

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



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

Pastoral Area: Fr John Fitzgerald (029) 70043 087 7752948 on call Sunday 30th Nov for emergency and sick calls

SATURDAY 29th NOVEMBER to SUNDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2025

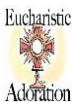
First Sunday of Advent



Sat 29 th	Shrone 6.00pm	(Months Mind) Daniel McAuliffe Shrone
Sat 29 th	Knocknagree 7.30pm	(1 st Anniv) Marion O'Grady (nee Hegarty) Listowel I/o Mountcain
Sun 30 th	Gneeveguilla 9.30am	John & Mary O'Riordan & their son Jack. Anneaghbeg
Sun 30 th	Rathmore 11.30am	Donors Intentions

MONDAY 1st DECEMBER to SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER 2025

Mon 1 st	Gneeveguilla 7.00pm	Memorial Mass Peggy Scriven (nee O'Leary) Model Farm Rd & I/o Leam
Tues 2 nd	Rathmore 9.30am	People of the Parish
Wed 3 rd	Rathmore 7.00pm	Pat Joe & Connie O'Keeffe Shinnagh
Thur 4 th		No Mass
Fri 5 th	Shrone 7.00pm	Denise Crowley Gortdarrig & her dad Den Joe & cousin Donal O'Sullivan
Sat 6 th	Shrone 7.30pm	John & Mary Cremin, Gortnagown. Noreen Creedon Gortnagown & all deceased of the Creedon family
Sat 6 th	Knocknagree 7.30pm	Jeremiah Twomey, Umeraboy. Pat Reen Tureenareeha. Sonny Fitzgerald, Renasup. Eddie O'Connor Doonasleen. Dan Joe O'Keeffe Tureencahill. Benny & Maura O'Connor, Umeraboy. Mary B & Rory O'Connor & their daughters Marie & Brid & grandson Rory. Christy & Bridie Mahony, Nohoval Upper
Sun 7 th	Gneeveguilla 9.30am	(Months Mind) Ted Leizcyneski, Maulykervane & remembering his wife Margaret & the O'Donovan, Houlihan & Regan families.
Sun 7 th	Rathmore 11.30am	(1 st Anniv) Philomena O'Sullivan Presbytery View



Eucharistic Adoration Rathmore Wed from 6-7pm. Knocknagree Thur morning 10am -11am
Eucharistic Adoration: Gneeveguilla every Tue from 10am – 8pm.

Church Of the Holy Rosary Gneeveguilla : The Divine Mercy will be @3pm on Fri 5th Dec.

The Five First Saturdays will be on Sat 6th Dec @ 9.15am.

The Holy Rosary will continue every Wed @ 8pm All three will be livestreamed

Knocknagree -Kenya Cake Sale

A Christmas Cake Sale will take place in the adoration room on Sat 29th November before & after the 7.30pm

Mass in aid of Fr Sean Cremins Missionary work, your support will be greatly appreciated

Diocesan Collection: The annual collection for **Youth Services** will be collected next weekend the 6th/7th Dec

Donations can be contributed online on the donate tab on the parish website www.rathmoreparish.ie or drop donation into the Parish Office



Christmas Mass Bouquets now available in Parish Office. Mass for these shared Mass intentions will be offered on **St Stephens Day Dec 26th at 11.00 am in Rathmore**

First Sunday of Advent - Getting Ready for Jesus!



A Special Message for Families

Today we begin a very special time in our Church year called **Advent**. Advent is four weeks long, and it helps us get our hearts ready to celebrate the birthday of Jesus at Christmas. It's kind of like getting ready for a big guest—someone we love very much!

What Does “Advent” Mean?

“Advent” means “**coming**.” We remember that Jesus came to us as a tiny baby in Bethlehem, and we also remember that Jesus promised to come again someday. During Advent, we wait, we watch, and we try to make our hearts a warm and welcoming place for Jesus.

The First Candle: The Candle of Hope

On this First Sunday of Advent, we light the first purple candle on the Advent wreath. This candle is called the **Candle of Hope**. Hope means trusting that God loves us and is always with us, even when things are hard or confusing. Think of hope like a little light in the dark—it helps us feel brave and reminds us that God has a good plan for us.

What Jesus Tells Us Today

In today's Gospel, Jesus says we should be **awake and ready**, not sleepy in our hearts. He doesn't mean staying up all night! He means paying attention to God, being kind, listening, and choosing to do what is right. Jesus wants us to live in a way that shows we are His friends.

How Can Families Get Ready for Jesus?

Here are some simple ways families can live Advent together:

- **Light the Advent Wreath** at home and say a short prayer.
- **Do a secret act of kindness** for someone each day—your Advent “surprise for Jesus.”
- **Say thank you to God** for three things every night.
- **Help someone who needs it**—, a sibling, or a neighbour.
- **Take quiet prayer time**, even just one minute, to talk to Jesus.

All these little things make our hearts shine brighter!

A Prayer for This Week

Dear Jesus, help us stay awake in our hearts and be ready for You. Fill our family with hope and love. Help us share Your light with everyone we meet. Amen.

Let's Walk Through Advent Together!

Advent is not just about waiting—it's about **learning to love like Jesus loves**. As we begin this new Church year, let's ask God to help us grow in kindness, patience, and joy.

Come, Lord Jesus! We are ready for You!

Prayers & Sympathies To Margaret Foley & family, School Place on the death of her brother Tom Palmer, Kenmare. Tom was laid to rest Saturday 15th Nov in Bounane. Kenmare.
To Bernie Fitzgerald Nohoval, Tadgh & family on the death of her mother Chrissie Angland Newmarket. Chrissie was laid to rest on 15th Nov in Newmarket
May Tom & Chrissie rest in peace and may all who mourn their loss be comforted.

Medjugorje Evening of Prayer on Sunday 7th December 2025 in The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Currow, V93P863

The schedule is as follows: 4pm Anointing of the Sick 4:30 – 5:45pm Confessions 5pm Rosary 6pm Mass
7-8pm Adoration 8pm tea in the School Hall.

Parking at the front and the rear of the church and the school yard adjacent. Hope to see you all.

Millstreet/Rathmore Garda Text Alert *Gneeveguilla Community Alert*

Anyone interested in receiving text messages from the garda text alert. Please give your name /phone no & €10 to one of the following **John Vaughan 087 6336891. Donal Vaughan 087 6212462. Ted O'Connor 086 0848182. Eileen Fleming 087 1475385**