



### 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](mailto:rathmore@dioceseofkerry.ie)

**Pastoral Area Fr Danny Broderick (029) 76151 087 9061255 on call Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec for emergency and sick calls**

**Fr Pat O'Donnell (064) 7758026 086 8351732**

### **SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER to SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2025**

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Shrone 6.00pm**

**Denis & Mary Cremin, Shronebeg**

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> Gneeveguilla 9.30am** Daniel Cronin, Gneeveguilla Upper. John & Catherine O'Keeffe, Bounard. Dan T O'Keeffe, Tureencahill. John Michael & Hannah Mary Fleming. Tureencahill.

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Rathmore 11.30am** Connie Doherty, Lisnagrove. 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

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Rathmore after 11.30am Mass Christmas Confessions (Pastoral Area Priests in attendance)**

### **MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER to SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2025**

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Gneeveguilla 9.30am (Note Mass time)** Nora & Tim Cronin UK & I/o Annabeg/Goulane

**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Rathmore 9.30 am**

**People of the Parish**

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve**



**Rathmore 6.00pm**  
**Gneeveguilla 6.30pm**  
**Knocknagree 8.30pm**

**Christmas Day**

**Thur 25<sup>th</sup> Shrone 9.00am**  
**Gneeveguilla 10.00am**  
**Rathmore 11.30am**



**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> St Stephens Day Rathmore 11.00am** Shared Christmas Masses Intentions

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Shrone 6.00pm** Donal O'Donoghue Shrone

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Knocknagree 7.30pm** Kit Fleming, New Quarter. Johnny O'Keeffe. Park Knocknagree

**Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Gneeveguilla 9.30am** Joan & John Hurley, Lyreacorrin  
Remembering the Donnelly Family of the Moving Bog Disaster (28<sup>th</sup> Dec 1896) Parents Cornelious & Johanna & their children Daniel, Humphery, Hannah, Maggie, James & Eliza & Katie who was the sole survivor of the family as she was not at home on the night while visiting her Grandparents in Mountcain.

**Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Rathmore 11.30am** (Months Mind) Garrett Bob Nagle, Rathmore Townland.  
George, Maura & John Byrne, Shinnagh

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

## Christmas Message 2025



### Merry Christmas!

As we come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we give thanks for the light and hope He brings into our lives. The message of Christmas is simple yet powerful: God is with us. In every joy and every challenge, His love remains steady and strong.

In this holy season, may we quiet our hearts long enough to hear the angels' message again:

*“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy for all people.”*

That “great joy” is still alive, still powerful, and still transforming lives today.

As you gather with family and friends, may the light of Christ fill our homes, may His peace rest upon our spirits, and may His hope guide our steps. Let us continue to be a church that shines His love, serves with compassion, and walks together in solidarity.

I want to express my deep gratitude to all the families and parishioners of Rathmore, Gneeveguilla, Knocknagree, and Shrone. Each of our four churches adds something unique and beautiful to our parish community, and your faith and kindness continue to inspire. Thank you for your support, your prayers, and the wonderful spirit you bring to our parish life.

As we look ahead to 2026, let us carry the light of Christ into the world around us. Our world is in great need of healing, kindness, and understanding. This Christmas, I invite everyone to join in a simple but heartfelt prayer:

Lord, bless our world with peace in the coming year.  
Bring comfort to those who suffer, strength to those who are weary,  
and guide all people toward compassion, unity, and hope.  
May your peace begin in our hearts, our homes,  
our communities and spread to all nations. **Amen.**



On your behalf, we offer our heartfelt thanks to the parish staff and to the many volunteers who keep our parish community vibrant and alive.

*We are especially grateful to our Secretaries, Sacristans, Parish Pastoral Council, Liturgy Group, Finance Committee, Building Committee, Graveyard Committee, counters, servers, Music Ministry, Eucharistic Ministers, readers, and Area Contact People. We also extend our thanks to all who care for the church environment—tending to our sacred spaces, cleaning, and arranging flowers—and to the many others who so generously give their time, talents, and energy for the good of our parish.*

*A special thanks too to those who create that special Christmas environment in our four churches.*

May this Christmas fill our homes with joy, our hearts with peace, and our days with renewed hope. May Christ's love lead us forward into a blessed and grace-filled New Year.

**Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful Christmas and every blessing in 2026.**

*Fr Pat*



Parish Office will be closed on Dec 24<sup>th</sup> & will reopen on the Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
@ 9.30am – 12.30pm

