



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 John Fitzgerald (029) 70043 0877752948 on call this Sunday 31st March for emergency and sick calls.

SATURDAY 30th MARCH & SUNDAY 31st MARCH 2024

Holy Saturday 30 th	Easter Vigil Mass	Shrone	6.00pm
	Easter Vigil Mass	Knocknagree	7.30pm
	Easter Vigil Mass	Rathmore	9.00pm



Easter Sunday 31st Gneeveguilla 9.30am Connie & Mary Fleming, Renasup

Easter Sunday 31st Rathmore 11.30am Denis & Abina O'Leary, Upper Clounts

MONDAY 1st APRIL to SUNDAY 7th APRIL 2024

(Bank Holiday)

Mon 1st Rathmore 11.00am Memorial Mass & Burial of Ashes Jerry O'Leary Pennsylvania I/o Clounts

Tues 2nd (Please Note) No Mass

Wed 3rd Rathmore 7.00pm Jimmy, Nora & Eileen Mahony, Freemount. Tade & Nell Mahony, The Bower Kay McCarthy, (nee Mullooly) Kanturk I/o Convent View.

Thur 4th Knocknagree 9.30am John Ring, Tureen & his parents Tim & Mary Ring.

Fri 5th (Please Note) No Mass

Sat 6th Shrone 6.00pm Sheila Buckley & deceased of the Buckley family Clydagh Lodge. Get Well intention Pdraig Walsh. Sligo

Sat 6th Knocknagree 7.30pm (1st Anniv) Margaret O'Donoghue, Knocknagree & I/o Banteer

Sun 7th Gneeveguilla 9.30am Billy Moore, Clounts. Johnny Cremin, Cottage. Pa Herlihy, Tureencahill

Sun 7th Rathmore 11.30am Noreen Reddington, Church Place. Con & Margaret Kelleher, Shinnagh Denis O'Shea, Bru na Sinear, I/o Rathbeg & for the Intentions of all his family & friends. John Lawlor, East End.

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

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED *GOOD FRIDAY 29th March & *EASTER MONDAY 1st April



Mass in the City in Shrone

Because of a clash of dates with the RALLY, it is necessary to move The Mass in the City to Sunday MAY 12th @ 1.30pm

First Friday Calls in Knocknagree will be on Thursday 4th April after 9.30am

Prayers & Sympathies To Paddy, Betty & Kathleen Dineen & families Gortnabroces, Rathmore on the death of their sister Sr Consilio Dineen I/o The Convent of Mercy Templemore. Sr Consilio was laid to rest on Friday 29th March in Templemore.

To Michael, Con & Sean O'Keeffe & families on the death of their mother Eileen Creagh Killarney I/o Bounard. Eileens funeral took place on Monday 25th March in Gneeveguilla.

To Janie, John & Paul & families on the death of Anthony (Tony) Martin, Shinnagh whose Funeral Service took place on Friday 22nd March in Rathmore

May Sr Concilio, Eileen & Anthony rest in peace and may all who mourn their loss be comforted.

Take a moment to hear from God this Easter...

Easter Prayer:

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope.
Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal.
Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it.



May all your prayers be answered and may you feel the Lord's presence near you....not only for Easter but always.

Wishing each one of you a Happy and Safe Easter.

Parish Conversation

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your assistance in organising the recent parish conversation in your parish. As you may be aware, there was a great response throughout the diocese, with many people appreciating the opportunity to reflect on the future of their parish life in each of the 53 parishes of our diocese. Go raibh míle maith agaibh!

Reports of the parish meetings are nearly all in at this point. Some 1,850 people took part. The meetings were described as positive, energetic, and engaged. At the same time, there was a keen sense of who wasn't there – people under 50 years of age. Looking to the immediate future, this already highlights a priority from the meetings - mission to the younger generation and their parents. There was a strong sense throughout of wanting to hold on to the structures of local church, parish, and pastoral area. The reports envisaged parish life coordinated more by lay people, with priests more focussed on Mass, sacraments, and pastoral presence at times of serious illness and death. There was a definite call for structured roles and tasks for lay people in this, women and men, with proper training and resourcing and clear lines of accountability. There was a strong sense of the value of cooperation between parishes in pastoral areas on the basis that this supports parish identity. Throughout, there was a sense of warmth and gratitude towards the priests and a recognition of the need to respond realistically and fairly to reduced numbers and ageing.

Over the coming weeks, the planning group will read each of the reports and note the common themes emerging from the parish conversations. Having identified these themes, the planning group will draw up a draft plan. This plan will then be circulated to all the parish pastoral councils and the clergy by the end of April. PPCs will then be asked to critique the proposed plan. The final draft of the plan will be prepared by mid-June.

Best regards,
Fr Ger Godley.

Recovery Haven Kerry (Cancer Support House) are currently enrolling for an upcoming **CUBS Programme** - a bereavement programme aimed at **children aged between 8 and 12** years of age, who are dealing with the loss of a parent through cancer. Through play & art, children will learn about grief responses and learn how to cope with their feelings. The free, **8-week programme begins on** Tuesday, April 9th (4.30pm - 6pm) and names are now being taken on 0667192122.

GNEEVEGUILLA GAA - 'CANCER BUS'

Thanks to all who contributed during or since the Concert. Should you wish to donate write 'CANCER BUS' on envelope and give to any Club member, drop into Club Bar or to your nearest Sacristy. Nobody is immune, not even royalty; everybody can help. Thank you.

The 'Synodal Explored' conference will be held on Friday 19th and Saturday 20th April 2024 at St. John's Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine Cardinal Mario Grech, Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops will be the keynote speaker. The conference is a free event, open to the public and all are welcome. Further details are available on www.knockshrine.ie Tel: 094 93 88100 email: communications@knockshrine.ie

"Book Launch : 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"

