

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 20th APRIL & SUNDAY 21st APRIL 2024

Sat 20th Shrone 6.00pm Donors Intentions

Sat 20th Knocknagree 7.30pm John & Marie Breen, Knocknagree Village & their daughter Marion

(Vocation Sunday)

Sun 21st Gneeveguilla 9.30am Donors Intentions

Sun 21st Rathmore 11.30am (1st Anniv) David Saunders Carrigaline Cork, I/o Rathmore

Fr Jim Kennelly (029) 76151 0872401331 on call this 21st April for emergency and sick calls.

MONDAY 22nd APRIL to SUNDAY 28th APRIL 2024

Mon 22nd Gneeveguilla (Note Mass time) 9.30am Donors Intentions

Tues 23rd Rathmore 9.30am People of the Parish

Wed 24th Rathmore 7.00pm Antoinette Cronin Shinnagh. Sean Dempsey, West End

Thur 25th Knocknagree 9.30am Donors Intentions

Fri 26th Rathmore 7.00pm Months Mind Paddy Cronin, Cahirbarnagh

Sat 27th Shrone 6.00pm Christy & Mai Crowley, Gortdarrig. Patrick Moynihan. Gortnagown
Dan Collins, Tureenamult

Sat 27th Knocknagree 7.30pm Fr Gerry & Fr Bertie Hickey, Mountacain.

Danny Hickey Mountcain & his parents Patrick & Julia & all deceased members of the Hickey family
Peggy & Michael Murphy Nohoval Upper.

PJ Breen, Church View, his parents Patrick & Mary Breen & his brother-in-law David Chase I/o Cavan
Mary Hickey I/o Douglas & Knocknaloman and her brother Brendan, Knocknaloman

Sun 28th Gneeveguilla 9.30am Months Mind Eileen Creagh, Bounard/Killarney

Sun 28th Rathmore 11.30am (1st Anniv) Margaret Moynihan, Islanderagh & remembering her husband
Francis & her sister Joan O'Sullivan, Renasup & Islanderagh

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 Betty Casey & family Clounts & extended O'Leary family on the death of her brother Jerry O'Leary I/o Pennsylvania.

To Eileen Moynihan & family on the death of her sister Elizabeth (Liz) O'Connor Castleisland whose funeral took place on Monday 8th April.

To Teresa Carmody & family on the death of her sister Eily Mai O'Connor whose funeral took place on the 9th April in Scartaglen

To Caroline O'Sullivan & family on the death of her mother Eileen Twomey Newmarket whose funeral took place on Wednesday 17th April in Newmarket.

KILLAHA GRAVEYARD MASS: Monday 10th June at 7.30pm.



Kerry Diocesan Youth Week

The Diocese of Kerry celebrates Youth Week 20th to 26th April- a dynamic initiative to encourage engagement with young people. An invitation is extended to all parishes to reach out to young people and create opportunities for them to deepen their connection with the parish. This initiative is aimed at teenagers and young adults.

Here in Rathmore Parish some students from Pobal Scoil Sliabh Luachra will become reacquainted with the historical links between Rathmore Presbytery, and the Monks of Mount Mellary.

On May 16th the group will travel to Mellary, to experience Monastic life, and to learn how much the Mount Mellary Monks still treasure their links with Rathmore.

Environmental Project

Chris Barron in Rathmore, and Knocknagree Fairfield Committee have already done much to make our church grounds 'a haven for pollinators and biodiversity' Kerry Diocesan Youth week encourages us to build on that work, by mapping our church grounds.

In the weeks ahead we will seek to expand on what is already done. The avenue up to the Presbytery also offers wonderful opportunities in this regard. We encourage young people to read the information provided below, and forward their contact details to the Parish Office if you would like to become involved in this project. (rathmore@dioceseofkerry.ie)

Church Grounds Mapping for Biodiversit

You might also like to watch this video from Heritage in Schools to give an idea of what a biodiversity map looks like: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9kkwadM-MYO>

With your group, walk the grounds and draw a simple map of the church grounds as they are now. Include the church, the boiler- house etc.

Include any area that is covered in concrete/tarmac. Include any existing features i.e. flower beds, shrubs, trees, hedges, stream, ponds. nesting sites, seating, carpark, bike stands.

- You have to take into account the following elements:
- Where is north and south in relation to the site?
- Make a note of the path of the sun from east to west
- Which direction is your prevailing wind coming from?
- Is there a slope and which direction is it facing?
- Is the site at the bottom of a hill, or in the shadow of any forestry or mountains?
- Is any of the land generally wet, or even liable to flooding?
- Using the above information assess, which areas on your map could be used for biodiversity and planting projects? Remember this is only a wish list, so don't let barriers stop you from adding the elements, (e.g. a pond). Apply all the elements of the site audit and don't forget to use your imagination to think of any other potential ideas:

Herb area..... Sensory area.....Quiet/meditation area.....Paths between.....A living willow structure native.....Compost area for grass cuttings, leaves, small twigs, branches..... Other ideas: e.g. bird/bat boxes, native hedging, apple trees..... Signage

"St. Francis asked that part of the friary garden always be left untouched, so that wildflowers and herbs could grow there, and those who saw them could raise their minds to God, the Creator of such beauty." – Pope Francis in Laudato Si', 12

Formulated by Kerry Earth Education Project for Sustainable Environmental Projects, Kerry Earth Education Project, Gortbrack Organic Farm www.gortbrackorganicfarm.com

