

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 Jim Kennelly (029) 76151 087 2401331 on call this Sunday 28th January for emergency and sick calls

SATURDAY 27th JANUARY TO SUNDAY 28th JANUARY 2024

Sat 27th Shrone 6.00pm (Closing of Catholic School Week) Shrone/Hollymount NS) Donors Intentions

Sat 27th Knocknagree 7.30pm (1st Anniv) Eddie Mc Sweeney, Knocknagullane

Sun 28th Gneeveguilla 9.30am Tom Joe O'Donoghue, Denis O'Connor, Tureenamult.
Catherine & Timmy McGillicuddy, Bounard

Sun 28th Rathmore 11.30am Closing of Catholic School Week (Holy Family NS)
Nora Mahony, McCrann I/o London & Mounthorgan Dan & Margaret Cronin, Gortaglough.

MONDAY 29th JANUARY to SUNDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2024

Mon 29th Rathmore 11.am Requiem Mass Margaret McSweeney (Fr Corridan Centre Rathmore)

Tues 30th Rathmore 9.30am People of the Parish

Wed 31th Rathmore 9.30am (note Mass time) Donors Intentions



Thur 1st Knocknagree 9.30am Lottie O'Connell, Farrankeal

Fri 2nd Gneeveguilla 7.00pm (Months Mind) (Phil) Philomena O'Connell, Rathfarnham Dublin & I/o Coom

Sat 3rd Shrone 6.00pm Timo & Noreen Cronin Moulagow. Phil & Margaret Cremin, Shrone
John & Abina Collins Knocknageeha & the O'Keefe family, Knocknacopple & the Casey family Hollymount
Noan & John Murphy, Knocknageeha, Peggy & Donie Cahill, Doocarrig

Sat 3rd Knocknagree 7.30pm (Months Mind) Kit Fleming, Newquarter.

Sun 4th Gneeveguilla 9.30am (1st Anniv) Thomas Barrett Cottage & remembering his wife Agnes

Sun 4th Rathmore 11.30am John Cronin, Knockdurath & his son Gerard.



The Parish Office opening hours Mon, Tues, & Thur 9.30am -12.30pm Fri 11am – 2pm Closed Wed.
Parish Office: Booking of Masses, Mass Cards, any query, just call, phone (064) 7761669 or email
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CHILD PROTECTION REPRESENTATIVES

Siobhan Carmody 087 9498347 (Gneeveguilla). Margaret McGrath (089) 4182683 (Rathmore)
Stephanie Brosnan 087 9449288 (Shrone) Betty Moynihan (087) 6186091 (Knocknagree)

Knocknagree Kenya: The Annual Kenya Churchgate collection will take place next Sat night Feb 3rd @the 7.30pm Mass. All proceeds in aid of Fr Sean Cremin's Missionary work.

Months Mind: remembering Mike Moynihan, Raheen, whose Months Mind occurs at this time.

Prayers & Sympathies To Bridie Brosnan, Betty Walsh, Sheila O'Connor & Patrick Murphy & families on the death of their sister Eileen Moroney USA & I/o Stagmount.

To the O'Connor family Pat, Niall, Joan (O'Mahony), Mary (House), Sheila (Buckley), Kathleen (Dennehy), Valerie (Doyle), Anna-Marie (Looney) & families on the death of their brother John (Corney) O'Connor Knocknagree. Johns' funeral took place on Friday 19th January in Knocknagree.

May Eileen & John rest in peace and may all who mourn their loss be comforted.

Important Notice
Re Months Mind and First Anniversary Masses

At a recent meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council we discussed how best to serve parishioners, when it comes to Month's Mind and First Anniversary Masses.

Up to now, we tried to accommodate all families by providing individual Masses. Unfortunately, given the increasing number of funerals in the Parish, this policy is no longer workable.

In 2023 we had 70 requiems, which led to approximately 140 extra Masses, between Month's Minds and First Anniversaries and as you are aware since December 1st, 2023 we have had 16 requiems, so we now need to rethink how best to serve the needs of families as they journey through this difficult time.

In the past when seeking to accommodate individual Masses, we have had to ask parishioners who had already booked a Mass, to transfer to another date; this is not the best solution as it causes inconvenience and in some cases upset.

To resolve the issue the following system will be trialled for the next few months after which we will reassess it based on feedback.

Re Months Mind Masses

We will reserve one Mass at the end of each month (for Rathmore, Gneeveguilla and Knocknagree Churches) as a Months Mind Mass. These masses will be reserved for either Friday evening, Saturday evening or Sunday Morning, to make it easier for families to attend.

E.g. There will be a Mass reserved in each of those churches for the end of March and the end of April. Those who died at the end of February and the early part of March will be remembered in the March Mass, and those who died in the latter part of March and early April will be remembered at the April Mass, and the same going forward.

As Shrone has very few requiems, these will be handled on a monthly basis as they emerge.

Families of course can book Months Mind Masses at another time but they will probably be part of a shared daily or weekend Mass.

Re First Anniversary Masses:

It was agreed that these will still operate under the present system. Bookings for 2025 will be opened in November 2024, and those who are booking First Anniversary Masses will be booked first. For the most part these will remain as individual Masses, but there may be some circumstance, particularly in the month of December when there be shared intentions in this situation also.

We thank you for your understanding and hope you appreciate the difficulties involved.

