



## Gneeveguilla Crib

The origin of the Gneeveguilla Crib of 30 figures dates back to the opening of the present Church having weathered 80 years, with toes missing, necks cracked, hands falling off, a face lift was badly needed for this very historical & valuable set. A local young Art teacher Róisín O'Sullivan, Renasup willingly took on the task to restore & renew the surviving 11 figures. Her artistic talent came to the fore & thankfully Róisín have them brought back to their original condition looking really well, decorated with Pa Brosnan's Red Berry Holly from Muckcross

<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	
Christmas Eve	
Rathmore	6pm
Gneeveguilla	6.30pm
Knocknagree	8.30pm

<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December</b>		<b>Christmas Day</b>
Shrone	9.00am	
Gneeveguilla	10.30am	Nora & Tim Cronin Annabeg & Goulane
Rathmore	11.30am	

**Fr Joe Tarrant (064)7751104 086 3978642 on call this Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December for emergency and sick calls.**

**MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER to SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2023**

**MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY to SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> (Bank Holiday) St Stephen's Day**  
Rathmore 11.00am Christmas Shared Mass

**Tues 27<sup>th</sup> (Bank Holiday) Knocknagree 11.00am**  
Christmas Shared Mass

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Gneeveguilla 7.00pm John & Abina Collins**  
Knocknagreeha. The Casey family Hollymount.  
Joan & Michael O'Connor, Maughantourig & their  
son in law Eugie Kerrisk, Sliabh Luachra.  
The O'Keeffe family Knocknacopple

**Thur 29<sup>th</sup> Knocknagree 9.30am People of the Parish**

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Gneeveguilla 7.00pm**  
Charlie Collins, Lyrecorin (Months Mind)

**Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Shrone 6.00pm**  
Donal O'Donoghue Brú na Siensear I/o Shrone.  
Jim & Jer Daly Shrone & all deceases of the O'Donoghues  
I/o Shrone, Glenflesk & Killarney,  
& John & Kate Walsh Sligo.

**Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Knocknagree 7.30pm Johnny O'Keeffe, Park.**  
Timmie & Josephine Cronin, Shanballa  
Dan & Nora O'Leary Umeraboy.  
Pat & Cathy Hickey Mountcain & their son Patrick.

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Jan (New Year's Day) Gneeveguilla 9.30am**  
Christmas Shared Masses

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Jan Rathmore 11.30am**  
John C O'Leary, Corby & I/o School Place & his wife Nora  
& his parents Mary & Denis O'Leary. John Kelly, Ard  
Mhuire Nancy Moynihan, The Bungalow Shinnagh.  
Frankie Brosnan Rathduane.  
Timmie Reen, Moulougow & remembering his wife Nell.

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> (Bank Holiday)**  
Rathmore 11.00am  
Peggy O'Connor West End (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.30am Rathmore People of the Parish**

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Rathmore 7.00pm**  
Dan Crowley, Inches.  
Andrew & Elizabeth Sheehan Nohovaldaly.  
Denis O'Sullivan, Knocknaloman.  
Donal O'Sullivan I/o Dublin, Old Road/Nohoval  
Denis (Garry) O'Leary & his parents Nellie & Denis &  
his Uncle Martin

**Feast of the Epiphany (Vigil Mass)**  
Thur 5<sup>th</sup> Shrone 6.00pm Christmas Shared Mass

**Thur 5<sup>th</sup> Knocknagree 7.30pm Donors intentions**

**Feast of the Epiphany (Holy Day of Obligation)**  
Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Gneeveguilla 9.30am  
Mossie Teahan Coom (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Rathmore 11.30am**  
Kathleen & Jeremiah McAuliffe Forge Cross &  
John McAuliffe East End

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Shrone 6.00pm Tomas O'Connell**  
6 Clairn Wood Rathmore

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Knocknagree 7.30pm Donors Intentions**

**Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Gneeveguilla 9.30am (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)**  
Teresa Sanderson I/o Liverpool & Cottage  
& remembering her husband Frank

**Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Rathmore 11.30am**  
Julia Looney Lissyconnor (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

**Parish Office Closed until the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023**  
Office will be reopen on Tues the 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan & Thur 5<sup>th</sup> Jan  
from 9.30am -12.30pm.

**NOTICE**

**Closed Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Jan &  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan (Holy Day)**

**KERRY SAMARITANS CHURCH GATE COLLECTION** will be taking place on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at all Masses in the parish



## *A Christmas Message*

Dear Parishioners,

"There are so many details that surround the celebration of Christmas that it is easy to miss the meaning. Christmas is not about the parties, the presents. It's not about the food, the festivities, or even about family. It's not about tinsel or traditions.

"That fact is this: Christmas is solely about God. The truth can be so easily missed: Christmas is nothing but Jesus. And if Jesus is not in Christmas, then Christmas is

nothing at all!

*"...the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:5)*

A few days ago, I received a Christmas card that had a beautiful silhouette of the newborn Jesus along with Mary and Joseph in the manger and the bible verse above inscribed by the star. For some reason, this verse resonated with me and has stayed with me for the better part of a week.

Yes, we have come to the end of a very challenging year, BUT the light of Christ still shines amidst the darkness of this world, and the darkness has not overcome this light.

True the darkness of war still casts its shadow over Ukraine; and all of us wish that it would not be so. However, countless people throughout our land have held out the hand of friendship and welcome and brought some light to those who have been forced from their land. In this and other situations of difficulty we are 'Christ like' when we are a light that shines in the darkness.

Just as the shepherds were led to a humble stable in Bethlehem to worship the infant Jesus, so have we been led to be together at this time and in this place to sing with the angels: Glory to God in the highest and peace to all people on earth! That is our heartfelt prayer at this moment in time.

Despite our ongoing travails in our world, 2022 will also be remembered for the wonderful Spring and Summer weather, and that mildness has extended into Autumn. But above all we give thanks for the wonderful warmth of our community which nurtures and sustains us.

There are many new houses in the parish which are beginning to light up with new life; to those of you who are new to our community we extend a warm welcome.

We reach out too to those who have lost loved ones and are missing them, those affected by financial hardship, ill health, and other personal challenges. ... You are not forgotten.

On behalf of all Parishioners, we wish to acknowledge the many of you who have served so generously this past year. Whether it's participating in ministries, parish committees, parish ushers, our music ministry, leading the rosary, attending to the church environment, acting as area contacts; or any one of the countless other (usually unseen) tasks that keep our Parish warm and vibrant. Our thanks too to our Secretaries and Sacristans who are so wholehearted in their giving. Thank you so much for all you do!

At "this most wonderful time of the year" may you and your loved ones find joy and fulfillment as surely did Joseph and Mary. Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of goodwill. Sincerely in the Lord,  
Fr Pat.

**Prayers & Sympathies** To Mary O'Halloran & Family, Knocknagree on the death of her mother Bridget Dolan who's funeral took place in Leckaun, Co Leitrim on the 5<sup>th</sup> December.  
To Joan Marie & PJ O'Sullivan & families on the death of their father. Michael P (Mick Patie) O'Sullivan Renasup. Michael was laid to rest on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December in Knocknagree.  
To Joan Doherty, & family Mike, Mary, Kay, Owen, James & families on the death of Conny Doherty Lisnagrove husband, father & grandfather & extended families. Conny was laid to rest on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December in Rathmore.  
To Geraldine Sheehan & Ilona on the death of Patrick Sheehan, Glounacopple Kilcummin l/o Maulykevane, husband & father. His brother Diarmuid & sisters Margaret, Mary. Patrick was laid to rest on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December in Kilcummin. To the family of Timothy (Thady) O'Connell Knocknacarra, Galway formerly of Lighthouse, Ballydesmond. His brothers Patrick, Mike, John Joe, Dan, Anthony, Kevin, Brendan, sisters Noreen, Nancy, Sheila, Alice & families. Timothy's funeral took place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December in Ballydesmond.  
To Dj, Paudie, Julie & Hanora Brosnan & families on the death of their mother Eileen Brosnan, Bounard, her brothers Jim, Dan, Patsy & sister Peggy. Eileen was laid to rest on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December in Gneeveguilla.  
May Bridget, Michael, Conny, Patrick, Timothy & Eileen rest in peace and may all who mourn their loss be comforted.

