

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

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 Jim Kennelly (029) 76151 087 2401331 is on call Sunday 6th July for emergency and sick calls

SATURDAY 5th JULY to SUNDAY 6th JULY 2025

Sat 5th Shrone 6.00pm Donors Intentions

Sat 5th Knocknagree 7.30pm Jerh & Abbie Moynihan, Lacka. Connie O'Sullivan Nohoval & his sister Hannah

Sun 6th Gneeveguilla 9.30am Jack McCarthy, Gneeveguilla Village

Sun 6th Rathmore 11.30am Michael & Bridie O'Brien Lr Shinnagh their son Michael Anthony & daughter Aileen O'Leary. Noreen Long, Inches. Mary Murphy Lr Shinnagh & remembering her husband Jackie. Anne Sheehan, Lissyconnor Jeremiah & Bridie Reen, Corran and their daughter Agnes Linehan, Killarney. Mamie Nagle, Shinnagh. Denis & Nora May Ryan, Rathbeg and all deceased of the Ryan family.



MONDAY 7th JULY to SUNDAY 13th JULY 2025

Mon 7th Gneeveguilla 7.00pm Donors Intentions

Tues 8th Please note No Mass

Wed 9th Rathmore 9.30am Dan & Margaret Cronin Annaskirtane & Bru na Sinsear

Thur 10th Please Note No Mass

Fri 11th Rathmore 7.00pm (Months Minds) Margaret Crowley, Inches, Eileen Lawlor, East End Bridget Breen, Rathcool & Nohoval

Sat 12th Shrone 4.00pm: Please Note Change of Mass time due to the Kerry Game being shown on TV Donors Intentions

Sat 12th Knocknagree 7.30pm Donors Intentions

Sun 13th Gneeveguilla 9.30am James Doyle & his father Jimmy & grandparents Julia & Patrick Doyle Tim & Margaret O'Connor, Mausour.

Sun 13th Rathmore 11.30am Margaret O'Connor, Presbytery View & remembering her husband, Denis. Denis Murphy (10th Anniv) West End. Ann & Michael Breen, Scrahanagullane. Paudie Dineen, Hollymount. Geraldine O'Mahony, Convent View & her father-in-law Donal O'Mahony



Divine Mercy: Join the Divine Mercy Hour in the Church of the Holy Rosary Gneeveguilla on every First Friday @ 3pm. It is streamlined on MCN Gneeveguilla



Eucharistic Adoration: The Eucharistic Adoration is in the Church of the Holy Rosary Gneeveguilla every Tuesday from 10am – 8pm.

Rosary The Holy Rosary is prayed in the Church every Wednesday at 8pm. This is live Streamed MCN Gneeveguilla,

Diocesan Collection for Sick & Retired Priest will take place this weekend the 5th /6th July Donations can be contributed online on the donate tab on the parish website www.rathmoreparish.ie or drop into the Parish Office

Up Coming Trip to Knock

The third Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday 23rd of August 2025.

Please note the date and consider taking part in this special time of prayer and reflection at Ireland's National Marian Shrine. Please check with your Pastoral Area regarding buses.

May our prayer be "To Jesus through Mary" . Please pray for the safety of all pilgrims who travel.

The Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be on Main Street Killarney on July 13th. The Rosary and Divine Mercy will be recited at 3pm. Please come and join us in praying for peace.

FAITH MAKES ALL THINGS POSSIBLE.... BUT LOVE MAKES ALL THINGS EASY

Our great Irish writer, John McGahern, tells a true story which happened when he was the writer in residence at Trinity College Dublin.

A woman came in one day a week to clean and tidy his room. In less than an hour she would have everything shining and in its proper place. She was a charming woman and often talked as she cleaned. She told him how she waited each morning for the private bus at 6 o'clock that took the cleaners to Trinity, and that she was able to be home in time to cook the family dinner. Of the Professor who occupied the room before McGahern, she said, "I cleaned his room for 14 years and he never once spoke to me. I used to say 'Good Morning' at first, but after a while I didn't say anything. They said he is one of the cleverest men in the University, but I say he has the manner of a bowsie"

How little sensitivity, or a word of appreciation, would help make a heavy burden light. It makes the world of difference when people are recognised and treated with kindness, courtesy and respect. The Scribes and the Pharisees lived a privileged existence. They had no understanding whatsoever of what life was like for ordinary people. With their strict emphasis on the exact observance of the Law, and on rules and regulations, they placed impossible burdens on the people and what's more they took great pleasure in doing so.

During the years Jesus spent in His family home in Nazareth, He lived and worked among the ordinary people. He knew at first hand the struggles, the difficulties and frustrations ordinary people had to endure. He was only too well aware of the heavy burdens life placed on their shoulders and on their hearts. As a result of this beautiful awareness Jesus always wanted to lighten burdens. People flocked to Him from all quarters with their burdens of sickness and misery. All had their burdens lightened as a result of meeting Him. His mere presence could bring peace to an anguished soul.

Regarding His own burden Jesus said **"My yoke is easy and my burden is light"**.

How could Jesus who took on the burdens of so many say that, simply because he carried his burden with love. Only love can make a heavy burden seem light.

Religion should not make life more burdensome. If Jesus places any burden on us at all it was that of loving and respecting one another. But if we have love that is no burden at all. Be aware that Jesus doesn't take our burdens from us but rather gives us the strength to carry them.

Let us pray that His love and presence will guide us in coping with our own burdens. May we also have the sensitivity to reach out and help those around us who are weighed down with burdens of their own.

While Faith makes all things possible, Love makes all things easy. May His Love be with us always.

