RATHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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



CHRISTMAS MASSES FRIDAY 24th to SUNDAY 26th DECEMBER 2021

Christmas Eve

24th 3.00pm Rathmore People of the Parish (Booking required) 24th 6.00pm Rathmore People of the Parish (Booking required) 24th 7.00pm People of the Parish (Booking required) Gneeveguilla 24th 7.30pm Knocknagree People of the Parish (Booking required)

Sat 25th Christmas Day 9.00am Shrone Shared Christmas Mass (Booking required)

Sat 25th Christmas Day 10.00am Gneeveguilla Shared Christmas Mass Sat 25th Christmas Day 10.30am Knocknagree Shared Christmas Mass Sat 25th Christmas Day 11.30am Rathmore Shared Christmas Mass

St Stephens Day

Sun 26th 9.00.am Shrone Phil & Margaret Cremin, Shrone Sun 26th 10.00am Gneeveguilla Remembering the Moving Bog Sun 26th 10.30am Knocknagree Shared Christmas Mass

Sun 26th 11.30am Rathmore Nancy Moynihan, Shinnagh. Eileen Breen, Schranagullane & I/o New York her sister

Sheila Moynihan Raheen & their father Dan & also remembering her mother Eily

Fr Joe Tarrant (064)7751104 086 3978642 is the priest on duty this Sunday 26th Dec for emergency and sick calls.

Monday 27th Dec to Sunday 2nd January 2022

Mon 27th 7.00pm Gneeveguilla Michael & Joan O'Connell. Maughantourig & their son-in-law

Eugie Kerrisk, Gneeveguilla

Tue 28th 9.30am Rathmore Denis O'Sullivan Knocknaloman & Andrew & Elizabeth Sheehan

Wed 29th 7.00pm Rathmore Joe Kelleher, Scrananaville

Johnny Kelly, Ard Mhuire. Michael Hickey Nohovaldaly

Thur 30th 9.30pm Knocknagree James (Jim) Fitzpatrick, Carrigaline

ri 31st 7.00pm Knocknagree Hannah O'Sullivan, Mountcain (Months Mind) & remembering her brother Tom

whose anniversary occurs at this time.

New Years Day

Sat 01st 6.00pm Rathmore John C O'Leary c/o Corby England & School Place Rathmore & parents Mary & Denis

Dan Crowley (4th Anniv) Inches

Sat 01st 7.30pm Knocknagree Memorial Mass; Michael Dilworth

(at the request of Knocknagree GAA Club) & all deceased of the Knocknagree GAA Club).

Sun 2nd 9.00am Shrone Donal O Donoghue, Bru Na Sinséar & Shronemore

Sun 2nd 10.00am Gneeveguilla Mary C.T Cronin, Goulane. James O'Sullivan Quarry Cross.

O'Sullivan family Gneeveguilla. Patrick, Hannah, Helen & Michael Cashman Gullane

Sun 2nd 11.30pm Rathmore Donal O'Sullivan (1st Anniv) I/o Dublin , Old Road & Nohoval

Fr Jim Kennelly (029)76151 08724012331 is the priest on duty this Sunday 2ndJan for emergency & sick calls.

Monday 3rd Jan to Sunday 9th January 2022

(Bank Holiday)

Mon 3rd 11.00am Rathmore Denis (Gary) O'Leary East End & his parents Nellie & Denis & his uncle Martin

Tues 4th 9.30am Rathmore People of the Parish

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (Thur 6TH JAN.) Lord Jesus may your light shine our way, as once it guided the steps of the magi: that we too may be led into your presence and worship you, the Child of Mary, the Word of the Father, the King of nations, the Saviour of mankind; to whom be glory for ever. (Frank Colquhoun)

Wed 5th Feast of the Epiphany (Vigil Mass) 6.00pm Rathmore Fr Donal O'Leary, his parents & his brother Joseph. Wed 5th Feast of the Epiphany (Vigil Mass) 7.30pm Knocknagree Richard & Michael Murphy, Shanballa

Feast of the Epiphany (Holy Day of Obligation)

Thur 6th 9.00am Shrone Shared Christmas Mass
Thur 6th 10.00am Gneeveguilla Shared Christmas Mass

Fri 7th 7.00pm Rathmore Tom O'Connell Clairnwood (1st Anniv)

Sat 8th 6.00pm Rathmore Denis Lynch, Convent View, his parents Den & Mary Ann. John & Mary Buckley, Renasup,

Mary & Patie Reen, Counerough & Abina & John Kavanagh I/o Raheen & Washington DC

Sat 8th 7.30pm Knocknagree Pat & Cathy Hickey, Mountcain & their son Patrick

Sun 9th 9.00am Shrone Donors Intentions

Sun 9th 10.00am Gneeveguilla Timmie & Julia Cronin, Reaboy
Sun 9th 11.30am Rathmore Mary Twomey Inches (1st Anniv)

Fr Kevin Mc Namara RIP

It was with great sadness that we received the news this morning (Tuesday) of the untimely passing of Fr Kevin Mc Namara. He was a very dynamic presence in Kerry Diocese and had a huge impact on the life of our own parish community when he served here as a curate. There are many with whom he has built up a long and standing friendship, and for them his loss will be felt in a very personal way.

Fr Kevin was larger than life and brought a huge energy with him wherever he went. Even this morning before fate intervened, he was seen walking down the hospital corridor, decked in a colourful Christmas Jumper and greeting all along the way. A proud man from Clare he brought his own special style and roguery which endeared him to many. We extend our sympathise to his family, to our neighbouring parish of Glenflesk, and to the Parish of Moyvane where he served with great distinction. As all of you know Fr Kevin always had a thoughtful message on his phone which pointed to faith. Those of you who phoned him in recent times will undoubtedly heard his latest offering which went something like this:

"Fr Kevin here: You know when a parent throws a child up in the air, the child doesn't cry or shriek; no, it just yields to laughter. And why is that? It is because the child has total confidence that the parent will catch them!

Can you and I not put that same faith in our loving God."

He concluded with his usual: "Leave a message"

Kevin may you on this day, arrive safely in loving arms of God. Fr Pat

Funeral arrangements: Fr Kevin will be reposing in St. Agatha's Church, Glenflesk on Sunday 26th December 2021 from 10.00am to 12 noon and in the Church of the Assumption, Moyvane on Sunday evening from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. Requiem Mass will take place on Monday, 27th December in St. Senan's Church, Cooraclare at 2.00 pm, and will be live streamed on the Cooraclare/Cree parish facebook page

MOVING BOG TRAGEDY REMEMBERED (Mass Sunday 26th @ 10am Gneeveguilla)

The 125th anniversary of the Moving Bog Tragedy, which occurred at Knocknageeha, Gneeveguilla, on December 28, 1896, will be marked with a number of events over the coming days.

- 1. Those who died in the tragedy will be remembered at the 10a,m Mass in Gneeveguilla Church on St Stephens Day.
- 2. A commemorative plaque will be unveiled at the Old Chapel Cemetery, Rathmore, on Tuesday December 28, at 3pm.

The tragedy resulted in the deaths of quarry worker Con Donnelly, his wife, Johanna, and six of their seven children. Their home was submerged by a mass of bog - in essence a huge landslide - as they slept in the early hours. One child, Katie, then aged 13 years, was the sole survivor as she was staying with relatives at Mountcain, Knocknagree, on that fateful night.

On December 28, a limestone plaque, erected by Cumann Luachra, will be unveiled at the cemetery where five of the victims are buried - Con and Johanna Donnelly and three of their children. The bodies of three other children in the family were never found.

Everybody is welcome to the unveiling at which a talk on the tragedy will be given.

