

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 4th FEBRUARY & SUNDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2023

Sat 4th Shrone 6.00 pm Timo Cronin, Moulagow

Sat 4th Knocknagree 7.30pm Jerry Buttimer, Bishopstown/Nohoval (1st Anniv)
Novena "You are the salt of the earth" Fr. Pat O'Donnell

Sun 5th Gneeveguilla 9.30am James & Kitty Fogarty, Quarry Cross & their son Michael l/o Minish
 Timmy & Julia Cronin, Reaboy. Denis O'Connor, Tureenamult.
 Kathleen & Diarmuid Murphy, Scrahanfadda.

Sun 5th Rathmore 11.30am Dan & Margaret Cronin. Gorthnaglough.
 John & Dan McCarthy, Stagmount

Sun 5th Knocknagree 8pm Prayer Service: (Marcella & Irene) "A Prayer for Peace"

Fr John Fitzgerald (029) 7 0043 0877752948 on call this Sunday 5th February for emergency and sick calls.

MONDAY 6th FEBRUARY to SUNDAY 12th February 2023



Mon 6th (Bank Holiday) Rathmore 11am People of the Parish

Mon 6th Knocknagree 8.00pm *Msgr Dan Herlihy*
"Come Follow Me"

No morning Mass in Rathmore

Tues 7th Knocknagree 8.00pm *Fr. Pat O'Donnell*
"New wine into new wineskins"

Wed 8th Rathmore 7.30pm Penitential Service for Confirmation

Wed 8th Knocknagree 8.00pm *Fr Mossie Bric "A call to prayer"*

Thur 9th Knocknagree 8.00pm *Fr Bill Radley "That a chapel be built here"*
 (Do This in Memory)

Fri 10th Gneeveguilla 7pm Kathleen Hickey, Gneeveguilla (Months Mind)

Fri 10th Knocknagree 8.00pm *Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Msgr Dan Herlihy*
"Healing Mass with anointing"

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

Sat 11th Knocknagree 7.30pm Abina Herlihy, Park, Knocknagree,

Kathleen Cronin, Caherbarnagh Peter & Peggy Leader, Tureen & remembering
 Mary Bradley, Kanturk, whose Months Mind occurs at this time.

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

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

Knocknagree NS
 are now enrolling for
 Sept 2023 more
 information can be got
 on
www.knocknagrees.ie

**Diocese
 Collection:**
 The annual
 collection for
 the **Lourdes
 Helpers** will
 take place on
 this weekend
 4th/5th
 February
 Donations can
 be contributed
 online on the
 donate tab on
 the parish
 website
[www.rathmor
 eparish.ie](http://www.rathmor

 eparish.ie) or
 drop into the
 Parish Office.

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: in the Church of the Holy Rosary Gneeveguilla will
 recommence on Tuesday Feb 7th @10am



Knocknagree – Kenya The Annual Church gate collection will take place on Saturday 11th of February before 7.30pm Mass. All proceeds in aid of Fr Sean Cremini's Missionary Work

Prayer & Sympathies To John Crowley, Maureen & Pat Healy, on the death of their brother Paddy Crowley Barra, Knocknacopple, Rathmore, his niece Karen and nephew Michael. Paddy's funeral took place on Saturday 28th January in Rathmore.

To Juliann, Martina, Gorretti, Evelyn, Annette, Lisa and Sharon, Cremin & families on the death of their mother Agnes Cremin Corran, Headford, Agnes funeral took place on Friday 27th January in Rathmore
To Gene, Ted, Gerard, Eamonn, Don, Kathleen (Healy), Eileen (Herlihy) and Bina (Glynn) & families on the death of their father Edmond McSweeney Knockeenagullane, Knocknagree, Edmonds funeral took place in Knocknagree on Saturday 28th January.

To Shirley and Carmel Hickey & families on the death of their father Denis Hickey Scrahan, & his sisters Margaret and Eileen & families . Denise's funeral took place on Monday 30th January in Knocknagree.
May Paddy, Agnes, Edmond & Denis rest in peace and may all who mourn their loss be comforted.

Story of St. Brigid



St. Brigid was born in AD 450 in Faughart, near Dundalk in Co. Louth. Her father, Dubhthach, was a pagan chieftain of Leinster and her mother, Broicsech, was a Christian. It was thought that Brigid's mother was born in Portugal but was kidnapped by Irish pirates and brought to Ireland to work as a slave, just like St. Patrick was. Brigid's father named her after one of the most powerful goddesses of the pagan religion - the goddess

of fire, whose manifestations were song, craftsmanship, and poetry, which the Irish considered the flame of knowledge. He kept Brigid and her mother as slaves even though he was a wealthy man. Brigid spent her earlier life cooking, cleaning, washing and feeding the animals on her father's farm.

She lived during the time of St. Patrick and was inspired by his preachings and she became a Christian. When Brigid turned eighteen, she stopped working for her father. Brigid's father wanted her to find a husband but Brigid had decided that she would spend her life working for God by looking after poor, sick and elderly people. Brigid's charity angered her father because he thought she was being too generous to the poor. When she finally gave away his jewel-encrusted sword to a leper, her father realised that she would be best suited to the religious life. Brigid finally got her wish and entered the convent. She received her veil from St. Macaille and made her vows to dedicate her life to God. News of Brigid's good works spread and soon many young girls from all over the country joined her in the convent. Brigid founded many convents all over Ireland; the most famous one was in Co. Kildare. It is said that this convent was built beside an oak tree where the town of Kildare now stands. Around 470 she also founded a double monastery, for nuns and monks, in Kildare. As Abbess of this foundation she wielded considerable power, but was a very wise and prudent superior. The Abbey of Kildare became one of the most prestigious monasteries in Ireland, and was famous throughout Christian Europe.

St. Brigid also founded a school of art, including metal work and illumination, over which St. Conleth presided. In the scriptorium of the monastery, the famous illuminated manuscript the Book of Kildare was created.

St. Brigid's Cross: Making a St. Brigid's cross is one of the traditional rituals in Ireland to celebrate the beginning of early spring, 1st February. The crosses are made of rushes that are pulled rather than cut. They are hung by the door and in the rafters to protect the house from fire and evil. According to tradition a new cross is made each St Brigid's Day, and the old one is burned to keep fire from the house
St. Brigid died in AD 525 at the age of 75 and was buried in a tomb before the High Altar of her Abbey church. After some time, her remains were exhumed and transferred to Downpatrick to rest with the two other patron saints of Ireland, St. Patrick and St. Columcille.

Sacrament of Confirmation - Wednesday 14th February - 11am Rathmore

