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 13th May & SUNDAY 14th MAY 2023

Ny first Communica

Sat 13th Gneeveguilla 10.00am First Holy Communion (Gneeveguilla NS) Sat 13th Shrone 12.00 noon First Holy Communion (Shrone NS)

Sat 13th Shrone 6.00pm Alex & Noreen Nagle, Gortdarrig. Kathleen & Patrick Duggan, Shrone Patrick O'Callaghan, Gortnagown & remembering his wife Sheila & their son John.

Sat 13th Knocknagree 7.30pm (1st Anniv) Joan Lehane, L/o London & Umeraboy.

Sun 14th Gneeveguilla 9.30am Eileen McCarthy, Gullane (Months Mind)

Sun 14th Rathmore 11.30am Denis & Hannah Mary Crowley, Gortnaprocess. Con Kelleher, Shinnagh

Fr Joe Tarrant (064)7751104 086 3978642 on call this Sunday 14th May for emergency and sick calls

MONDAY 15th MAY to SUNDAY 21st MAY 2023

Mon 15th Gneeveguilla 7.00pm Con Doherty Gneeveguilla & all deceased of the Doherty family. Tues 16th Rathmore 9.30am People of the Parish Wed 17th Rathmore **Donors Intentions** 7.00pm Thur 18th **Donors Intentions** Knocknagree 9.30am 19th Shrone 7.00pm (1st Anniv) Michael John Fitzgerald, Moulagow 19th Sonny Breen, Doon (Months Mind) Knocknagree 7.00pm Sat 20th 6.00pm Jerry Nagle, Gortdarrig & his son John Joe & all deceased of the Nagle family Shrone Denis McCarthy, Ballycullane.

Sat 20th Knocknagree 7.30pm Bridie Conway, I/o Banard. Dan D Hickey, Knocknagree Village
Timmie Collins, Knocknagree & his daughter Maria O'Keeffe I/o Kilcummin

Sun 21st Gneeveguilla 9.30am Donal & Nonie Hickey, Renasup. John Brosnan, Coom Lr Paudie Gleeson, Mounthorgan & the Gleeson & Duffy families.

Sr Annunciata Collins I/o Gneeveguilla. Patrick Carmody, Banard

Kathleen & Daniel O'Leary Meenagishagh & Jeremiah Crowley & all deceased of the Crowley & O'Leary families.

Sun 21st Rathmore 11.30am Vincent & Peg O'Leary Carrigaline & their daughters Gretta & May Mikie O'Leary, Nohoval his parents Margaret & Michael O'Leary & his brother Dennie.

Streaming in Knocknagree Church: We are aware that there have been problems with the streaming system in Knocknagree Church. We are working on it and will shortly have the system upgraded or go to an alternative supplier. Thank you for your patience.



The Rosary will be recited at Tureencahill Grotto every evening during May @ 8pm. All welcome.

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 from 10am – 8pm

Learning from the Scriptures

You might well ask! Why does the Bishop come to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. This Sunday's first reading gives us a good insight into this tradition.

We are, during the Easter season, looking at what Christianity looked like in the early days; it's a window onto the early Church. . We are going back to the birth of the Church and in Acts 5:5-8 we get another window into the Sacrament of Confirmation.

This is a story of Philip, who was one of the deacons who goes off into Samaria, a place that was known for having the mixed descendants of both Israelites and Gentiles in the northern part of the Holy Land.

And this is what happens, Acts 8:5 and following says:

Philip went down to a city of Sama'ria, and proclaimed to them the Christ. And the multitudes with one accord gave heed to what was said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs which he did. For unclean spirits came out of many who were possessed, crying with a loud voice; and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. So there was much joy in that city.

Philip not only preaches, but also baptizes various men and women amongst the Samaritans. But if you skip down, the lectionary picks up in verse 14 and it says this:

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Sama'ria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit;

What is going on here? Why are Peter and John sent down to Samaria to lay hands on people? Why didn't Philip just do that is kind of the question behind the story. So obviously what is happening here is Philip, the deacon, has the power to preach and the power to baptize, but when it comes to this rite of laying hands on the people so that they can receive the Holy Spirit, that's evidently something that only Peter and John, who were two of the Apostles, could do. So they come all the way down from Jerusalem

If you look at the ancient Church Fathers, this has always been seen as the origins of what we now call the Sacrament of Confirmation. In the West we call it Confirmation; among Eastern Catholics and Eastern Christians, they call it Chrismation, because the laying on of hands is accompanied by an anointing as well, Chrism being the Greek word for oil.

Returning Trocaire Money.

Rathmore Parish has always been very generous in its support for Trocaire, and I'm sure 2023 will be no different. We would be very grateful if you could return your contribution as soon as possible so that it can be forwarded to its deserving recipients, without undue delay.

<u>Please Note:</u> When returning you contribution, please return it to the Parish Office, drop it into the sacristy, or the Sunday collection basket.

<u>Please do not leave it in an unattended place in the church</u>

CHY3 Charity Certs

THANK YOU to all those who have completed and returned their Charity Certs in recent weeks. Your support is greatly appreciated.

REMINDER to those who may have forgotten to return their certs, please complete and return at your earliest convenience.

To those who may have mislaid their certs, please contact Janice and she will issue a replacement cert for you. Phone or text 086 6030197"

Díocesan Collection:

The annual collection of Education of Clergy will take place this weekend 13th/14th May. Donations can be contributed online donate tab on the parish website www.rathmoreparish.ie or drop into the Parish Office

Prayers & Sympathies To the Dineen family & extended families on the death of their mother Margaret Dineen, Gortnaprocess, Margaret's funeral took place on Thursday 11th May in Gneeveguilla

To Margaret Fitzgerald & family Renasup on the death of her sister Ellen Clifford, Fossa, whose funeral took place in Fossa on Tuesday 9th May

To Helen Fitzgerald, Donie & family on the death of Helen's mother Sheila Casey, Kiskeam Village who's funeral took place on Wednesday 10th May in Kiskeam

May Margaret, Ellen & Sheila rest in peace and may all who mourn their loss be comforted.