

## 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



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](mailto:rathmore@dioceseofkerry.ie)

**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 Joe Tarrant 064-7758026, 0863978642 on call Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May for emergency and sick calls**

### SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> May to SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Rathmore 11.00am First Holy Communion (Holy Family NS)**

**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> No Mass in Shrone**

**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Knocknagree 7.30pm** Ritchie & Peggy O'Connor, Doon

**Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Gneeveguilla 9.30am (Months Mind)** Maureen Moore, Clounts & remembering her son Billy (40<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Rathmore 11.30am** Paddy & Annie Sheahan & and their daughter Aine (Garorik). John Moynihan East End. Willie & Anne McAuliffe, Banteer & deceased members of the Moynihan & McAuliffe families. Timothy Horan Caherbarnagh l/o London. John & Lizzie Murphy Ballinahulla & all deceased of the Murphy & O'Leary family

**Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Shrone Mass in the City 1.30pm**

### MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MAY to SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> No Mass**

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Rathmore 9.30a.m** People of the Parish

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Rathmore 7pm** Sean Dempsey, & remembering his sister Betty Hickey who died recently in NZ

**Thur 8<sup>th</sup> Knocknagree 7.00p.m (Please note time)** Donors intention

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Gneeveguilla 7.00pm** (Months Mind) Jeremiah O Sullivan. Coom

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Gneeveguilla 11.00am First Holy Communion (Gneeveguilla & Meentogues N.S)**

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Shrone 6pm:** Donal Kelleher, Corran. Kathleen & Patrick Duggan, Shronemore. Jerry Nagle & his son John Joe & remembering the Nagle Family. Denis, Hannah & Phil Cremin Gortnagown.

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Knocknagree 7.30pm** Dan, Joan, Mary & Eileen Lehane, Umeraboy & London. Bridie Conway, Banard

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Gneeveguilla 9.30am** (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) Tadhg Jackie O Leary, Quarry Lodge.

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Rathmore 11.30am** (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)) Donald Mc Donald, Clarinwood. Jerry O Leary, Nohovaldaly & his parents Kathy & David and deceased members of the Scannell family Rathbeg. Denis & Hannah Mary Crowley, Gortnaprocess

**Rosary Novena in  
Gneeveguilla Church each  
evening from  
5<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> May @ 7.30pm**

**Parish Officed  
Closed Bank Holiday  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

**Prayers & Sympathies:** To Mike, Peggy, Timmie, Jerry Pat, Marie, Breda, Margaret and Connie, and the extended family on the death of Mary Cronin of Kilquane Headford. The funeral took place in Rathmore Church on Monday April 28<sup>th</sup> My Mary rest in peace and, may all who mourn her loss be comforted.

**Diocesan Collection for Education of the Clergy will take place next weekend the 10<sup>th</sup> /12<sup>th</sup> May Donations can be contributed online on the donate tab on the parish website [www.rathmoreparish.ie](http://www.rathmoreparish.ie) or drop into the Parish Office**

## **Mass in the 'City' this Sunday at 1.30pm**

*The following is taken from a Kerryman article of May 7<sup>th</sup> 1982*

FOR ages back people have come to "The City"—The City of Kerry's Kingdom—on May Day and, each succeeding day up to May 12, which was Old May Day, to pay 'rounds' and to bring home with them water from the holy well. This year was no exception, and since early on Saturday morning! last pilgrims have been winding their way up the steep and winding hillside track to the Penitential Station, Cromlech' Cathair Craobh Dearg, at the foothills of the Paps Mountains, south of Rathmore.

From all over Cork and Kerry—indeed from places much further afield, pilgrims come to the "City" during the first two weeks- of May. Here they kneel and pray on the green sward, atop this majestic mound, partake of the waters from the holy well, and pay 'rounds' at this hallowed spot, just as their forefathers have done, year after, year since time immemorial. For centuries the "City" has been sanctified by tire prayers of throngs of pious Irish worshippers..

The late Fr. William Ferris had Mass" celebrated at' the "City" on May morning 1925. Following the ceremony, Fr. Ferris, who was then CC in Rathmore, and an eminent historian, gave a lengthy talk which is on, record to the vast crowd present. During his disclosure he quoted from O'Curry's Manuscripts, telling the beautiful story of Finn MacCool's visit to the place. He told'of. the "'City being the residence of ancient Irish Kings, in days long gone by and said that the "City's" Festival, on May Day had been celebrated —without a break—for seventy centuries. Through paganism, druidism and otherwise it had several setbacks; yet the annual Festival never ceased. This recorded talk, given by Fr. Ferris, on that May morning fifty-seven years ago, certainly makes interesting reading.

*The following is taken from a Kerryman article of August 9<sup>th</sup> 1985*

The Festival of May, the" Gaelic Bealtaine, is still observed at Cathair Craobh Dearg, where on May Day and during the twelve succeeding days -because of the change to the Gregorian-Calendar which made May . 1st, -May 12th - pilgrims from near and far come to pray to, and to honour Mary, the Mother of God.

Some years ago, a local voluntary body had a statue of Our Lady of the Wayside erected, at a. point adjacent to the megalithic altar. In 1983, Canon Patrick Doherty P.P., Rathmore, assisted by Rev. James Kissane, C.C., had Mass celebrated at The City on May Day, and vast throngs attended the ceremony. It was afterwards decided to have Mass celebrated at The City on the first. Sunday in May of each year, ' so this year will be the third successive year to have the Festival honoured with the celebration of Mass.

**Returning Trocaire Money.** Rathmore Parish has always been very generous in its support for Trocaire, We would be very grateful if you could return your contribution as soon as possible so that it can be forwarded to it to the Parish Office, drop it into the sacristy, or the Sunday collection basket.

**Please do not leave it in an unattended place in the Church**



