

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 6th MARCH to SUNDAY 7th MARCH 2022

Sat 5 th	6.00pm	Rathmore	Mary Moynihan (6 th Anniv) wife of Denis) Brú na Sinsear. Alex Hickey Rathmore Townland James & Nora O' Connor Lyreoune. Patrick Nagle Shinnagh
Sat 5 th	7.30pm	Knocknagree	Jeremiah & Margaret Twomey, Knocknagree
Sun 6 th	9.00am	Shrone	Mary Hickey, Aunaskirtane
Sun 6 th	10.00am	Gneeveguilla	Margaret McGillicuddy, Leam
Sun 6 th	11.30am	Rathmore	Donie Dineen, Caherbarnagh (10 th Anniv) Michael Moynihan Knockdurath. Deborah O'Sullivan, Rathduane



MONDAY 7th MARCH to SUNDAY 13th MARCH 2022

Mon 7 th	7.00pm	Gneeveguilla	Neily Cronin, his sister Noreen O'Sullivan & their parents Jeremiah & Molly Cronin Goulane. Mary & Patrick Donnelly Coom Jeremiah & Nora McCarthy, Stagmount. Sean & Ann O'Keeffe, Coom
Tues 8 th	9.30am	Rathmore	People of the Parish
Wed 9 th	7.00pm	Rathmore	Brendan Galvin Knocknacopple (1 st Anniv)
Thur 10 th		No Mass	
Fri 11 th	7.00pm	Knocknagree	Brigid Joyce & Catherine O'Sullivan
Sat 12 th	6.00pm	Rathmore	Tom Fitzgerald Gneeveguilla Village (Months Mind) also remembering his wife, Sheila.
Sat 12 th	7.30pm	Knocknagree	Andy Davise, Shanballa. Danny, Lil & John Ring, Lacka & all members of the Ring & Twomey families
Sun 13 th	9.00am	Shrone	Donors Intentions
Sun 13 th	10.00am	Gneeveguilla	Denis & Nora Keane l/o Inch Kilcummin & their sons Pat & Sean
Sun 13 th	11.30am	Rathmore	Donors Intentions



Fr John Fitzgerald 029 70043/ 0877752948 Priest on duty this Sun 6th March for emergency and sick calls.



The Parish Office opening hours Mon, Tues, & Thur 9.30am -12.30pm Closed Wed. Fri 11am – 2pm
Parish Office: Booking of Masses, Mass Cards, any query, just call, phone or email (064) 7761669 or rathmore@dioceseofkerry.ie



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

Diocesan Collection for Emigrant Services will take place next weekend the 12th/13th March
Donations can be contributed online on the donate tab on the parish website www.rathmoreparish.ie or drop into the Parish Office.

The Stations of the Cross will be recited in Gneeveguilla Church on Friday nights @ 8pm

Our Prayers & Sympathies. To Stephen O'Sullivan, Martina, Sean & Padraig on the death of his father Paddy Joe O'Sullivan, Gneeveguilla Village grandfather his sisters Breda, Maureen & Joan & extended family. Paddy Joe was laid to rest on Friday 25th February in Gneeveguilla. May Paddy Joe rest in peace and all who mourn his loss be comforted

A Pastoral Message for Lent 2022.

**A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.
Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me.**

(Responsorial Ps 50, Ash Wednesday)

A meaningful Lent

I think of two images to describe Lent: just as the harsh Winter weather kills off old vegetation and cleans up the soil for seeds to be planted and green shoots to spring up; just as between now and Easter nature will come alive again, - so too in Lent we work on ourselves that we may be at our Christian best as family members, neighbours, colleagues and citizens in the years ahead.

The 2022 season of sport lies ahead. These first months for athletes and team members involve the discipline of training, - to sharpen skills, to attain fitness and to develop teamwork. The discipline is needed if there is to be the joy of participation. We have the discipline of Lent that we might be at our best, in gratitude to God and in appreciation of the blessings of family, community and country.

As parish communities this Lent, we put a focus on inviting all to return to participation in the fullness of parish life. Gradually, carefully all activities can resume. It will do us good to be together again.

A wish I have is that in our churches choirs will come back strong. They give life and joy to our worship. Also, may the Sign of Peace return, not yet as a handshake but as a smile, a bow, or a hand gesture of recognition and fellowship.

I suggest some simple things for this Lent: Check that you are happy with the time you give:

- to daily prayer and Sunday Eucharist
- to keeping your faith fresh and strong
- to participation in parish activities,
- to being involved in some voluntary service to others
- God Our Father asks us to have a special care for those who are poor or in some other need. Also, remember the Trocaire Lenten campaign.

A Christian Sunday

Sunday is special for every Christian community: 1) the first day of creation Gen1:1-5, 2) the Day of Christ's Resurrection, and 3) the Day of the Coming of the Holy Spirit. This Lent can we reflect on how we live Sunday as Christian communities? For you and your loved ones is there in your Sunday:

- a place for quiet prayerful reflection to count our blessings and renew your trust in God
- a place for gathering to celebrate Mass in response to his invitation "do this in memory of me"
- a place for a day of rest away from the busyness and pressures of the everyday.

Sunday is also a day for people, for family, neighbours and friends. Have you a pattern of regular good contact with others? Has Covid taught us that people are the true treasure in our lives? It is all too easy in today's world to not have time for the people around us every day.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all people on earth.

Lord make us an instrument of your peace. +Ray Brown Diocese of Kerry

Knocknagree – Kenya: The Annual Church Gate Collection which took place in Knocknagree on Sat 12th February raised €745. The committee wish to thank all for their generosity.

The Kerry Branch of Samaritans wish to thank the parishioners in Gneeveguilla for their generous support in the **Collection at Christmas** which raised **€785.44**