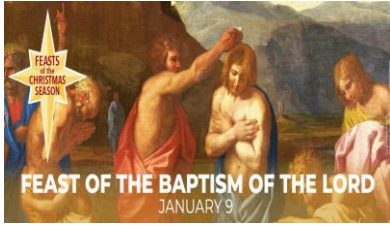


## OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

### NOTICE

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](mailto:rathmore@dioceseofkerry.ie)



**8<sup>th</sup> January: BAPTISM OF THE LORD** We return to the scene of the Baptism of Christ. We are invited to recognize in Jesus not just a good man, not just a good teacher, not just a compassionate human being. No, we are invited to believe in Jesus as the one, unique and only God. And He has come to save us. If we are baptized in Him, let us share His mercy and walk with faith

**Fr Pat O'Donnell (064)7758026 086 8351732**

### SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JAN & SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023

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 (Mim) Looney, Lissyconnor (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

**Fr John Fitzgerald (029)70043 07 7752948 on call this Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January for emergency and sick calls.**

### MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY to SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Gneeveguilla 9.30am People of the Parish

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Rathmore 9.30am Donors Intentions

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Rathmore 7.00pm Donors Intentions

Thur 12<sup>th</sup> Knocknagree 9.30am Donor's intentions

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Rathmore 9.30am Donors Intentions

(Do this in Memory)

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Shrone 6.00pm Donors intentions

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Knocknagree 7.30pm Maura O'Connor, Umeraboy (Months Mind)

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Gneeveguilla 9.30am Kitty Barry, Tureenamult

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Rathmore 11.30am Patrick Lowe, Sliabh Luachra, Gneeveguilla (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

There will be No scheduled morning Mass if a Funeral Mass is being said in the Church that day.



#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN OUR PARISH EVERY WEEK

Rathmore Church Wednesday evening from 6-7pm before Mass  
 Gneeveguilla Church Tuesdays 10am – 8pm Knocknagree Church: Thursday mornings from 10am – 11am

#### CHILD PROTECTION REPRESENTATIVES

Siobhan Carmody 087 9498347 (Gneeveguilla).	Margaret McGrath (089) 4182683 (Rathmore)
Stephanie Brosnan 087 9449288 (Shrone)	Betty Moynihan (087) 6186091 (Knocknagree)

## As Christmas Time Comes to a Close

With the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, we can be confident that the Light which has come into the world does not diminish or fade away. Rather, by virtue of the light of Christ, which we received at Baptism, we are called to be the bearers of light to the world. Often Christmas is a time that these lights shine brightly and remind us of the power and potential of the light of the Gospel message. (We might recall the “Christmas truce” of World War I, when British soldiers in the trenches saw the lights from small candles the German soldiers across the line had lit and heard the Germans singing carols. The British soldiers began to sing carols as well, and for a brief time these two warring foes were at peace.) Christmas Time closes with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which this year is January 7/8th. The feast serves as a bridge between Christmas and Ordinary Time.

Here are six ways to carry the joy of the Christmas season into this New Year:

### 1) Keep the Cards

Christmas cards we have received make a wonderful visual prayer list for the New Year! Keep them handy taking one out each day and praying for these special people in your life. Give God thanks for them. This is also a great idea for your family to do together during family worship or around the dinner table!

### 2) Send The Cards

Snail mail has almost become extinct...except at Christmas. Take time to write an actual handwritten note to someone different each month of 2023; don't just wait until next Christmas.

### 3) Give a Gift

Give an unexpected gift. We probably know what Jesus said recorded by Luke in Acts 20:35 – “It is more blessed to give than receive.” Sometimes at Christmas or birthdays we feel “obligated” to give gifts though.

Keep our eyes open, and when we see a little something special that reminds you of someone, give it to them now; don't wait for a reason.

Let's give of our words – a gift of encouragement. Hebrews 10:25 instructs us “but encourage one another,” and Paul tells us in Ephesians 4:29 Words are free as far as money, but they may cost us a bit of thought and intentionality.

### 4) Celebrate

Again, for no other reason but to celebrate life, celebrate all that we have been gifted by God. Life is too short to wait for an occasion; celebrate life, family, and God's goodness ... today!

### 5) Be Intentional about being Kind, Generous & Grateful

Shopping during Christmas is so different from the everyday shopping experience. During the holidays people seem kinder, more patient, joyful, generous, and grateful to others and to God.

Let's bring that gift beyond Christmas. Let's choose to smile at others more, be aware of their needs, give more generously, and share the joy that comes from Jesus so others may find the hope only found in Christ!

### 6) Keep on Reading & Thinking About Jesus!

Don't stop with the Christmas story of Jesus' birth; get to know Who He is by reading through His life, His teachings, His miracles, how He treated and loved those around Him, and the greatest gift - His death and resurrection!

If we are not intentional about recognizing and enjoying Christ's presence as we walk throughout our day, we won't remember. We'll fall back into the rut, the busyness of the ordinary.

**Diocesan Collection for the “Holy Land ” will take place this weekend the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>st</sup> Jan** 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

**Prayers & Sympathies** To Agnes Cremin, Juliann, Martina, Gorretti, Evelyn, Annette, Lisa, Sharon & families on the death of Mike Cremin Corran, Headford, Son, Brother & partner of Margaret & extended families .

Mikes funeral took place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December in Rathmore.

To Cyril Hickey, John, Elma, Lorraine, Donal, Catherine & families, on the death of Kathleen Hickey, Gneeveguilla wife, mother & grandmother. Kathleen's funeral took place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January in Gneeveguilla.

May Mike & Kathleen rest in peace and may all who mourn their loss be comforted.

