



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

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

Pastoral Area Fr John Fitzgerald, (029) 70043 087 7752948 on call Sunday 20th April for emergency and sick calls

SATURDAY 19th APRIL to SUNDAY 20th APRIL 2025

Holy Saturday 19th St Joseph's Church Rathmore @ 10.30am. Swieconka (Blessing of Food)

Holy Sat 19 th	Easter Vigil Mass	Shrone	6.00pm
Holy Sat 19 th	Easter Vigil Mass	Knocknagree	7.30pm
Holy Sat 19 th	Easter Vigil Mass	Rathmore	9.00pm



Easter Sunday 20th Gneeveguilla 9.30am Donors Intentions

Easter Sunday 20th Rathmore 11.30am Denis & Abina O'Leary, Clounts Geraldine & John Horgan Ard Mhuire & Geraldines parents Jerry & Peggy Hyde & Johns father Jack Horgan, Kilcorney. Michael & Don Murphy, Knocknaloman. Tim & Margaret Reen, Courenough Paddy Doyle East End & remembering his wife Noreen & her brother Humphery Kerins & brother-in-law Sean Faughey.



MONDAY 21st APRIL to SUNDAY 27th APRIL 2025

Mon 21st (Bank Holiday)(Note Church & Time) Gneeveguilla 11.00am People of the Parish

Tues 22nd No Mass

Wed 23rd Knocknagree (Note Church) 7.00pm (Months Mind) Kathleen Scannell, Knocknagree

Thur 24th No Mass

Fri 25th Gneeveguilla 7.00pm (1st Anniv) Elaine Gueran, Lisheen

Sat 26th Shrone 6.00pm (1st Anniv) Julianne Buckley, Gortdarrig

Sat 26th Knocknagree 7.30pm Fr Jerry Hickey & Fr Bertie Hickey Knocknagree

Marie & John Breen Knocknagree & their daughter Marion

Divine Mercy Sun 27th Gneeveguilla 9.30a (1st Anniv) Mary O'Leary, Gneeveguilla Village.

Sun 27th Rathmore 11.30am Mary & Michael Murphy, Kilquane, Hannah Mary & John Lynn, Killarney. Margaret Moynihan & her husband Francis (Junior) Moynihan Islanderagh & her sister Joan O'Sullivan, Renasup Islanderagh. David Saunders, Bealnadeega & Carrigaline Cork. Arthur Moynihan, Glann Rua.



Parish Office: Opening Hours: Mon, Tues, & Wed 9.30am -12.30pm - Fri 11am – 2pm
CLOSED THURSDAY Booking of Masses, Mass Cards, any query, just call, phone (064)

7761669 or email rathmore@dioceseofkerry.ie **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED EASTER MONDAY 21st APRIL (BANK HOLIDAY)**

Important Notice
The repair and maintenance project in Rathmore Church will continue next week from Monday 21st to Friday 25th. All weekday day Masses have been transferred to other churches and it is most likely that we will have to move funerals Masses also.

We thank you in advance for your understanding.
Fr Pat (on behalf of the Parish Building Committee)

Prayers & Sympathies To Sean O'Keeffe, Lisheen & family on the death of his sister Kathy Hickey(née O'Keeffe) Boherbue & l/o Gneeveguilla, her nieces, nephews & extended family. Kathy's funeral took place on Saturday 5th April in Boherbue. May Kathy rest in Peace and may all who mourn her loss be comforted.

Parish Finance Committee meeting in the Presbytery on Monday week April 28th @ 8pm

Is it "Alleluia" or "So what"

It is a heartfelt joy that I welcome all of you to Easter Sunday Mass! There is no greater celebration for Christians than Easter! It is good that you are here!

When we awoke this morning, we found ourselves blessed with another day. It is Easter Sunday. As that thought crossed our minds, did we find ourselves saying "so what" or "alleluia"?

For many, today is truly a day of alleluia. For others, it is just another day of "so what." Faith makes a huge difference. It not only makes a difference in how we understand today and the significance of what we celebrate, it also makes a huge difference in terms of how we understand ourselves.

Succeed, live well, be productive, find your niche, follow your dreams, make money, protect your social status, , and keep your preferences to yourself are pretty good examples of the messages our world wants us to hear.

The life of resurrection embodied in the Gospel tells us a much different story. Life keeps us busy. We are always connected, distracted, occupied, and working. For many of us, an agenda awaits us before we even start our day, and unfinished stuff is brought with us when we retire at night.

Make the best of life and "find your own road to happiness are messages we all too easily believe. The "so what" response to the new life of resurrection is often the result of believing that life is only what I make it.

We tend to put off considering the one significant "tomorrow" that will come the millisecond after we take our last breath. When that happens, will we want to be thinking "so what?" or "alleluia"? There is only one Jesus, one mission, and one resurrection. There is also only one of us.

Have you ever pondered what one solitary; humble human life can do? Faith tells us how special we are. We are not robots. We are not replaceable. We have one shot. There are no reruns. Love is at our core and unites us together as one with the God of love who so desperately wants us to be with Him forever. This may not match our worldly agenda, but it ought to make our true inner agenda leap for joy. There doesn't need to be an end. I can live forever. Alleluia!

May the Risen Lord guide, lead, comfort and inspire us!

Happy Easter Fr Pat

Prayer for April

As April begins

"April is a generous month", she said
'Generous rain, light singing birds'.
Even a mean heart acknowledges the bond
Linking grass to clouds,
Linking what we know of here
To the blue tingling world of beyond,
I've seen mean hearts turn generous
So why should I limit myself to being
Only what I think I know,
When I might dream of another me?
The year is taking shape.
So am I.
I think I'll go for a stroll with hope.
When I walk through the April light I see
A gentle twig is more durable
Than a stubborn tree."

Brendan Kennelly

Biodiversity is short for "biological diversity". It is the variety of all living things and their interactions. Over the last number of years the parish has carried out a number of small projects to increase the biodiversity of the areas around our churches. Recently, in response to Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si* (Praise be to you) the Bishops of Ireland announced that all Diocese should dedicate 30% of parish grounds to nature by the year 2030.

Members of our Pastoral Council have come up with number of ideas as to how we can build on what is already being done for biodiversity in the Parish and would like to hear the ideas of others and include these with those of Rathmore Community Council and Rathmore Tidy Towns..

A workshop is organised by Rathmore Tidy Towns on April 26th at 10am, in Rathmore Community Centre. All are encouraged to come along to hear and share ideas of how we can make our place attractive for people and wonderful for nature

