

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH & SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2024

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Shrone 6.00pm Mary Hickey, Aunaskirtane

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Knocknagree 7.30pm (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv) Manus Fitzgerald, Nohovaldaly

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Gneeveguilla 9.30pm Michael D & Mary Kelleher, Mausrou. Jeremiah & Nora McCarthy, Stagmount. Neily Cronin, Goulane & his sister Noreen O'Sullivan & their parents Jeremiah & Molly Cronin

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Rathmore 11.30pm Memorial Mass Eileen Moroney Boston & L/o Stagmount



### MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH to SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Gneeveguilla 7.00pm Donors Intentions

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> (Note No Mass)

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Rathmore 7.00pm Dan Joe & Moira Dineen, Cahirbarnagh

Thur 7<sup>th</sup> Knocknagree 9.30am People of the Parish

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Rathmore 7.00pm Months Minds  
Peggy Mullooly, Convent View. John Murphy Nohovaldaly & remembering his parents Denis & Mary, sister Hannah Mary & brother Tim



Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Shrone 6.00pm Months Mind Catherine Fitzgerald, Moulagow.

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Knocknagree 7.30pm (Months Mind) Bridget Gleeson England & l/o Umeraboy  
Timmy Joe O'Leary & his parents Nora & Patrick O'Leary. Tade Lehane, Park.  
Martin Hegarty & his son Brian, Mountcain. Hannah Murphy, Newquarter & her son Denis

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Gneeveguilla 9.30am Patrick & Margaret McGillicuddy, Leam. Sean & Ann O'Keeffe, Coom

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Rathmore 11.30pm William Leavey, Gneeveguilla. Donie Dineen, Cahirbarnagh.  
Gene Reen, Rathbeg, Jack, Eily, Lena & Timmie & Baby Charlie.  
Alex Hickey Rathmore Townland. Patrick Nagle, Shinnagh Lower.

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](mailto:rathmore@dioceseofkerry.ie)

**Prayers & Sympathies:** To Eileen O'Sullivan on the death of her husband Pat Joe O'Sullivan, Beeheenaugh, Headford and formerly of Freemount, Rathmore, his brothers Mike and Jerry & families & extended family neighbours and his many friends. Pa Jo's funeral took place in Rathmore on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February. To Evelyn Cronin, sons Anthony and Oliver, daughters Noreen, Deirdre, Nuala and Angela & families on the death of Patrick (Paddy) Cronin of Caherbarnagh, Rathmore husband & father, his extended family his relatives, neighbours and friends. Paddy's funeral took place in Rathmore on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February. May Pa Joe & Paddy rest in peace and may all who mourn their loss be comforted.

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed in the Church of the Holy Rosary Gneeveguilla on every Friday night during Lent @ 7.30pm. If you cannot attend tune in to MCN Gneeveguilla.

### **How is your Lent going?**

The word “Lent” is a shortened form of the Old English word Lencten, meaning “the Spring”. Lent is one of the most significant seasons of the Liturgical Year. It originated from the period of preparation embarked upon by those preparing for baptism at Easter. Eventually, it became a time for the whole Christian community to seriously review and renew their lives in advance of the annual celebration of Easter. Consisting of forty days (Sundays excluded), the season of Lent is modelled on the forty days spent by Jesus fasting in the desert prior to beginning his public ministry. (Mt. 4)

#### **Fasting, Prayer and Giving to the Poor**

Traditionally, fasting, praying and giving to the poor are considered as important tools to help us on our Lenten Pilgrimage of renewal.

**Fasting** is the reduction of one’s intake of food or the giving up of something we would normally do.

It reminds us that at times we must sacrifice ourselves in order to put God and others first in life.

Linked to fasting is the idea of **abstinence**, like abstaining from sweets for children, or alcohol by adults. In today’s world too people sometimes try to spend less time online, or refrain from using their phones during family meal times.

Nowadays too, some people take on things for Lent. They spend more time in prayer, more time caring for others or giving to the poor.

**Prayer** deepens our relationship with God while giving to the poor reminds us that to love and care for others, especially those most in need, is a central part of being a Christian.

### **How is your Trocaire Box doing ..... ?**

#### **Lent ... out opportunity to reach out to others.**

Trócaire has been working with partners in Malawi for the last forty-eight years. Malawi is a landlocked country, bordered by Zambia, Tanzania and Mozambique. Malawi is often referred to as the warm heart of Africa. Malawi is a country with extremely high levels of poverty, where life is already a struggle for many. Climate change means flooding and droughts are becoming both more extreme and unpredictable. People are losing their homes, their livelihoods and even their lives.

Machinga, where Trócaire is currently working is one of the districts most impacted by the effects of climate change.

So is our Lenten plan on course, or have we lost our way? It’s never too late to reboot:

**Keep Friday meals simple**

**Stop the mindless phone checks**

**Get the children involved,** Decide on things you can do together.

**Book Launch After 100 years,** Fr Ferris’s History of the Parishes of Rathmore, Gneeveguilla and Knocknagree will be launched at **Teach Íosagáin, Rathmore on Friday 5th April at 6.30pm.** All welcome.” The book contains a great deal about the parish and the priests, nuns and brothers who either served in the parish or who came from the parish. There is also a huge amount of genealogical information in the book which will be of interest to your parishioners.

### **Synod of Bishops - Feedback Needed**

The Synod of Bishops in Rome wants to hear from parishioners throughout the world about the progress that is being made in sharing responsibility for the work and mission of the Church on the ground, and asks for ideas about how this can be done better.

To contribute to the Irish Church’s response to this request, or to find out more, please visit

[www.dioceseofkerry.ie/synod](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie/synod)

