

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER & SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Shrone 6.00pm Pierce & Mary O'Sullivan, Gortacorrin & their daughter Eileen & son Ted.

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Knocknagree 7.30pm Michael O'Sullivan, Renasup.  
Dan Cronin, Shanballa & his parents Timmie & Josie Cronin

Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Gneeveguilla 9.30am (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv) Eileen Brosnan Bounard, Gneeveguilla

Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Rathmore 11.30am Frank Brosnan, Rathduane. Jerry McCarthy, Stagmount.  
Joan & John Murphy Corran their son Sean & grandson Matthew. Mary & Giles O'Sullivan Mileen,  
Patrick & Hannah Buckley, Shinnagh. Johnny & Babe Moynihan, Bridge Bar. Michael Hicky, Nohovaldaly  
Timmie Reen, Moulagow & his wife Nell.

Fr Pat O'Donnell (064) 7758026 086 8351732 all this Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December for emergency and sick calls.

### MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER to SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Gneeveguilla 7.00pm Nora & Tim Cronin l/o Annabeg & Goulane & Chester UK  
Joan & Michael O'Connor Maughantourig & their son in law Eugie Kerrik Sliabh Luachra  
Richard & Nora McAuliffe, Gneeveguilla Village & their daughter Deirdre Maguire London & their son  
Gerard Buckinghamshire & Gneeveguilla. Dan T. O'Keeffe, Tureencahill.

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Rathmore 10.00am Holy Family School Mass

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Knocknagree (Note Church) 9.30am Donors Intentions

Thur 21<sup>st</sup> Gneeveguilla (Note Church) 10.00am Gneeveguilla NS Mass

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Rathmore 7.00pm (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv) Mike Cremin Corran

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Shrone 6.00pm Donors Intentions

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Knocknagree 7.30pm Christy & Bridie O'Mahony Nohoval. Jerome O'Rahilly, Knocknagree  
Neilus, Mary & John O'Leary Tureenaglanahoe & Richard Nolan l/o Ballydesmond.  
Rory & Mary O'Connor Umeraboy & their daughters Brid & Marie & grandson Rory.  
Peter & Peggy Leader, Tureen.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve  
(No Morning Mass Gneeveguilla) Mass Rathmore 11.30am

Christmas Eve Masses

Rathmore 6.00pm

Gneeveguilla 6.30pm

Knocknagree 8.30pm



Christmas Day Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Shrone 9.00am Gneeveguilla 10.00am Rathmore 11.30am



**Prayers & Sympathies** To Siobhan Cremin & family, Gortnegown on the death of her father Pat Joe Murphy whose funeral took place in Brosna on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec.

To Pat & Richard Walsh & families on the death of their brother Jim Walsh Knocknagree Townland. Jim's funeral took place on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December in Knocknagree

To Mary (Drew) John, Tom, Kathleen & Humphery Curran & family on the death of their mother Kathleen (Kitty) Curran Reaboy, her sisters Elizabeth & Mary & families. Kitty's funeral took place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December in Gneeveguilla.

May Pat Joe, Jim & Kitty rest in peace and may all who mourn their loss be comforted.



### **Christmas Penitential Services Rathmore**

Sunday 17th December: 7.00 - 8.00pm

### **Ballydesmond**

Sunday 17th December: after 11.00a.m.  
Mass

### **Millstreet**

Tuesday 19th December 7.30 - 8.15p.m.

### **Dromagh**

Wednesday 20th December 7.30p.m.

### **Boherbue**

Thursday 21st December 8.00p.m.



## **Thoughts for the Third Sunday of Advent**

On this Third Sunday of the Advent season, the theme is traditionally one of joy. The first word of the entrance hymn today is "Rejoice!" and so this Sunday

has come to be known as "Gaudete Sunday".

In the past, Advent was a penitential season – there were four fast days during this period – and the celebrant of the liturgy wears vestments with the penitential colour of purple or violet. The atmosphere was deliberately sombre and penitential.

So, in the middle of it all, people needed to be reminded of what they were preparing for – the very joyful occasion of the birth of Jesus. In the midst of all the penance and fasting, this Sunday was conceived as a window of joy

and brightness in anticipation of what was to come. On this day, too, the violet vestments in many churches give way to a less penitential colour, a pinkish red, a toned-down violet usually described as "rose". As a reminder, there is a similar break, "Laetare Sunday", during the Lenten season.

Therefore, joy is the central message of our Readings and Prayers today

That Joy has its source in Emmanuel-God with us.

On the first Christmas night thousands of years ago God came in the person of Jesus to live among us, be one of us.

That night we received the Gift of Gifts.

An angel of the Lord brought the good news to shepherds "I bring you good tidings that will cause great joy for all the people, A Saviour has been born to you"

This Christmas time we are asked to rejoice and be grateful for God's Fatherly love for us by sending His only Son to be, - , ever present to each one of us.

Let us give ourselves a break from the shopping sprees, the tinsel and the excitement to ponder with gratitude and with joy that presence.

Joy is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit

It is something we associate with smiles, friends, happiness, fun, giving one's time, offering one's helping hand etc.

Joy is contagious.

A simple smile may make someone's day. A smile begets a smile. It connects and says "I see you"

These days of Advent let us visit the Crib and ponder the Gift God has given to us in the person of Jesus.

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN OUR PARISH EVERY WEEK**

**Rathmore Church Wed  
6-7pm**

**Knocknagree Church:**

**Thursday 10am – 11am**

**Gneeveguilla Church**

**Tuesday from 10am – 8pm**

### **CHILD PROTECTION REPRESENTATIVES**

Siobhan Carmody 087 9498347  
(Gneeveguilla).

Margaret McGrath (089) 4182683  
(Rathmore)

Stephanie Brosnan 087 9449288  
(Shrone)

Betty Moynihan (087) 6186091  
(Knocknagree)

**The Parish Office opening hours Mon,  
Tues, & Thur 9.30am -12.30pm**

**Fri 11am – 2pm. Closed on Wed.**

**Parish Office: Booking of Masses,  
Mass Cards, any query, just call, phone  
(064) 7761669**

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**Christmas Mass Bouquets are now  
available in the Parish Office**

