



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 086 8351732



Fr Joe Tarrant (064)7751104 086 3978642 on call this Sunday 24th December for emergency and sick calls

Fr Jim Kennelly (029) 76151 087 2401331 on call this Sunday 31st December for emergency and sick calls

SATURDAY 23rd DEC & SUNDAY 31st DEC 2023

Sat 23rd Shrone 6.00pm Donors Intentions

Sat 23rd Knocknagree 7.30pm

Christy & Bridie O'Mahony Nohoval. Jerome O'Rahilly, Knocknagree

Neilus, Mary & John O'Leary Tureenaglanahoe & Richard Nolan I/o Ballydesmond. Peter & Peggy Leader, Tureen. Rory & Mary O'Connor Umeraboy & their daughters Brid & Marie & grandson Rory.

Sat 23rd Gneeveguilla 8.00pm Donors Intentions

Sunday 24th Christmas Eve

(No Morning Mass Gneeveguilla) Mass Rathmore 11.30am

Christmas Eve Masses

Rathmore 6.00pm

Gneeveguilla 6.30pm

Knocknagree 8.30pm

Christmas Day

Mon 25th Shrone 9.00am

Gneeveguilla 10.00am

Rathmore 11.30am

Tues 26th (St Stephens Day)

Rathmore 11.00am People of the Parish

Wed 27th Rathmore 7.00pm People of the Parish

Thur 28th knocknagree (Note time) 7.00pm
Joan Nolan, Farrankeal

Fri 29th Rathmore 7.00pm Dan Crowley, Inches
Tim & Kathleen Collins, Gneeveguilla Village
Denis O'Sullivan, Knocknaloman.
Andrew & Elizabeth Sheahan, Nohovalaly.

Sat 30th Shrone 6.00pm Donal O'Donoghue Bru na Sinsear/
Shronemore

Sat 30th Knocknagree 7.30pm Johnny O'Keeffe Park

Sun 31st Gneeveguilla 9.30am

(1st Anniv) Kathleen Hickey, Gneeveguilla Village.

Sun 31st Rathmore 11.30am Nancy Moynihan, Shinnagh

Mon 1st January to Sun 7th January 2024

Mon 1st (Bank Holiday) Rathmore 11.00am

Peggy O'Connor West End & remembering her husband Eugie

John O'Leary & his wife Nora I/o Corby & School Place & his parents Denis & Mary

Denis (Gary) O'Leary Rast End his parents Nellie & Denis & his Uncle Martin.

Donal O'Sullivan L/O Dublin/Old Road

Tues 2nd Rathmore 9.30am Shared Mass Intentions

Wed 3rd Rathmore 7.00pm Mike Cremin, Corran

Thur 4th Knocknagree 9.30am

Shared Christmas Mass Intentions.

Fri 5th Vigil Mass (The Epiphany) Rathmore 7.00pm
Donors Intentions

Fri 5th Vigil Mass Knocknagree 8.00pm
(Months Mind) Jim Walsh, Knocknagree

Sat 6th Shrone 6.00pm (The Epiphany)
Shared Christmas Mass Intentions

Sat 6th Knocknagree 7.30pm
Eileen Hickey, Knocknagree Village.
Noreen & D.McCarthy, Knocknagree.
Kit Dennehy, Knocknagree Townland.

Sun 7th Gneeveguilla 9.30am Moss Teahan, Coom.
Geraldine & Kathleen Brosnan, I/o Milltown & Lr Coom
Lower. Timmie & Julia Cronin, Reaboy.
John & Mary Buckley, Renasup
Mary CT Cronin, Goulane.

Sun 7th Rathmore 11.30am Dan & Eily Breen,
Scrahanagullane & their daughters Eileen &
Sheila Moynihan

Tom O'Connell, 6 Clarin Wood,
Denis Lynch, Convent View & his parents Den
& Mary Ann. Patrick Lowe 18 Sliabh Luachra
Gneeveguilla Fr Donal O'Leary, Church Place his
parents & brother Joseph.

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of

Phil (Philomena) O'Connell, Rathfarnham, Dublin and formerly of Coom, Gneeveguilla.

The **Five First Saturdays** as requested by Our Lady of Fatima will continue on Sat January 6th in the Church of the Holy Rosary Gneeveguilla @ 9.15am Eucharistic Adoration will finish for this year on Dec 29th and will resume on Feb 6th @ 10am.

Christmas.... a glimpse of how it could be.

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to take a moment as we enter the final week of Advent to wish you a very Merry Christmas. During this season, we have been celebrating Hope, Peace, Love and Joy; I pray that these four precious gifts would fill your life in every way this Christmas and beyond.

Ghandi once said *"it's not Christianity has been tried and failed, its just that it has never been tried"*

I wonder what type of world we would have if every person tried to live the Christian life as Christ has envisioned it. Suppose we could forget our prejudices, overcome our selfishness, and truly try to follow the example of Christ, wouldn't this world be a far better place.

Christmas offers us a fleeting glimpse of what that reality would be really like. Each card that comes through our letter box, every present we will receive, serve as a timely reminders that others appreciate and love us. Even after the hectic surge of Christmas shopping we will slow down the pace of life, and give of our time to family and loved ones. For the prisoner, the homeless, those living alone, Christmas offers an oasis of thoughtfulness in the annual desert of indifference.

Unfortunately, Christmas is also a time when the joy of some is matched by the terrible sorrow of others. For those who have experienced bereavement or separation over the past year, the festive season only succeeds in heightening their sense of loss.

Perhaps the best gift we could possibly give them is a listening ear.

Thank you for your faithfulness and commitment to our faith community. It is great to be part of a group of people who are honestly and passionately taking on the challenge to follow Jesus in all the trials, joys and complexities of modern life.

On behalf of all Parishioners, we wish to acknowledge the many of you have served so generously this past year. Whether it's participating in ministries, parish committees, parish collectors, leading groups; shepherding children; playing music; attending to the church environment, acting as area contacts; or any one of the countless other (usually unseen) tasks that keep our Parish warm and vibrant. Our thanks too to our Secretaries and Sacristans who are so wholehearted in their giving. Thank you so much for all you do!

Wishing everybody the peace and joy of Christ this Christmas, and every happiness in the New Year.

Fr Pat

Prayers & Sympathies To Joan & Goretti & brother in law Pat & family on the death of their sister Phil (Philomena) O'Connell Rathfarnham Dublin l/o Coom Gneeveguilla. Phils funeral took place in Dublin on Wednesday 20th December.

To Helen O'Shea, Martin, Jacinta, Samantha & Jason & families on the death of Willie O'Shea Islanderagh Rathmore l/o Millstreet, husband & father. His sisters Grace & Paula brothers Dermot, Gerard, Tim & John. Willies funeral took place on Friday 15th December in Rathmore.

May Philomena & Willie rest in peace & may all who mourn their loss be comforted.



Parish Office will be closed until the 2nd January. Reopening @ 9.30am – 12.30pm on Tuesday 2nd January 2024

