

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 18th February for emergency and sick calls

SATURDAY 17th FEBRUARY & 18th SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2024

Sat 17th Shrone 6.00pm

Donors intentions

Sat 17th Knocknagree 7.30pm (1st Anniv) Mary O'Leary "Chemist Shop" Knocknagree
(Months Mind) John (Corney) O'Connor Knocknagree

Sun 18th Gneeveguilla 9.30am Donal O'Mahony & his daughter in law Geraldine Gneeveguilla.
Willie & Catherine McCarthy Gneeveguilla & their son Denis & Uncle Denny. Muriel Moore, Manhattan

Sun 18th Rathmore 11.30am Tim & Nina Murphy, East End & their daughters Margaret & Marie

MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY to SUNDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2024

Mon 19th Gneeveguilla 7.00pm

Remembrance Christmas Tree Mass
requested by Gneeveguilla Tidy Towns

Tue 20th Rathmore 9.30am

People of the Parish

Wed 21st Rathmore 9.30am

Donors Intentions

Thur 22ⁿ Knocknagree 9.30am

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Fri 23rd Gneeveguilla 7.00pm

(Months Mind) Teresa Cremin, Cottage

Sat 24th Shrone 6.00pm

Donors Intentions

Sat 24th Knocknagree 7.30pm

(Months Mind) Maura O'Sullivan, Clounts

Sun 25th Gneeveguilla 9.30am Paddy & Hannah Mary O'Sullivan, Gneeveguilla Village
Stephen & Bridie O'Sullivan Banard. Joan & John Brosnan, Coom. Patie Collins, Gneeveguilla
Michael D & Mary Kelliher, Mausrou

Sun 25th Rathmore 11.30pm

Months Minds

John Christy Crowley, Barra. Margaret Sweeney, Fr Corridan Centre, I/o Glenbeigh

Blessing with St. Pio's Glove There will be a blessing after Mass with the glove of St. Pio in the Church of the Resurrection, Killarney on Monday the 19th of February 2024. Mass starts at 7:30 pm. All welcome.

The Parish Office Opening Hours: Mon, Tues, & Wed 9.30am -12.30pm - Fri 11am – 2pm

CLOSED THURSDAY

Parish Office: Booking of Masses, Mass Cards, any query, just call, phone (064) 7761669 or email rathmore@dioceseofkerry.ie

Prayers & Sympathies: To Trish O'Mahony, Mark, Katie, Molly and JT on the death of John O'Mahony Clarina Limerick I/o Mount Horgan Rathmore husband & father. His mother Kathleen, brothers Noel, Anthony, Kieran and Aidan, sisters Nora, Linda & families & extended family. Johns funeral took place on the 9th February in Ballybrown Limerick.

To the family of Jo (Johanna) Corkery, Shinnagh Rathmore & I/o London. Her sisters, relatives, neighbours & friends including John and Denise Buckley, Nora Stanley, Dan and Maureen Buckley, John O' Neill and the staff at Rathmore Daycare Centre. Jo's funeral took place in St. Joseph's Church, Rathmore, on 7th Feb. May John & Jo rest in peace & may all who mourn their loss be comforted.

Parish Consultation

In his recent Pastoral Letter, Bishop Ray issued an invitation to all parishes to have consultation meetings regarding the formulation of Diocesan Policy for the shaping of our parishes in the immediate future:

“I see the life of the 110 local church-communities as a valuable and valued resource for people now and into the future. In the light of fewer clergy, we need to explore how each local church-community can thrive with local leadership acting co-responsibly with the priests ministering to the parishes of the pastoral areas. A church can still be the centre point for community life, even if there is no weekend Mass. Think of your local church community in four ways: a social/friendship community; a caring compassionate community; a praying, worshipping and sacramental community; and a community whose mission is to nourish and develop its faith, and hand it on to the next generation.”

“Our first step in the process is consulting you, the people of the parishes. In February, there will be a gathering in each parish. The invitation is open to all: what do you see as the strengths and weaknesses locally, and what are your thoughts on what might be done? In parallel with this, there will be a consultation for the clergy. Our hope is that parishioners and deacons will take a structured leadership role in their pastoral areas working in a co-responsible way with the priests of the pastoral area as well as priests from abroad. This will allow priests to work across pastoral areas in a more sustainable manner. We will keep people informed as the process progresses.”

A number of parishioners have been trained to facilitate our parish meeting which will take place in

Teach Iosagan on Wednesday February 28th at 8.00p.m.

Everybody is invited and welcome to attend, and we would particularly encourage those who are involved in any ministry or parish committee, to make a special effort to be present.

Sometimes people shy away from such meetings because they worry about getting a ‘job’! No need to worry in this case, all we need is your opinions and suggestions.

The meeting will consider the following :

- Without the presence of a priest to lead and coordinate, what aspects of parish life could we, the laity, take responsibility for and organise ourselves?
- Where do we see scope for cooperation with neighbouring parishes in our pastoral area?
- Given what Bishop Ray has said about reducing numbers and increasing age, what do we want to say to priests?

Kerry Branch of Samaritans

The Kerry Branch of Samaritans wish to thank all who supported the Christmas Collection in the parish which is much appreciated.

The following amounts were collected in **St Joseph’s Church Rathmore was €1,770.00,**

Holy Rosary Church Gneeveguilla was €1,513.44. Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, Shrone was €481.50

Christ the King Church, Knocknagree was €639.00.

Knocknagree Kenya: The Christmas cake sale which took place on Sat 16th Dec, 2023 raised €1,000. The Annual Church gate Collection which took place on Sat 3rd Feb raised €710. All proceeds in aid of Fr Sean’s Missionary work. The committee thank all for their generosity.

