

## **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 24<sup>th</sup> & SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Rathmore Danny & Eileen O'Donoghue Inches. John Leader Cahierbarna  
Noreen Doyle, East End and remembering her husband Paddy & her  
brother Humphrey Kerins l/o London & Knockrour.  
Denny O'Sullivan, Shinnagh.  
Jeremiah Moynihan and his son Noel, The Bungalow Shinnagh  
Denis & Kitty Hickey, Knocknaloman & all deceased members of the Hickey family.



Sat 24<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Knocknagree Mary, Daniel & Donie Hickey, Mountcain.  
Denis (Alfred) O'Sullivan Mountcain

Pope Francis has established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place for the first time on Sunday 25 July 2021 on the theme 'I am with you always' (Mt 28:20)

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Shrone Donors Intentions

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Gneeveguilla Timmy McGillicuddy, Bounard.  
Geraldine O'Mahony and her father-in-law Donal.  
Hannah & Paddy O'Riodan Knocknagree.  
Joe & Eileen White, Clounts  
Aisling O'Mahony l/o Bantry  
Pete Riordan, Knocknagree

### **MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> to SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021**

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> 7.00 pm Gneeveguilla People of the Parish

Tues 27<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am Rathmore James Robert Patterson (Burial of Ashes after Mass)

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> 7.00 pm Rathmore Pat Barrow Sommerset England (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)  
Jim, Tim & Johnny O'Keeffe, Ballinahulk

Thur 29<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am Knocknagree Maurice Manning l/o Carriganima

Fri 30<sup>th</sup> 7.00 pm Gneeveguilla Pa O'Sullivan, Knocknagree

Sat 31<sup>st</sup> 6.00 pm Rathmore Denis Murphy, West End. Joe Crowley, Ard Mhuire.  
Eileen O'Connor, Mausrou

Sat 31<sup>st</sup> 7.30 pm Knocknagree David O'Connor, Lisheen. Jerh & Abbie Moynihan, Lacka

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> 9.00 am Shrone Donors Intentions

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> 10.00 am Gneeveguilla Nell O'Mahony, Mountrodge (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)



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

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN OUR PARISH EVERY WEEK**



**Rathmore Church:** beginning 28<sup>th</sup> July from 6-7pm before Mass

**Gneeveguilla Church:** on Monday evenings from 6-7pm.

**Knocknagree Church:** Thursday mornings after 9.30am Mass from 10am – 11am

**Parish Offices opening hours:** Office Open Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9.30am to 12.30pm. Friday 11am to 2pm. Closed Wed. Parish Office (064) 7761669 or email : [rathmore@dioceseofkerry.ie](mailto:rathmore@dioceseofkerry.ie)

**NOTICE**

Booking of Masses, Mass Cards, any query, just call, phone, or email. leave a message and we will get back to you.

**Prayers & Sympathy** To the family of Eileen Cronin (nee Nolan) Knockduff Cullen and late of Farrankeal whose funeral took place in Cullen on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July. May Eileen rest in peace and may all who mourn her loss be comforted.

## USHERS NEEDED

The ministry of Ushers has been a wonderful support during the Covid Pandemic. We need additional Ushers for mid-week Mass in Rathmore Church and a team of backup Ushers is also needed for all Churches

## Hidden Treasure

Last week I spent a little while in Mount Melleray on retreat. The weather was wonderful, and given the Rathmore, Presbytery was the original home of the monks in Ireland; my time in Mellary felt very much like “home from home” During my stay in the guest house, I took the time to read again the book: DOM VINCENT of MOUNT MELLERAY by Killian J Walsh O.C.S.O

*Following their expulsion from France Dan Vincent set about finding a new home for them in Ireland. Various sites were considered to go for no avail until ultimately some prospect appeared in Kerry. The Reverend Mother Kelly, superior of the Presentation Convent in Killarney had heard of his coming and mission and wrote to him with an offer of a house on a farm at Rathmore. The tenant at the moment was Mr. McDonough, a relative possibly her nephew, who is willing to hand over to the monks the use of the house and the land as a temporary refuge.*

*Father Vincent and Brother Moses visited in Rathmore on June 8th, 1831. They found the house to be in poor condition and to make the story worse it seemed just big enough to accommodate a large private family conveniently. But the letters he was receiving from France brought even worse and more and more ominous news and he dreaded the arrival of a large community before he had a place to house them. The regular religious exercises to which a Cistercian community was bound could never be found in this house, the annual rent of which with the farm was £140, and the tenure was only for 20 years. It was without stock; the soil of most of one of the 150 acres was in poor condition and the prior penniless. The house would have to be repaired and furnished; agricultural implements provided along with other requirements for the support of the monks.*

*Father Vincent and brother Moses took residence in Rathmore on July 8th, 1831. Mr. McDonough was there to welcome them and at his departure, some days later left them not only masters of the house and farm but give them half the crops in growing as I need to pay the rent due on the following November.*

*Soon four brothers came from France - one of whom was his own brother Richard in religion brother Paul - with the story that I'll be there could not survive much longer.*

*In November the exiled monks - between forty and fifty - arrived in Cobh, and on December 3rd, 1831, set off in carriages for Rathmore.*

Obviously, in preparation for his book; which was published in 1962, the author visited Rathmore made the following observations:

*One hundred yards or so beyond the convent entrance an avenue to the right curves under its trees up a gentle slope to the house at the top. This large house it is was that sheltered the harnessed homeless monks from France and give them peace of solace again. No doubt the religious aura that enshrined it after the monks' departure won it back into pious hands, for it has long been the home of the parish priest and his curates.*

*The dwelling house, which had been since been remodeled, the three stories of the monastic period being reduced to its present two. The little alms-house which the monks had erected down the Avenue has disappeared without trace.*

There is a slight inaccuracy here which is quite understandable: Killian Walsh presumed that the existing avenue was the one used by the monks, whereas the more likely entrance for them runs parallel to the main road. It too is tree-lined, and thankfully to this day the remnants of the old alms-house still remain. It had a miraculous escape last winter' when a falling tree missed it by a matter of inches. The trees in that area are in a bad state, but we have recently removed all the fallen and dangerous ones. On the resumption of the school year, we plan to involve Transition year in a replanting project.

Just as the monks are proud of their connection to Rathmore, so we are proud of our connection to them and are anxious to hand on that bond to future generations. **Fr Pat**

**Recovery Haven Kerry will run a free Webinar for professionals supporting people dealing with cancer, on Friday July the 30th at 11am. This will be facilitated by Edel Lawlor. Please contact reception on 0667192122 to book a place**

## **Knocknagree Kenya**

clothes collection in aid of Fr Sean Cremin's Missionary work, will take place in the Knocknagree Community Centre on the following dates; Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July from 6pm – 9pm each evening. All items accepted. (excluding duvets) Contacta: Breeda 0872974431. Mary 0860556069