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.

Fr Pat O' Donnell (064) 7758026/ 0868351732	
SATURDAY 18 th FEBRUARY & SUNDAY 19 th FEBRUARY 2023	
Sat 18 th Shrone 6.00pm Timothy, Johanna, John & Patrick O'Donoghue, Gortdarrig Noan & John Murphy , Knocknageeha	
Sat 18 th Knocknagree 7.30pm Kathy & Michael Moynihan, Shanballa & their daughter Betty Murphy, Park & her son John Gerard, their son Frank Moynihan, Stagmount & Frank's son John Francis, their grandsons Greg & Ivan Moynihan & their granddaughter Naomi Curtin. Tade Lehane, Park	
	e Collins, Mausrour & the Village.
Den	ny & Noen Cronin, Coom Lr
Sun 19 th Rathmore 11.30am Paddy Crowley, B	arra (Months Mind)
Fr Joe Tarrant (064)7751104 086 3978642 on call this	Sunday 19 th Feb for emergency and sick calls
Please pray for John Horgan I/o Ard Mhuire & Kilcorney whe	ose Anniversary occurs at this time.
MONDAY 20th FEBRUARY to SUNDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2023	
	onors Intentions
Tues 21stRathmore9.30amPeople of th	
Ash Wednesday DAY OF FAST AND ABSWed 22 nd Gneeveguilla9.30amAsh WednesdayWed 22 nd Knocknagree10.30amAsh WednesdayWed 22 nd Shrone6.00pmAsh WednesdayWed 22 nd Rathmore7.00pmAgnes Cremin, Col	ay Mass
Thur 23 rd Gneeveguilla 7.00pm (Months Mind) John Sheehan, The Swan London, Killarney Grand & Gneeveguilla	
Fri 24 th Gneeveguilla 7.00pm Paddy Joe O'Sullivan, Banard (1 st Anniv) & remembering his wife Hannah Mary & his parents Stephen & Bridie O'Sullivan	
Sat 25 th Shrone 6.00pm Nora McCrann (nee Mal Hannah Mai Trant Killar	
Sat 25 th Knocknagree 7.30pm Eddie McSweeney, Ki	nockeenagullane (Months Mind)
Sun 26 th Gneeveguilla 9.30am Willie & Nellie Murph Deceased Members of the Gneeveguilla GA	hy, Gneeveguilla Upper. A. Michael D & Mary Kelliher, Mausrour T from vie
	is parents Jack & Eily , his sister Lena, Fimmy & Baby Charlie.
Mary & Jeremiah Kelly, Rathmore Townland & their daughter Eileen Barker I/o New York	
EUCHARISTIC 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	

Prayers & Sympathies To Margaret Smith, on the death of her husband Alan Smith. 1 Bru na Sinsear, Rathmore his sister Genevieve, stepchildren Seamus & Helen, grandchildren & extended family. Alan's funeral took place on Wednesday 15th February in Rathmore. May Alan rest in peace and may all who mourn his loss be comforted.

Pastoral Council Meeting Thursday 23rd February in Teach Iosagain @ 8pm

Ash Wednesday – The First Day of Lent

Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy.

In 2023, like in every year, Ash Wednesday is the first day of the liturgical season of Lent. It always falls six and half weeks before Easter, beginning the Lenten season of preparation for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Ash Wednesday dates back to the 11th century. Yet, the tradition of receiving ashes has even earlier roots — to the ancient Hebrew custom of clothing oneself in sackcloth and dusting oneself with ashes as a sign of penance.

Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter. It symbolizes Christ's return to Jerusalem after spending 40 days in the desert. In the Catholic tradition, we receive palm leaves, which have been blessed, to hold onto during Mass and bring home. The leftover palms from Palm Sunday are then burned and saved for the next Lenten season. So, this year's ashes are from the palms of Palm Sunday of 2022 **Pope Francis**

Worldwide Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Sexual Abuse Friday 24th February

This year's Worldwide Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Sexual Abuse will take place in Ireland on **24th February, the first Friday in Lent**.

The Day of Prayer is an initiative of Pope Francis and was first marked in Irish dioceses in 2017.

Blessed candles will be lit in parishes across the country as a reminder to the faithful of the need for atonement and to symbolise repentance, light in the darkness and hope. These '**Candles of Atonement'** will be lit in diocesan cathedrals and churches on the Day of Prayer, especially during the celebration of Mass. We remember victims of child abuse related to both Church and all walks of life.

The lighting of the 'Candle of Atonement', and the following prayer, are based on the very moving Penitential Rite composed and prayed by Pope Francis at the final Mass of the World Meeting of Families on 26 August 2018 at Phoenix Park, Dublin, when the Holy Father implored the Lord's mercy for the crimes of abuse and asked for forgiveness:

Candle of Atonement Prayer



Lord, forgive us our many sins.

We grieve and repent with all our hearts for having offended you, for our great failings and neglect of the young and vulnerable.

We place all of those who have been hurt by the Church in any way into your loving hands and under the protection of Our Blessed Mother.

Lord, bring peace to their broken lives and show us all the way out of darkness and into the light

of your Word. May we as the people of God be more fully human, more fully Christ-like and more fully your people, that we may see the errors of the past and go forward with renewed hope and faith in Christ and in our Church. Amen

Prayer of repentance

Lord, we are so sorry

for what some of us did to your children:

treated them so cruelly,

especially in their hour of need.

We have left them with a lifelong suffering.

This was not your plan for them or us.

Please help us to help them.

Guide us, Lord, Amen.

Concluding Prayer

God our rock and our strength on whom we lean,help us to create an atmosphere of trust which allows the unspeakable to be said. Help us to live with our painful memories. May we support each other and be safe places for each other. Through Christ, our Lord.

Prayers of Intercession

Introduction: with humility of heart, we pray to God, whose love and faithfulness endures forever.

- We pray for people who have been abused that the Lord of all tenderness and compassion will restore them and give them peace.
- 2. We pray that we become more and more a community that actively protects the most vulnerable people of society, particularly our children.
- 3. We pray that the Spirit of Wisdom enlightens people to put an end to acts of violence and abuse.
- We pray for the healing professions who minister to those who suffer violence and abuse, that God will give them an abundance of wisdom, compassion and love.