

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.

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SATURDAY 11th FEBRUARY & SUNDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2023

Sat 11th Shrone 6.00pm Mary McCarthy, Ballycullane. Sheila O'Callaghan, Gortnagown
(Do this in Memory)

Sat 11th Knocknagree 7.30pm Abina Herlihy, Park, Knocknagree,
(Do this in Memory) Kathleen Cronin, Caherbarnagh. Peter & Peggy Leader, Tureen & remembering
Mary Bradley, Kanturk whose Months Mind occurs at this time. Jim Bradley who died recently.

Sun 12th Gneeveguilla 9.30am Tom Fitzgerald, Gneeveguilla (1st Anniv)
(Do this in Memory)

Sun 12th Rathmore 11.30am Michael (Mick) Nagle, Rathmore Townland.
(Do this in Memory) Philip & Julia Cremin, Lissyconnor. Alan Newman, Corran & his Granddaughter Baby Grace
Eileen & Jerh Murphy, Corran & their son Jerry & his friend Sean.

Fr Pat O' Donnell (064) 7758026/ 0868351732 on call this Sunday 12th February for emergency and sick calls

MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY to SUNDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2023

Mon 13th Gneeveguilla 7pm Nealie Cronin, Goulane & his sister Noreen O'Sullivan & their parents
Jeremiah & Molly Cronin. Peg O'Mahony, Gullane
Jeremiah & Nora McCarthy, Stagmount. Johnny O'Leary, Gullane & Ard Mhuire
Brendan Kelly, Gullane & deceased members of the Kelly family. Sean & Ann O'Keeffe, Coom
Willie & Agnes Warren, Annabeg & their grandson Willie B.

(No morning Mass)

Tues 14th Rathmore 11.00am Sacrament of Confirmation Rathmore

Wed 15th Rathmore 7.00pm Dr Donal O'Connor (Months Mind)

Thur 16th Knocknagree 9.30am Donors Intentions

Fri 17th Gneeveguilla 7.00pm Jimmy Doyle. Headford (Months Mind)

Sat 18th Shrone 6.00pm Timothy, Johanna, John & Patrick O'Donoghue, Gortdarrig
Nora & John Murphy, Knocknageeha

Sat 18th Knocknagree 7.30pm Kathy & Michael Moynihan, Shanballa & their daughter Betty Murphy, Park
& her son John Gerard, their son Frank Moynihan, Stagmount & his son John Francis,
their grandsons Greg & Ivan Moynihan & their granddaughter Naomi Curtin.

Sun 19th Gneeveguilla 9.30am Patsy Collins, Mausroure & the Village. Denny & Noen Cronin, Coom Lr

Sun 19th Rathmore 11.30am Paddy Crowley, Barra (Months Mind)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN OUR PARISH EVERY WEEK

Rathmore Church Wednesday evening from 6-7pm before Mass Knocknagree Church: Thursday mornings
from 10am – 11am Gneeveguilla Church Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesday morning @10am

Knocknagree Novena

Our thanks to all who participated in the Lourdes Novena and who came each night in such great numbers. Thanks too to the various priests who came to preside at our Eucharist, and to Marcella and Irene for leading the Prayer Service. To those who participated through Music Ministry, Ministry of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharist, we thank you for your ongoing commitment throughout the year.

To the Lourdes Novena Volunteers who in a most creative way recreate the Lourdes Grotto, and by their hard work establish a really special atmosphere in the Church.

To Betty and Mary in the Sacristy, our collectors and altar servers, and all who contribute to making this a wonderful prayerful experience.

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The Sacrament of Confirmation

This Tuesday is a big day in the life of our Christian Community, when the Bishop comes to Administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the Pupils of Shrone, Meentogues, and Holy Family Schools.

Jesus told his disciples that he had to return to the Father so that the Holy Spirit could be poured out upon them – an Advocate who would lead them in all truth. After his resurrection Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and passed on the divine power of forgiveness.

After Jesus ascended into heaven the apostles waited for a more complete outpouring of the Holy Spirit who came upon them as a mighty wind and tongues of fire – the first Pentecost. In the Book of Acts the apostles hear of people who have been baptized but who have not received the Holy Spirit, and they hurry to them to confer the Spirit upon them and thus complete their Baptism with a celebration of Pentecost.

The Biblical Church and the Early Church fathers understood Jesus' actions as instituting a distinct sacrament that both completed Baptism and conferred the Holy Spirit upon the believer. It was, and continues to be, a celebration of Pentecost. In practice

The early Church baptized and confirmed in the same ceremony. Running water was preferred, so most baptisms took place outdoors in streams, rivers or lakes. Following the Baptism, the new Christian was dressed in a white garment and lead into Church where the Bishop was waiting to confirm them. When infants were baptized, the same process was used, and the infant was baptized and confirmed in the same ceremony.

The Church very early divided into two major groups: the Latin Rite, headquartered in Rome, and the Eastern Rite, headquartered in the new Roman capital of Constantinople. The Latin Rite church reserved the celebration of Confirmation to the Bishop, while the Eastern Rite gave the parish priest the power to celebrate Confirmation at the same time as Baptism. Thus, in the Latin Rite (we are Latin rite) Confirmation became separated from Baptism. Bishops by and large had huge territories and were able to get to their parishes every few years. The practice was that everyone who had been baptized, regardless of age, was confirmed when the Bishop visited the parish.

Interestingly, because of the COVID pandemic, priests in the Diocese of Kerry began to share in administering the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is a practice that will continue in future years.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Commentator: *the laying on of hands is a sign that God is blessing them with the gift of the Holy Spirit, that God is choosing them for a special purpose. The Bishop will be assisted by the priests present.*

Bishop/Priest: My dear friends, in Baptism, God our Father gave the new birth of eternal life to his chosen sons and daughters. Let us pray to our Father that he will pour out the Holy Spirit to strengthen his sons and daughters with his gifts and anoint them to be more like Christ, the Son of God.

Hymn: (all stand) Come Holy Spirit

Congregation remains seated while candidates stand, the priests extend their hands in prayer

Bishop/Priest: All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit, you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgement and courage and the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

Commentator: *In Old Testament times oil was used to remind people that they were being filled with God's power and strength. The Bishop makes the Sign of the Cross with the oil of Chrism on the forehead of those being confirmed. It is a sign that they are being strengthened by the Holy Spirit to carry out God's work.*

Bishop/Priest : N..., be sealed with gift of the Holy Spirit.

Candidate: Amen.

Bishop/Priest : Peace be with you.

Candidate: And with your spirit.

