

## RATHMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER



**Advent Week 2** Prepare a way for the Lord *Preparing the light* asks us to start preparations.... not just the outward preparations, but primarily the inward preparations....the making ourselves ready for receiving the light of Christ. Oftentimes, it may be about noticing in what way I don't feel ready or being aware of what we want to do to welcome the baby Jesus into our lives this Christmas.



### SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> & SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2021

- Sat 4<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Rathmore Patjoe & Connie O'Keeffe Upper Shinnagh  
Margaret Cronin Brú na Sinear
- Sat 4<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Knocknagree (Unity Ribbon Tree Mass)  
Jeremiah Twoney Uneraboy.  
Rory O'Connor Umeraboy & his daughters Marie, Brid & his grandson Rory
- Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Shrone John & Mary Cremin, Gortnagown
- Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Gneeveguilla John, Mary & Jack Riordan Annaghbeg.  
Denis & deceased members of the Nagle family, Kilquane  
& deceased members of the O' Callaghan family Ballinahula  
Jack & Catherine O'Keeffe Bounard & deceased members of the O'Keeffe family
- Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 11.30am Rathmore Patrick & Hannah Cronin Upper Shinnagh.  
Patrick & Hannah Buckley Shinnagh & nephew Jack O'Keeffe l/o Nohoval.  
Timothy Healy, Manheim Pennsylvania



### MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> to SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2021

- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Gneeveguilla Special Intentions
- Tues 7<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Rathmore Donors Intentions
- Tues 7<sup>th</sup> 7.30am Knocknagree Patrick & Julia Hickey, Mountcain & their daughter Sheila, sons Denis & Daniel & granddaughters Margaret & Maureen Con, Katie & Ellie Buckley Mountcain & their parents.
- Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- Wed 8<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Shrone (Donors Intentions)
- Wed 8<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Gneeveguilla Donors Intentions
- Thur 9<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Knocknagree People of the Parish
- Fri 10<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Knocknagree Sheila O'Leary, Knockeenagullane
- Sat 11<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Rathmore Joan Finnegan (Months Mind)
- Sat 11<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Knocknagree Andy B Hickey, Mountcain Pat Reen Tureenareeha,  
Denis O'Keeffe l/o Ballymacelligott & Knocknagree
- Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Shrone Donors Intentions
- Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Gneeveguilla (Memorial Mass) Veronika Vantrobova, Cnoc Na Gaoithe & both her Grandfathers Joseph Stana Slovkia who died in November & Francis Vantroba Slocakia who died in March.
- Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 11.30am Rathmore Phil Dineen Shinnagh (Months Mind)



Fr Jim Kennelly (029) 76151 087 241331 is the priest on duty this Sunday for emergency and sick calls.



Parish Offices opening hours: 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)

Christmas Mass Bouquets are available as usual in the Parish Office. These cards prove very popular but also create added demands on time, when added to existing work. It would be really helpful if parishioners wishing to get Christmas Mass Bouquet would call to the Parish Office between 10am & 11am to get their cards. We have volunteers to assist us at those times.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN OUR PARISH EVERY WEEK**  
**Rathmore Church:** Wednesday evening from 6-7pm before Mass  
**Gneeveguilla Church:** Monday evenings from 6-7pm.  
**Knocknagree Church:** Thursday mornings after 9.30am Mass from 10am – 11am

*“Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress,  
put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever.”*

In some cultures, a woman who has been widowed or who loses a child wears black for a year to signal her mourning. Her face too wears the marks of grief. The sparkle in her eyes gives way to ready tears and her gait becomes heavy from sorrow. Such is the image of the city of Jerusalem in today’s first reading. At one time in her history the people of Jerusalem were forced to leave their city and were exiled in Babylon. Baruch characterizes the devastated city as a woman in mourning for her exiled children who have been forcibly taken away from her by the Babylonians. The prophet declares that it is time for Jerusalem to exchange her robe of mourning and misery for a brilliant new mantle. Her new cloak is spun from justice and glory from God

The humiliation of their forced march into exile on foot will be undone by their being carried back aloft, as if they were royalty. The heights of despair and the depths of depression will be leveled out. It is not that the suffering is forgotten, or that anything could go back to being the way it was before the tragedy, but now the divine gift of joy settles over the grieving mother as rebuilding life out of the ruins begins. The returnees are led by God’s light, and their companions are mercy and justice.

This time of pandemic has felt like a kind of exile for us, too, hasn’t it? On top of that, migrants and refugees at our borders, and victims of violence in our cities are all struggling to rebuild life out of the ruins. Like Jerusalem in Baruch’s time, there is no going back to what was before, but we let God’s motherly care enfold us with mercy and justice as our companions. With them we can move toward healing, restoration, and the chance for a new beginning. *SISTER BARBARA E. REID, O.P.*

**Rathmore St. Vincent de Paul 087 – 3462332 CHURCH GATE COLLECTION :**

**Before all Masses SAT. 11<sup>th</sup> & SUN. 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

**RATHMORE – Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. 6pm & Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. 11.30am KNOCKNAGREE – Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. 7.30pm**

**SHRONE – Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. 9.00am GNEEVEGUILLA – Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10.00am BALLYDESMOND – Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. 11.00am**

**You can also donate to our Credit Union and Bank accounts details as follows:**

**Rathmore Credit Union account**

**(IBAN: IE02RDRN99106300120299 BIC:RDRNIE21)**

**Millstreet AIB Bank account (IBAN: IE69AIBK93615406950116 BIC:AIBKIE2D)**

**YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HELP US PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SUPPORT TO FAMILIES IN NEED IN OUR AREA**

Your donations will make a difference way beyond the Christmas period when we receive requests for help which range from food vouchers to help with fuel, health, daily living expenses and school.

**We would be very appreciative of your support**

**ANNUAL FOOD APPEAL : We are setting up our annual Food Appeal.** This appeal has been very successful especially in Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra, Holy Family N.S. and Danú and parents have been very generous. **These donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries help to fill hampers at Christmas for needy families in our area. We thank you for your continued support.**

**Mass on RTE at 11am on this Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December will be a St. Vincent DePaul Mass celebrated by Fr. Paschal Scallon CM, National Spiritual Adviser.**

**THANK YOU: We would like to thank the parishioners for their great generosity to the Special Trocaire collection which amounted to €3728.50. If you still wish to make a Donation please do so early this week as we will be forwarding toe collection on Friday.**

**Diocese Collection:** The annual collection for the **Youth Service** will take place this weekend 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> December Donations can be contributed online on the donate tab on the parish website [www.rathmoreparish.ie](http://www.rathmoreparish.ie) or drop into the Parish Office.

