
Denny Moriarty, Coom & his parents John & Julia.
Pat & Mamie Brosnan. Lr Shinnagh

Sun 9th 11.30am Rathmore Connie Kelleher, Shinnagh (Months Mind)

Fr Pat O'Donnell (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 and we will then send out in the post

Fr. Pat (086)8351732 (064) 7758026 Rathmore

CHILD PROTECTION REPRESENTATIVES

Han Donnelly 0871249461 (Gneeveguilla)

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Betty Moynihan 087 6186091(Knocknagree)

Trocaire: Please return your Trocaire boxes as soon as possible You can drop them into the church while we are still there after Masses.

May
The Month of
Our Blessed Mother



THE MARY MONTH OF MAY:

The yearly traditions that welcome in summer. An old May custom was putting up a May altar in the home which celebrates the arrival of summer. A special table is laid with a cloth, on which is arranged a statue of the Virgin Mary, a blessed candle, an-egg cup full of primroses and several vases of wildflowers such as buttercups, wild bluebells and cowslips etc.

Children love listening to stories about Mary and Jesus. And they love nature – what a lovely project for them would be picking wildflowers for the May Altar. Praying the rosary or even part of the rosary with the family around the May Altar is another tradition that we remember. In these dizzying times let's remember the old May customs.

May Day in the City

The City', or Cathair Crobh Dearg, is a local pilgrimage site, on the northern slopes of the Paps. The name 'The City' refers to the locations role as a cathair (ringfort). The surviving walls and features of the antiquity serve as setting for the pattern that is performed there. It is believed that this has been a place of continual devotion and worship over several millennia. *To Cathair Crobh Dearg is left a legacy of a religious nature, unique and strange, to this day. Right down through the ages, through Druidism and Paganism and through many mutations of human searching, religious ceremonies have been enacted on this barren windswept site. This chain of events has remained vibrant and alive – one of our cherished last remaining links with those days long past.* **Dan Cronin,' In the Shadow of the Paps', 2011**

Sadly, for a second year we are not able to have our annual Mass in the 'City'. Each year people from all parts of the parish and beyond gather to celebrate the sacred heritage of this place, and like our ancestors before us to herald the coming of summer.

Unite, unite, let us all unite,

For summer is a-come unto day

And whither we are going, we will all unite

On the merry morning of May.

These ancient Celtic words welcomed the evening before the first of May. At twilight of that evening, the great festival of Beltane began which was an ancient Celtic celebration that excluded "no one from its embrace" and which "involved the kindling of bonfires." (The name of the festival derives from 'bright fire'.)

Bealtaine is consistent with so many other traditions throughout the world where indigenous peoples celebrate great festivals, of transition between the darkness of winter and the light of spring.

This year we celebrate Bealtaine with new vigour, as we experience a sense for the first time that the dark shadow cast by Covid 19, is giving way to the light of hope in our lives.

ROSARY

Recitation of the Rosary will take place at Doyle's Grotto in Gneeveguilla @ 9pm daily. Please adhere to social distancing and wearing of masks.

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 (Coronavirus). 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.

