

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.



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 Joe Tarrant (064)7751104 08639787642 on call Sunday 14th Dec for emergency and sick calls

SATURDAY 13th DECEMBER to SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER 2025



Sat 13th Shrone 6.00pm (1st Anniv) Timmie Rahilly, Aunaskirtane

Sat 13th Knocknagree 7.30pm (1st Anniv) Margaret Murphy, Newquarter & remembering Mick & Kit Murphy & Sr Ambrose Kelleher & all deceased of the Kelleher family

Sun 14th Gneeveguilla 9.30am Patsy & Eileen Brosnan, Bounard. Jim & Breda O' Connor, Gneeveguilla Paudie & Catherine O'Leary Gneeveguilla Village & their son Pat & daughter-in-law Helena.

Sun 14th Rathmore 11.30am (Months Mind) Mary O'Sullivan, Shinnagh.

MONDAY 15th DECEMBER to SUNDAY 21st DECEMBER 2025

Mon 15th Gneeveguilla 10am (Note Time) Gneeveguilla NS Christmas Mass

Tues 16th Rathmore 9.30am People of the Parish (Please Note Eucharistic Adoration will be after Mass)

Wed 17th Rathmore 7.00pm Holy Family NS Christmas Mass

Thur 18th Knocknagree 10.00am (Note Time) Knocknagree NS Christmas Mass

Fri 19th Gneeveguilla 7.00pm (1st Anniv) Cyril Hickey Gneeveguilla & also remembering his wife Kathleen (3rd Anniv) Christmas Confessions after Mass

Sat 20th Shrone 6.00pm Denis & Mary Cronin, Shronebeg

Sat 20th Knocknagree 7.30pm Jerome O'Rahilly, Knocknagree. Dan & Nora O'Leary Umeraboy, Michael & Mary Bridget O'Sullivan Renasup. Dan Cronin, Shanballa & his parents Timmie & Josie. Mary & Neilus O'Leary & their son John O'Leary & Richard Nolan Ballydesmond. Dan B Hickey, Knocknagree Village

Sun 21st Gneeveguilla 9.30am Daniel Cronin, Gneeveguilla Upper. John & Catherine O'Keeffe, Bounard. Dan T O'Keeffe, Tureencahill. John Michael & Hannah Mary Fleming. Tureencahill.

Sun 21st Rathmore 11.30am Conie Doherty, Lisnagrave. John & Joan Murphy, Corran & their son Sean & grandson Matthew. Sr Philomena Dennehy I/o East End & her parents Mattie & Kitty. Mary & Giles O'Sullivan Ballycullane. Michael Hickie Nohovaldaly

Rathmore after 11.30am Mass

Christmas Confessions after Mass



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

Samaritans Of Kerry Annual Church Gate Collection will take place on Christmas Eve 24th Dec/ Christmas Day 25th Dec at all Church in the Parish

Prayers & Sympathies To Noreen Cahill & family on the death of her brother Dan Joe Quinlan whose funeral took place in Currans on Friday 5th Dec.

To James & Eileen O'Donoghue & family Stagmount on the death of James's father Denis (Denny) O'Donoghue whose funeral took place in Killarney on Wednesday 3rd Dec.

May Dan Joe & Denny rest in peace and may all who mourn their loss be comforted.

Gaudete Sunday

This weekend we hit a special moment in Advent: Gaudete Sunday—a day when the Church basically says, “Hey, don’t forget to be joyful!” The word Gaudete means “Rejoice”, taken from St. Paul’s message: *“Rejoice in the Lord always”* (Phil 4:4). Advent can feel long, especially when life is busy, overwhelming, or stressful, so the Church gives us this reminder right in the middle: **Joy is still possible—and God is still close.**

A Break in the Intensity

You might notice the rose-colored candle this week, it’s the Church’s visual way of saying:

“Take a breather. The light is getting closer.”

Joy in Real Life, Not Perfect Life

The challenges of our time—economic pressures, global unrest, personal struggles,—can easily overshadow the season’s spiritual meaning. The prophet Isaiah speaks to a weary people with a message still relevant today: **“Strengthen all weary hands”,**

Our world doesn’t always make it easy to feel joyful. School pressure, family stress, social media noise—joy can feel like something we have to fake. But Christian joy isn’t pretending everything is perfect. It’s knowing we’re not alone.

John the Baptist’s Big Question

This Sunday we also hear about John the Baptist asking Jesus, **“Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait?”** (Mt 11:3). Even he, this strong and wild prophet, had doubts.

And Jesus answers not with fancy words but with action:

“The blind see, the lame walk...” (Mt 11:5).

Jesus basically says: Look at what’s happening. Hope is real.

What Joy Looks Like Today

Joy grows when we actually live our faith:

- **Choosing kindness** over sarcasm or negativity
- **Helping someone** without expecting anything back
- **Saying a quick prayer** when you're stressed
- **Noticing blessings** instead of only problems
- **Being brave** enough to hope

Gaudete Sunday offers a moment to breathe, to lift our eyes, and to remember that the Christ we await is already drawing near.

May this Sunday’s message stir within us a renewed hope, deepen our anticipation of Christ’s coming, and help us witness to a joy that the world cannot give—because it is born from God Himself.

Knocknagree Kenya The recent Christmas Cake sale which took place in aid of Fr Sean Cremin’s Missionary work raised €1060.00
The committee would like to thank those who baked etc., and supported on the night. Thank you to all who continue to contribute to the Knocknagree Kenya Credit Union Account, Cheque has been forwarded to Fr Sean €3,970 in aid of the Mission.

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

MASS TIMES CHRISTMAS EVE:

Derrinagree: 5.00p.m.
Rathmore: 6.00p.m.
Gneeveguilla: 6.30p.m.
Ballydesmond: 7.00p.m.
Kiskeam: 7.00p.m.
Cullen: 7.00p.m.
Dromagh: 8.00p.m.
Knocknagree: 8.30p.m.
Boherbue: 8.30p.m.
Millstreet: 9.30p.m.



MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS DAY:

Millstreet: 8.30a.m.
Shrone: 9.00a.m.
Ballydaly: 9.30a.m.
Gneeveguilla: 10.00a.m.
Kiskeam: 10.00a.m.
Dromagh: 10.00a.m.
Boherbue: 11.00a.m.
Ballydesmond: 11.00a.m.
Millstreet: 11.30a.m.

Rathmore: 11.30 a.m.

May we proclaim his birth with great joy

and announce the saving love of Christ our daily lives



